



Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit

VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

The Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit (MEIRU) is an independent research unit that operates in Karonga District and Lilongwe City. MEIRU conducts research programmes in partnership with the Malawi Ministry of Health, the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the University of Glasgow and other national and international partners.

MEIRU seeks to recruit suitably qualified and motivated individuals to fill various positions, including **Field Officers** and **Biosampling Officers** (any cadre permitted to conduct venepuncture) at the **Chilumba research site**. The selected candidates will play important roles in supporting different aspects of our studies.

1. FIELD OFFICER (CHILUMBA, KARONGA) – MULTIPLE POSITIONS (GRADE G) **Vacancy reference: 2025_KA_FO**

The Field Officer will mainly be responsible for recruiting, interviewing, and counselling study participants. The postholder will conduct community briefings, awareness sessions, feedback programs and record interview information. He or she is expected to learn and follow specific study protocols and keep accurate study records. Where appropriate, the postholder will respond to queries from the data office.

QUALIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Essential

Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) with an aggregate score between **18 and 30** points obtained in a single sitting, from 2023 or before. All certificates will be verified with the Malawi National Examination Board (MANEB).

Strong oral and written communication skills in both English and Tumbuka languages.

Residency within Chilumba or surrounding districts/areas.

Prepared to spend considerable time in the field and willingness to ride a motorcycle, with training if necessary.

Desirable

Proficiency in motorbike riding and valid licence.

Valid HTC certification obtained within five years prior to application.

2. BIOSAMPLING OFFICER (CHILUMBA, KARONGA) – MULTIPLE POSITIONS (GRADE E) Vacancy reference: 2025_KA_BSO

The Biosampling Officer will join the MEIRU field and clinical teams and play an important role in collecting biological specimens (including blood venepuncture), consenting, interviewing, counselling, examining, treating and referring study participants/ patients. He or she will report results, manage clinical conditions as authorised and liaise with line manager and laboratory staff to facilitate rapid reporting of results.

In addition, the postholder will respond to queries from MEIRU's data office. He or she will co-ordinate patient care with internal and external stakeholders, provide study information and consent potential participants in an appropriate manner.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Essential

A Diploma in nursing and midwifery from a well-recognised institution, **registered with Nurses Council of Malawi** OR a **Certificate in clinical medicine** from a recognized institution, **registered with the Medical Council of Malawi** and two years previous experience working in a similar position.

Fluency in Tumbuka and English languages.

Residency within Chilumba or surrounding districts/areas.

Prepared to spend considerable time in the field, and willingness to ride a motorcycle, with training if necessary.

Desirable

Proficiency in motorbike riding and valid licence.

Valid HTC certification obtained within five years prior to application.

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

All positions are subject to MEIRU terms and conditions of service.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, copies of certificates, and a CV (with contact details of at least two professional referees). The applicant must indicate on the envelope and all enclosed documents, the vacancy reference, title of the job being applied for and the applicant's name. The application should be sent by post or hand delivery to:

The Human Resources Manager
MEIRU, Box 46
Chilumba

Or e-mailed to recruitment@meiru.mw with the vacancy reference number in the subject heading.

The deadline for receiving applications is **Friday, May 9, 2025**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.