

Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium

Application for Training

Information for Applicants

The Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium (CDPC) offers short-term (three to four months) research training fellowships in the biological sciences, social sciences, or the bio-industry sector. In Ireland, trainees are hosted by the National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM), or by one of our partner institutes (e.g. Trinity College Dublin, Kimmage Development Studies Centre, James' Hospital), or our private sector partners (Biotrin Healthcare, GeneMedix, Tridelta Development, Enfer Group). In Africa, trainees are hosted by one of our African partner institutes, including:

Uganda

Makerere University

Tanzania

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)
University of Dar es Salaam

Kenya

Egerton University
University of Nairobi
The Kenya Medical Research Institute

Zambia

Tropical Diseases Research Centre

For information about current partners see <http://www.cdpc.ie/partners/>.

The training fellowships provide applicants with advanced skills and knowledge that can be applied to their research and contribute to their own teaching and training programmes in east Africa/Ireland. The CDPC tailors the training to the specific requirements of applicants and provides access to graduate level courses and specific technologies and expertise as required. Trainees in turn contribute their expertise to classes and seminars for Irish students undertaking courses on development issues. In addition, trainees work with the Education Officer of the CDPC to contribute to a secondary school outreach programme. Following the training, applicants submit a report, and follow-up evaluations of how the training has contributed to the candidate's own research and teaching are undertaken.

These positions cover:

For Irish trainees in Africa: the full cost of a round trip economy ticket to Africa, accommodation and a stipend to cover living costs.

For African trainees in Ireland: the full cost of a round trip economy ticket to Ireland, accommodation at the university, a stipend to cover living costs, as well as use of a dedicated laptop computer and a mobile phone.

Trainees commit to (1) applying the skills and training that they receive through the CDPC to their own research and teaching, (2) disseminating their skills, training and knowledge to others who will in turn act as trainers, (3) provide detailed protocols of methods they have acquired in their training for posting on the CDPC website, (4) partake in the outreach programme to secondary schools and agree to link with schools in their home country, (5) promote the CDPC and its activities whenever and wherever possible, (6) submit a report to the CDPC at the end of their training, (7) write a blog for the website on their experiences during the training period, (8) become alumni of the CDPC, maintaining contact after their training and agreeing to link with other trainees of the Consortium.

Application Procedure

The below **application form** and a **current CV** should be sent by email to the CDPC administrator, Miss Hayley Coristine, at hayley.coristine@nuim.ie or office@cdpc.ie. A signed and dated copy of the completed form should also be posted to:

Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium
Room 1.B.10 Education House
NUI Maynooth
Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Ireland

Reference

In addition to the application form and CV applicants are required to obtain a reference from a CDPC partner. The relevant partner should complete the 'Application Referee Form' available for download on the CDPC website and post a signed copy, separate to the application, to Miss Hayley Coristine at the above address.

Scoring system and Deliberation process

The Training Committee will score each applicant out of a total of 100 points. A 70-point weighting is given to the application (see form for breakdown by question) and 15 points each are given to the CV and letter of support (referee form). The Training Committee will then evaluate and make a decision as to the success of an application within eight (8) weeks of receipt and the CDPC's administrator will communicate the decision of the Training Committee back to the applicant within one (1) working day of the decision.

Further queries

Any further queries should be directed to Miss Hayley Coristine at the above email address(es).

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the details requested in the form below using Microsoft Word or equivalent document software. **Text boxes will expand to accommodate additional information if required.** Please return the completed form together with an up-to-date CV (including current position) as well as a list of three (3) referees and their contact information, to hayley.coristine@nuim.ie or office@cdpc.ie. Applicants will be judged on how the training will contribute to their own research and teaching and on evidence for a commitment to disseminating their acquired skills, training and knowledge to others.

1. Describe or list your current skills/techniques and level of expertise: **(5)**

2. Describe your current research and/or teaching: **(5)**

2a. Outline your duties and functions related to the above : **(5)**

3a. Provide an outline of the training you require including, where possible, specific techniques, skill sets, methodological approaches and theoretical areas: **(5* see below)**

3b. List any specific requirements you may have for course materials (Lectures, notes, etc.) from the CDPC: **(5: *note to Committee: if no requirements are listed, please mark 3a out of 10)**

4. Outline, in no more than 500 words, your motivation for applying for CDPC research and training: **(15)**

5. How will the training benefit you in your research and teaching? **(15)**

6. Outline how you will transfer your skills and knowledge on returning to your home institute. **(15)**

7a. To help the Consortium accommodate the needs of incoming trainees, please list a 3 – 4 month time period in which you would prefer to train:

From: _____ **To:** _____
Year: 2009 / 2010 / 2011 (circle/**highlight** one)

7b. Please list details of when you would **not** be available to train (due to work or study commitments - if any):

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Applicant Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

For office use only

Overall Score: /70

Comments:

Final recommendation: