



College of Medicine
University of Malawi



POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IN MENTAL, NEUROLOGICAL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN AFRICA

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DOCTOR OF PHILPSOPHY (PhD) FELLOWSHIP

The Department of Mental Health, College of Medicine, University of Malawi is part of the African Mental Health Research Initiative (AMARI), funded by the Wellcome Trust through the Development of Excellence in Leadership Training and Science (DELTA) program.

The overall goal of AMARI is to build an Africa-led network of mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) disorder researchers in Ethiopia, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe. We aim to equip researchers to lead high quality mental health research programmes that meet the needs of their countries.

This year, AMARI is able to provide support for a **Malawian PhD fellowship in MNS research** based at the College of Medicine, University of Malawi. The funding, lasting 3 - 3.5 years, will cover a monthly stipend, tuition fees, research-related expenses, travel expenses for annual AMARI scientific meeting and training courses and relevant support for local and international research supervisors

Admission Requirements for PhD fellowship:

1. Masters degree in a relevant subject from any recognized university or;
2. A medical degree or its equivalent, or appropriate honours degree in the First or Upper Second Division in a relevant discipline

Candidates applying for the **AMARI PhD fellowships** are advised to have preliminary discussions with the Head of the Department of Mental Health at COM (sholzer@medcol.mw) to enable matching of prospective students to supervisors and to develop research concepts before submitting an application.

The deadline for receiving applications is **Friday, 8th December 2017** for admission scheduled for 1st July 2018. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews to be conducted in January 2018.

Applications for the fellowship should include:

1. A completed postgraduate application form. The forms are available at [www.medcol.mw/application-forms/or CoM Central Registry](http://www.medcol.mw/application-forms/or%20CoM%20Central%20Registry)
2. Sealed academic transcripts
3. Authenticated copies of academic certificates
4. Authenticated copies of professional registration certificates where applicable
5. Letter of release from employers (if employed)
6. Proof of funding (e.g. sponsorship agreement letter). Where applicants intend to sponsor themselves, copies of appropriate financial records must be submitted e.g. bank reference.
7. Reference letters (one academic and one professional)

A non-refundable application fee of MK10000.00 for Malawians and \$300.00 for non-Malawians.

Payment should be made to:

COM POSTGRADUATE POOL
NATIONAL BANK OF MALAWI
CHICHIRI BRANCH
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 698881
CURRENT ACCOUNT

Application forms that do not meet the requirements stated above will not be processed.

Completed application should be sent:

The Registrar
College of Medicine
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Chichiri
Blantyre 3, Malawi
Attention: Assistant Registrar (Academic)

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