

RESEARCH FELLOW



Job Title:	Research Fellow
Department:	Infectious Disease Epidemiology & International Health
Faculty:	Epidemiology and Population Health
Location:	Keppel Street, London
FTE:	1
Grade:	6
Accountable to:	Professor Jackie Cook
Job Summary:	We are seeking to appoint a Research Fellow to support the delivery of two studies evaluating different malaria vector control tools. The first study aims to evaluate a DEET-based topical repellent in an individually randomized study in a moderate-high malaria transmission setting in Cote d'Ivoire. The second study will evaluate small-scale releases of genetically modified <i>Anopheles Stephens</i> mosquitoes in a low transmission setting in Djibouti. This study will involve a test-negative design, as well as interrupted time series analysis. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of high-profile research which could help define future malaria control policy. The post-holder will support the epidemiological and statistical components of the project- including helping design data collection tools, planning and implementing fieldwork, writing statistical analysis plans and performing data analysis. The post holder will work in a multi-disciplinary team so excellent communication and interpersonal skills will be essential, as well as a strong team spirit. Candidates needs to have strong communication skills in English and French. The post will involve travel, and potentially extended stays, to each study site.

General Information

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is one of the world's leading public health universities.

Our mission is to improve health and health equity in the UK and worldwide; working in partnership to achieve excellence in public and global health research, education and translation of knowledge into policy and practice.

Staff and students are committed to helping create a more healthy, sustainable and equitable world for everyone, because we believe our shared future depends on our shared health.

We embrace and value the diversity of our staff and student population and seek to promote equity, diversity and inclusion as essential elements to improve health worldwide. We believe that when people feel respected and included, they can be more creative, successful, and happier at work. While we have more work to do, we are committed to building an inclusive workplace, a community that everyone feels a part of, which is safe, respectful, supportive and enables all to reach their full potential.

To find out more please visit our [Introducing LSHTM page](#).

Our Values

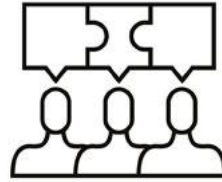
Our values establish how we aspire to achieve our mission both now and in the future - demonstrating what it means to work and study at LSHTM. Please visit our [LSHTM Values page](#) for further information.



**Act with
integrity**



**Embrace
difference**



**Work
together**



**Create
impact**

Faculty Information

The Faculty of Epidemiology & Population Health (EPH) houses a large group of epidemiologists, demographers, statisticians and nutritionists working on major issues of importance to public health provision in the UK and globally. EPH employs approximately 560 people in five research departments.

- Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology & Dynamics
- Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology & International Health
- Department of Medical Statistics, which includes the Clinical Trials Unit
- Department of Non-communicable Disease Epidemiology
- Department of Population Health

The Faculty has a postgraduate teaching programme including eleven intensive MSc courses: Epidemiology, Demography and Health, Medical Statistics, Health Data Science, Public Health for Development (jointly with Faculties of Infectious & Tropical Diseases and Public Health & Policy), Nutrition for Global Health, Global Mental Health (jointly with Kings College London, Institute of Psychiatry), Reproductive & Sexual Health Research, Sexual & Reproductive Health Policy and Practice (online), Veterinary Epidemiology (run jointly with the Royal Veterinary College) and Climate Change and Planetary Health. There are also two Distance Learning MSc courses: Epidemiology and Clinical Trials. The Faculty also has approximately 220 research students studying for an MPhil, PhD or DrPH degree.

The Dean of Faculty is Professor Elizabeth Allen.

Department Information

The Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and International Health conducts research on the epidemiology and control of infectious diseases, and other topics relevant for global public health. Work is carried out in low-, middle- and high-income countries, including in the United Kingdom, in close collaboration with country partners and global stakeholders.

The Department has research groups working on maternal, perinatal and child health; adolescent health; infectious diseases including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases; vaccines; and humanitarian crises. Most staff have a disciplinary training in epidemiology or medical statistics, and a background in one or more of biology, medicine, mathematics, or social science. The Department works closely with the Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology & Dynamics. The Department Heads are Professor Oona Campbell and Professor Sian Floyd.

The portfolio of duties outlined below will vary in accordance with the academic expectations of the role, which may be varied from time to time, and agreed at your annual Performance and Development Review (PDR).

The project will involve travel to Djibouti and Cote d'Ivoire- potentially for extended stays (up to 2 months), as needed. The duration of the trips will be determined depending on project activities. The post will be based in London.

Study descriptions:

Study 1: Topical repellents have long been used for preventing mosquito bites- however, evidence for their use for reducing malaria is limited. This individually randomized placebo controlled study aims to measure the impact of a DEET and shey butter based repellent on malaria case incidence in children aged 6 months to 10 years. This is a collaboration with Institut Pierre Richet- a research institution based in moderate-high malaria transmission setting in Bouake, central Cote d'Ivoire. The project involves epidemiological data collection (baseline and cohort), qualitative data collection (focus group discussions and in -depth interviews) and entomological data collection .

Study 2: *Anopheles stephensi* is an invasive malaria-transmitting mosquito which has established itself in urban Djibouti. In the years following its arrival, malaria cases have increased. Flyttr (Abingdon, UK) have developed a self-limiting male mosquito which prevents female offspring from surviving. When released males mate with wild females, no viable female offspring are produced, gradually reducing the wild-type population. Male offspring inherit the gene and pass it to half of their progeny, but because female carriers cannot survive, the gene persists only temporarily and declines over time without continued releases. The Friendly Males are early in development. We will be leading the evaluation of small-scale releases in Djibouti-ville. The evaluation will consist of an impact evaluation (test negative study and interrupted time series) and a process evaluation.

Job Description

Main Activities and Responsibilities

Knowledge Generation

1. To undertake high quality research & scholarship, including contributing to drafting major grant proposals and/or leading on drafting small grant proposals, and evaluating teaching practice;
2. To contribute to peer-reviewed publications and other outputs, including as lead author;
3. To make a contribution to doctoral student supervision, as appropriate to qualifications and experience;
4. To manage small grants or elements of larger grants, ensuring compliance with good practice in relation to the conduct of research, the ethics policy and other relevant LSHTM policies.
5. To coordinate and work with other epidemiologists in the teams to ensure high quality epidemiological data collection in both study sites;

6. To lead the development of sub-protocols, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), ethics applications and data collection tools
7. To synthesise data, undertake analysis and to communicate findings to a wide variety of audiences, including government officials, academics and funders;
8. To provide training and guidance for other teams members, where applicable

Education

1. To contribute to the delivery of high quality, inclusive, research-informed teaching and assessment in relation to your specific subject and within the broader area covered by your department and disciplinary field;
2. To contribute to the improvement of the quality of LSHTM's education, by participating in the development of new and updated learning and teaching materials or approaches.
3. To participate in training for collaborating partners, if required

Internal Contribution

1. To undertake activities that support the Department, Faculty, MRC Unit or LSHTM;
2. To reflect LSHTM's EDI goals in your work and behaviour;
3. To participate in LSHTM's PDR process.
4. To contribute to the Cook team meetings and build networks across the Malaria Centre at LSHTM

External Contribution

1. To demonstrate good external citizenship by contributing to learned society/conference events, journal and grant reviews etc;
2. To support supervision and mentorship of junior scientists with training and teaching

Professional Development and Training

1. To keep up to date with the latest research/thinking in your academic field and with changes to pedagogic practice within LSHTM and more generally;
2. Where the length and nature of the position permits, to apply for and, if accepted, undertake a doctoral degree (if not already acquired);
3. To undertake and successfully complete the mandatory training required by LSHTM as appropriate to the role.

General

All academic staff are free within the law to question and test received wisdom, and put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, to enable LSHTM to engage in research and promote learning to the highest possible standards.

All staff at LSHTM are also expected to:

1. Act at all times in LSHTM's best interests;
2. Treat staff, students and visitors with courtesy and respect at all times;
3. Comply fully with LSHTM policies, procedures and administrative processes relevant to the role, including when acting as Principal Investigator, accepting academic, managerial, financing and ethical responsibility for a project
4. Uphold and support LSHTM's values (as set out in the LSHTM Strategy);
5. Act as ambassadors for LSHTM when hosting visitors or attending external events.

Academic Expectations

All academic roles have a statement of academic expectations attached to each level. Please ensure that these have been read and understood. For further information please refer to the [Academic Expectations page](#).

The above list of duties is not exclusive or exhaustive and the role holder will be required to undertake such tasks as may reasonably be expected within the scope and grading of the role.

Role descriptions should be regularly reviewed to ensure they are an accurate representation of the role.

Person Specification

This form lists the essential and desirable requirements needed by the post holder to be able to perform the job effectively.

Applicants will be shortlisted solely on the extent to which they meet these requirements.

Essential criteria:

1. A postgraduate degree, ideally a doctoral degree, in a relevant topic.
2. Relevant experience in epidemiological data collection and statistical analysis, such as trial data or routinely collected health care data
3. Contributions to written output, preferably peer-reviewed, as expected by the subject area/discipline in terms of types and volume of outputs.
4. Proven ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively as part of a research team, and proven ability to meet research deadlines.
5. Evidence of excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
6. Evidence of good organizational skills, including effective time management.
7. Excellent skills using statistical software such as Stata or R
8. Strong communication skills in English and French
9. Flexibility to travel for extended stays to the study sites, when needed

Desirable Criteria

1. Some experience of contributing to research grant applications.
2. Some experience of teaching and assessment.
3. Some experience of supervising and supporting junior researchers and/or research degree students, and non-academic staff.
4. Experience with trial analyses
5. Experience with test negative study designs
6. Experience with interrupted time series analyses
7. Experience with data collection tools, such as ODK or Kobo
8. Experience with process evaluation techniques

Salary and Conditions of Appointment

The post is fixed term until 30 June 2028 and full-time 35 hours per week, 1 FTE. The post is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Fund for Innovation in Development and is available immediately. The salary will be on the LSHTM salary scale, Grade 6 in the range £45,728 - £51,827 per annum pro rata (inclusive of London Weighting).

The post will be subject to the LSHTM terms and conditions of service. Annual leave entitlement is 30 working days per year, pro rata for part time staff. In addition to this there are discretionary "Wellbeing Days". Membership of the Pension Scheme is available.

LSHTM operates a Hybrid Working Framework which, alongside agreed service requirements, enables teams to work more flexibly where the role allows - promoting wellbeing and a better work/life balance. Please note that roles based in London are required to work on-site a minimum of two days per week.

Application Process

Applications should be made on-line via our [jobs website](#). Applications should also include the names and email contacts of 2 referees who can be contacted immediately if appointed. Online applications will be accepted by the automated system until 10pm of the closing date. We regret that late applications cannot be accepted. Any queries regarding the application process may be addressed to jobs@lshtm.ac.uk.

The supporting statement section should set out how your qualifications, experience and training meet each of the selection criteria. Please provide one or more paragraphs addressing each criterion. The supporting statement is an essential part of the selection process and thus a failure to provide this information will mean that the application will not be considered. An answer to any of the criteria such as "Please see attached CV", "Yes" or "No" will not be considered acceptable and will not be scored.

Please note that if you are shortlisted and are unable to attend on the interview date it may not be possible to offer you an alternative date.

Asylum and Immigration Statement

LSHTM will comply with current UKVI legislation, which requires all employees to provide documentary evidence of their legal right to work in this country prior to commencing employment. Candidates will be required to email a copy of their passport (and visa if applicable) to HR prior to their interview and if appointed will be asked to bring the original documents in to be copied and verified before their start date.

Applications from candidates who require sponsorship to work in the UK will be considered alongside other applications. Applicants who do not currently have the right to work in the UK will have to satisfy UK Visas & Immigration regulations before they can be appointed.

Further information about Sponsorship and eligibility to work in the UK, can be found on the [government immigration rules page](#).

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