



2014 INFECTIOUS DISEASES, GLOBAL HEALTH AND VACCINES SUMMER INTERNSHIP AWARDS: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

PURPOSE: The School of Medicine Infectious Diseases, Global Health and Vaccines steering committee invites applications for INTERNSHIP AWARDS to foster interactions, develop collaborations and promote postdoctoral opportunities between the **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)** and the **KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH)** in Durban, South Africa. The KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH) began as a groundbreaking collaboration in 2009 between the [Howard Hughes Medical Institute \(HHMI\)](#) and the [University of KwaZulu-Natal \(UKZN\)](#), with public sector support through LifeLabs, the biotechnology investment arm of the South African government. K-RITH's research mission is to conduct outstanding basic research on tuberculosis (TB) and HIV and translate these findings into new therapeutics that can be used to control these diseases. K-RITH is also committed to motivating young scientists to developing a research focus on these diseases. As part of this mission, K-RITH collaborates with other academic and clinical institutions throughout the world, including UAB, to facilitate new discoveries that can be used to control these devastating diseases. K-RITH offers a short-term internship program that runs from July to August of each year. During this internship, students have an opportunity to work in one of the K-RITH labs and learn more about HIV and TB research in the heart of the epidemic.

ELIGIBILITY: UAB undergraduate, graduate, post-PhD and medical students are invited to apply for this internship at K-RITH. Students must be in good standing. Individuals selected for this program will receive travel funds and a daily allowance from UAB and laboratory expenses will be covered by K-RITH.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Those interested in applying should submit a CV and a cover letter including a paragraph (200 word max) outlining why you should be selected for the program and which laboratory you would like to work in for the summer. This application should be submitted to Donna Porter by the deadline below.

FUNDS AVAILABLE: Awards will cover travel, food and lodging expenses as well as laboratory/project costs. Fellowships run 6-8 weeks in duration and occur in July to August, 2014.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: Applications will be reviewed by the School of Medicine Infectious Diseases, Global Health and Vaccines steering committee. The top applications will be forwarded to K-RITH for the final round of selection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Information on this internship opportunity can be found on the K-RITH institute website at: <http://www.k-rith.org/education-training-programme/internship-opportunities>. Additional information on K-RITH (www.k-rith.org), the UAB Department of Microbiology (www.microbio.uab.edu), the UAB Center For AIDS Research (www.uab.edu/cfar) and the UAB ID, Global Health and Vaccines initiative (<http://www.uab.edu/medicine/cfar/id-global-health-and-vaccines-initiative>) can be found on the program websites. Check back for additional RFAs for those interested in global health initiatives.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications are due electronically to Donna Porter (dcporter@uab.edu) by 5PM Central Time on **Monday, March 3, 2014**. Awards are made via email on or about March 21, 2014. Applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF document. No exceptions.

Questions regarding travel awards from UAB to K-RITH and potential K-RITH sponsors should be addressed to:

Adrie Steyn, Ph.D.
205-996-4805 or asteyn@uab.edu

Questions related to application and instructions should be addressed to:

Donna Porter, Ph.D.
205-934-8291 or dcporter@uab.edu

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