



Call for 2019 ICEMR/PRISM special project funding

The Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration (IDRC) in collaboration with the University of California San Francisco invites suitable applicants for a funding opportunity to carry out independent malaria research projects called special projects through the International Centre of Excellence for Malaria Research (ICEMR) and the Program for Resistance Immunology Surveillance and Modelling for Malaria (PRISM) project supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

AIM OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS: The primary aim of the special projects is to ensure that applicants acquire the scientific knowledge and technical skills necessary to conduct independent malaria research. The special Project should last between 1-2 years and should be nested within the PRISM project.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS:

- Should have a PhD or at least 3-5 years of malaria research experience
- Should demonstrate a career path towards an independent malaria research scientist
- Should be willing to commit at least 50% of their time to the project.
- Their project should be designed to capitalize on new opportunities in Malaria research such as new technologies, emerging research findings, or changing epidemiological conditions.
- The special project can be designed from and or using 1) secondary data analysis, 2) analyzing archived laboratory samples, or 3) conducting small field-based sub-studies but all should be embedded within the PRISM project. You are free to read more information about the PRISM project on the IDRC website www.idrc-uganda.org

FUNDING: Funding will be available to cover the costs of research, salary support, and associated travel. In general, grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to support the direct costs of research projects. Final award amounts will be decided on an individual case basis. Funds are not available and cannot be utilized to support degree programs.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: Applications will only be received from Ugandan based scientists and must include a cover letter, current CV, relevant supporting documents, at least one letter of reference, and a research concept. If an applicant is actively employed, a letter from their current employer should also be submitted indicating that they are willing to have the applicant spend at least 50% of their time on the special project. The research concept should include the following sections:

- 1) Background and specific Aims (1 page)
- 2) Significance, innovation, and approach (5 pages)

3) Detailed budget and budget justification (1 page)

Applications will be reviewed using a two-step process; first, an initial screening of proposals/projects will be done by the PRISM Co- Investigators and secondly; the top 4-6 projects will be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG committee). The SAG will advise and recommend the proposals/projects; which have the greatest merit to the ICEMR program. The most successful projects will be forwarded to the NIH Program Officer for final approval. Successful applicants (with the support of their mentors) will need to package the application in the PHS 398 format for submission to the NIH. The applicant (and mentors if needed) will be provided training on the NIH submission process by the IDRC Administrative core team, and the application will be formalized in the NIH system. Once accepted, the applicant will be expected to adhere to the NIH's Clinical Terms of Award for protocol submission, IRB approval, animal clearance (if applicable), and foreign clearances (if applicable).

Applications should be delivered to the address below on or before **5:00pm, Friday 7th June 2019**.

**The Human Resource Manager,
Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration (IDRC),
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This call will also be made available on the IDRC website www.idrc-uganda.org