

Research Fellowships

We invite applications for an 11-month research fellowship, in the first instance, starting in January 2016.

The Fellowship is offered as part of the new HAYA research programme in adolescent health and wellbeing. The proposed body of work will be undertaken at the [Africa Centre For Population Health](#), which oversees and conducts one of Africa's largest population-based prospective cohort studies and is located in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Prior research at the Africa Centre has been centred on observational population-based surveillance data, which began in 2000. Starting in 2003, a nested HIV surveillance has been conducted among residents aged 15 years and above. The development of a clinical research platform linking data from several sources with Demographic Information System data makes the Africa Centre one of the very few places in world with such high quality data covering the HIV epidemic.

A significant part of future HAYA research at the Africa Centre will be devoted to understanding how individuals, and groups of adolescents and young people respond to their socio-economic and cultural environment. The work of this Fellowship will require the implementation of mixed methods to collect qualitative data and carry out qualitative analyses of new data gathered through repeat in-depth interviews, focus groups and observations with young people, and their carers, in this population. Exploration of the precise characteristics of this key population group will be used to consider the design of intervention/prevention approaches targeted towards improving the social and health outcomes of adolescents and young people residing in this community.

To complement the programme of research being undertaken, we seek a talented, full-time Research Fellow with strong qualitative data collection, analysis and writing skills.

Eligibility requirements

The successful applicant for this fellowship award will lead formative qualitative work and should therefore be able to demonstrate how their experience has helped to cultivate the specific skills sought for this role

Consideration will be given to applicants with a PhD in medical sociology or anthropology (or equivalent). Equally, applicants with Masters level training in social science AND research experience in adolescent health will also be considered

Applicants who can show aptitude for developing a strong scientific career will be viewed favourably

Preference will be given to South African citizens or other African nationals with permission to work in South Africa

- Description of the post – [PDF](#)
- Job description and person specification– [PDF](#)
- [HAYA Research Fellowship Nomination Form](#) – to be completed

How to Apply

To apply the following documents must be submitted by email to: haya@lshtm.ac.uk

- Curriculum vitae (2 pages) including details of your academic achievements to date
- A supporting statement of up to 1,000 words setting out how your qualifications, & experience fit the selection criteria described in the job description. Statements such as 'refer to CV' are not accepted
- Completed Nomination Form with the names of two referees, one referee should be able to comment on your academic ability. References are to be submitted separately

Please state clearly in the heading and text of your email that you are applying for a HAYA research fellowship, ref RFQ. Only applications in the correct format will be considered.

Applicants are invited to contact [Deborah Farmer](#) for an informal discussion prior to submitting a formal application.

[The deadline for applications has now been extended to 31 December 2015](#)