Title: Clinical Dietician Research Assistant.

Institution: Nagasaki University School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Japan

# Content of job information:

A licensed clinical dietician, preferably with experience of the management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition [SAM/MAM] in low or middle-income settings is required to work on research projects with Professor Sharon Cox. Experience of designing, conducting and analyzing dietary assessments including food frequency questionnaires, 24-hour recall and food diaries would be advantageous. Previous research and management experience would be highly advantageous. Duties will include contributing to the development of research protocols, preparing SOPs, supervision of data collection and analysis of individual dietary intake data. Specifically, this includes an observational study to document the prevalence of malnutrition in acutely unwell patients admitted to a TB ward in The Philippines and its association with in-patient mortality and TB-treatment outcomes. This would involve working with local clinical dieticians to determine current practice and training and supervision of clinical research assistants in data collection. The aim of this research is to develop appropriate interventions to improve diagnosis and management of SAM and MAM to be tested in clinical trials. Further studies are in development for outpatients with TB and in hospitalized pediatric patient populations in The Philippines and elsewhere.

Please note the travel requirements of this position.

# Job type: Researcher

**Employment status:** Full time, 9-12 months in the first instance.

**Work location:** To be based in Nagasaki, Japan, or Manila, The Philippines with frequent travel in-between. A minimum of a 2-3 month period based in Manila is required.

# **Qualifications**:

# Required:

- Clinical Dietetics license in home country, equivalent to BSc or above.
- High standard of written and spoken English

# Desirable:

- PhD in a relevant topic or relevant MSc with research experience.
- Work and research experience as outlined in the job description.

# **Treatment:**

Working time: 7.5 hours a day/5 working days a week (from Monday to Friday) with weekend working in the field as required for planning and implementation of field studies.

*Salary:* will be in accordance with the University Policy. Generous accommodation and per diem allowance for periods away from the home-base will be applied.

*Holidays:* Japanese National Holidays, year-end and New Year (Dec. 29 - Jan. 3) plus 10 days paid holiday pro rata.

Application deadline: Weds 23rd May, 09:00 AM, Japan Standard Time

#### **Application method/selection/notification:**

Please provide the documents below as PDF files and send them to the email address indicated with "*Clinical Dietician Researcher application*" in the subject heading.

1. CV including names and contacts of 2 referees.

2. Cover letter addressing how your qualifications and experience meet the job description.

#### Note: Application documents must be written in English.

Applicants who pass the initial document screening will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be conducted in English. Expected interview dates – 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May).

Applicants are encouraged to make enquiries to their suitability before submitting a full application.

Please send enquiries and application documents to: <u>sharoncox@nagasaki-u.ac.jp</u> Professor Sharon Cox Nagasaki University School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health

#### Additional information:

All documents submitted will be strictly protected under the University Policy and will be used only for the purpose of applicant screening.

Under no circumstances will personal information be disclosed, transferred or loaned to a third party without legitimate reason.

Application documents will not be returned.

#### Web application: not available