



Call for PhD fellowship on health research leadership



Ref: PhD Coordination

Project Title: Building health research leadership in resource-limited settings in Africa

Enrolment: The PhD fellow will be enrolled at CSRS.

Project Summary:

The research consortium Afrique One-ASPIRE (African Science Partnership for Intervention Research Excellence) is seeking to recruit a PhD fellow with a background in social sciences for the theme “Building research leadership in resource-limited settings in Africa”.

Afrique One-ASPIRE is one of 11 Wellcome Trust funded consortia of its initiative ‘Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training and Science (DELTAS) Africa. The goal of the funding scheme is to build leadership in health research in Africa.

The PhD fellow will investigate the process of recruitment and how research careers are strengthened within the programme and analyse opportunities and constraints in the research environment (at universities and research institutions) for junior researchers in both francophone and anglophone Africa.

The consortium Afrique One-ASPIRE with over 50 fellows from East and West Africa offers an ideal set of data to study career pathways of young researchers in Africa. Afrique One-ASPIRE is a consortium developing research within the One Health framework, targeting zoonotic and emerging diseases and taking into account human, animal and environmental components to identify integrated solutions for disease elimination and control. This inter- and transdisciplinary research design poses a particular challenge to health research careers in institutional settings that are generally organized along disciplines.

The PhD fellow is asked to look at researchers’ career pathways, recruitment and patterns of promotion, the setup of research institutions, science production, opportunities for grants and research funding, supervision and mentorship relations, gender, compatibility of family and career, registration and admission procedures, as well as professional and cultural values and practices at academic institutions.

The position will be based at the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques in Côte d’Ivoire but it is anticipated that the student will visit other institutes within the consortium.

Mentorship Team: The project will involve an international supervisory team including, Francis Akindès (Alassane Ouattara University of Bouaké), Kathrin Heitz-Tokpa (CSRS) and Bassirou Bonfoh (CSRS).

Qualifications: The candidate must be a citizen of an African country. Candidates shall have a social science background, preferable in either sociology, social anthropology or education sciences.

Intended start date: immediately

Duration: The project duration will be 3 years.

For more information: Please contact the Programme Manager, Dr. des. Kathrin Heitz-Tokpa (kathrin.heitz-tokpa@csrs.ci).

Requirements

- MA in social sciences or equivalent diploma
- Proficient in English and French
- Willingness to travel within Africa
- Experience in health- or education-related topics can be an advantage

Deadline for applications: 12th February 2018

Application documents

- Fill in the application form:
<https://afriqueoneaspire.typeform.com/to/VERdK3>
- Send the following files to kathrin.heitz-tokpa@csrs.ci by 10th February 2018:
 - CV including a list of publications/presentations
 - Application letter describing your interest in the topic and Afrique One-ASPIRE programme including why you are the ideal person for the position (1 page)

Only candidates that are selected will be informed and invited for an interview at CSRS.

