



## College of Medicine (CoM) /Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme (MLW)

### Joint Call for Research Training proposals

The College of Medicine (CoM, <http://www.medcol.mw>) and Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme (MLW, <http://www.mlw.medcol.mw>) are committed to promoting research and research training led by Malawian & International Scientists. The aim is to improve the health of people in Malawi and elsewhere in the Region. Collectively, the CoM and MLW have unique translational research portfolio which links an excellent laboratory research base to strong hospital and community-based research and high-level policy formulation. The CoM research agenda is broad ranging from disease-focussed thematic areas such as HIV, malaria and cancer to multi-disciplinary thematic areas such as reproductive health, nutrition and child development and health policy. These themes are implemented across and within faculties under the leadership of the Deputy Faculty Deans. Details of areas of research interests of CoM faculty members and research organization at CoM can be accessed on these websites: <http://researchdirectory.medcol.mw/> or <http://www.rsc.medcol.mw>. The MLW Research Strategy is built on research areas driven by groups, several of which have sub-groups. The Groups include: Behaviour and Health, Pathogen Biology, HIV and TB, Lung Health, Salmonella and Enteric pathogens, Malaria Clinical research and Epidemiology, Mucosal Immunology, Paediatrics and Child Health; as well as Community & Science.

The Joint CoM/MLW Training Fund, funded by the Wellcome Trust, aims at supporting training at different levels such as academic one-year internship opportunities at pre-MSc bridging level in both clinical, laboratory, epidemiological and operations research based at the CoM or MLW. The funding is available for five years (2018-2022). There is flexibility in how these funds can be used based on the circumstances of the researcher and/or their supervisors, the strategic link to research themes of the CoM and/or MLW or the support given to the application by reputable research scientists

We are looking for talented candidates who, with senior support and mentorship, will be able to develop competitive international MSc fellowship applications during their internship and show early potential to develop into independent researchers over time. Our aim is to support talent with exciting research and mentorship opportunities at MLW and/or COM. The awards are available to any African candidates although priority may be given to candidates from the Southern and Eastern African region.

Please send an application letter (detailing your suitability for the scholarship) and a one page statement, stating your motivation and future career ambitions, the research group(s) you would like to work with and why. Include a full CV together with your photocopied certificates and transcripts. Further guidance on the application can be found on the MLW website (careers & training section). Information on research groups / themes can be found on the aforementioned websites. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to work for a period of one month, under the supervision of his/her supervisor, to develop a 2-page internship/pre-MSc/ pre-doctoral plan (as may be appropriate) and will, thereafter, be interviewed by a panel of senior scientists for the final selection of successful candidates.

Application guidelines with information on how to apply are available to help guide applicants for these, and other questions and clarifications, please contact Zikani Phiri, the MLW Training Coordinator or Richard Mmadi, the CoM Research Support Centre (RSC) Training Coordinator on [zphiri@mlw.mw](mailto:zphiri@mlw.mw) or, [rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw](mailto:rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw) respectively. Please send applications to: Zikani Phiri ([zphiri@mlw.mw](mailto:zphiri@mlw.mw)) with a CC to [rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw](mailto:rsctrainingcoordination@medcol.mw). **The closing date for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**