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## Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Programme

### Clinical Research Excellence and Training Open Resource (CREATOR) Fellowships

#### Introduction

Malawi – Liverpool – Wellcome Research Programme (MLW) <https://www.mlw.mw> is committed to promoting research and training led by Malawian and international scientists. The aim is to improve the health of people in Malawi and elsewhere in the wider region. MLW has a unique translational research portfolio that links an excellent laboratory research base to strong hospital and community-based research and high-level policy formulation. The MLW Research Strategy is built around six thematic areas: (1) Infection Biology, (2) Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health, (3) Clinical and Experimental Medicine, (4) Vaccines, (5) Population Health, and (6) Social Science & Health Systems. Researchers are organized further into research groups, and these are described on the MLW website: <https://www.mlw.mw>

MLW's mission is to conduct high-quality research and train the next generation of researchers and leaders to benefit health.

MLW is offering a highly competitive CREATOR research fellowship covering tuition and research costs for applicants to the Master of Medicine (MMed) Programme at the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) within the medicine departments

#### Fellowship Purpose and Expectations

The fellowships' overall objective is to develop Malawian Clinician Scientists whose career trajectories are planned for a research track.

Below are the fellowship expectations:

- The awarded candidate will be expected to conduct a high-quality research project that will form part of their MMed degree.
- The project findings are expected to be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.
- Upon award, they will be contracted on an active research grant and will be supervised and mentored by two supervisors, primary and secondary, from both the medicine department in which they are working and the MLW research group.
- The applicant must be on a full-time research institution/university or Malawi government salary and be prepared to complete both the KUHeS MMed and, where applicable, an appropriate regional certification as a specialist in their field.

#### Assessment process

Fellowship applications will be assessed based on the following:

- Academic track record
- Research experience/aptitude

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- Quality of the proposed research
- Supervisory team and training environment
- Alignment of the research with MLW research areas
- Interview performance

## Eligibility

- Provide proof of employment for salary support
- Provide proof of enrolment with KUHeS and/or ESCACOP
- Justify that they are unable to pay for tuition

## Application Requirements

Your application should include:

- An application letter detailing your suitability for the fellowship, motivation, career ambition, and the MLW research group you would like to work with, and why.
- A letter of support from the MLW research group leader. Candidates must discuss their potential project plan with a group leader at MLW prior to application, and this must be evidenced in the letter of support. This must clearly confirm the availability of research funding.
- Proof of employment to confirm the availability of personal cost funding
- A letter of support from their (co-)supervisor from the department of medicine, with a proven research track record in the applicant's chosen research thematic area.
- A laboratory approval letter from the Laboratory lead if the project will be lab-based.
- A detailed CV, including information on academic performance and achievements to date, including any awards and personal distinctions, research grants and fellowship funding received, and any relevant outputs, including publications and presentations.
- Photocopied certificates and transcripts.
- A 1-page outline of the research concept and fellowship plan.
- MMed/MSc offer letter or proof of registration for the programme for which tuition funding is sought.

## Submission format:

*Please title each document with your name if you are submitting multiple documents, and use the given format below as any deviation from this will render your application invalid:*

**Surname\_GivenNames\_MLWCREATORFellowshipsCall**

*For any inquiries, please contact: [training@mlw.mw](mailto:training@mlw.mw)*

The application closing date is 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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