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Call for Applications for PhD Fellowships

INTRODUCTION

Hanoi Medical University (HMU) is inviting applications for two PhD fellowships in a reproductive health project titled "The Impact of Violence on Reproductive Health in Tanzania and Vietnam". The project is a collaborative effort involving HMU, the University of Copenhagen (UC), and the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). The project is funded by the Danish Government through the FFU of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The selected candidates will be enrolled at HMU and may be offered the possibility of a "double degree", obtaining their PhDs also from the University of Copenhagen or the University of Southern Denmark. Part of the PhD training will be conducted in Denmark.

The selection process will be as follows: First, the two candidates will be selected by a Danish-Vietnamese Committee established by the Project. Second, the selected candidates will follow the formal procedures for PhD enrollment at HMU.

PhD Project 1: Partner Violence in Pregnancy

Worldwide, intimate partner violence is a pernicious problem with devastating consequences for women's reproductive health. This PhD project aims to investigate how partner violence affects the health of pregnant women, focusing particularly on women's mental health and the birth weight of their children. The project takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining epidemiology and anthropology. In terms of methodology, it will consist of a prospective cohort study combined with ethnographic interviews and observations. The study aims to identify key elements of a systematic approach to improve reproductive health care services for women experiencing intimate partner violence and will be conducted in close cooperation with civil society organizations.



PhD Project 2: Partner Violence and Induced Abortion

Worldwide, intimate partner violence is a pernicious problem with devastating consequences for women's reproductive health. This PhD project aims to explore the connections between intimate partner violence and experiences of unwanted pregnancy and induced abortion. The project takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining epidemiology and anthropology. In terms of methodology, it will consist of a cross-sectional case control study combined with ethnographic interviews and observations. The study aims to identify key elements of a systematic approach to improve reproductive health care services for women experiencing intimate partner violence and will be conducted in close cooperation with civil society organizations.

PhD Supervision

Senior faculty from HMU, UC, and SDU will be involved in the supervision of the PhD candidates. The selected PhD candidates will be offered a three-year scholarship, spending 3 months each

year on coursework in Denmark. Evaluation of the progress of PhD activities will be done according to regulations of HMMU.

Requirements

The successful candidate must have:

- An MPhil, MSc, MPH, or other Masters degree in a relevant field, such as public health, sociology, anthropology with a minimum pass of 70%
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and proven experience in scientific exploration in the areas outlined above
- A strong ambition to accomplish the research goals and to pursue a scientific career path,
- Willingness to work in a team,
- Good command of English in speaking and writing,
- Willingness to conduct extensive field research in Vietnam and ability to spend 3 months each year in Denmark,
- Full time availability during the PhD period

Priority will be given to candidates with documented interest in/previous experience with *qualitative health research or epidemiological field research* and to candidates with high exam scores.

The Application Letter Must Include

- A letter motivating the application
- A CV (including applicant's detailed address, e-mail and mobile number)
- A 2-3 page information about the applicant's research background relevant to the position
- Certified copies of certificates and academic transcripts
- Recent English language certificates (TOEFL or equivalent test)
- List of peer reviewed publications and national/international scientific presentations
- Two letters of recommendation

Please note that all short-listed candidates will be required to attend a selection interview and to give a presentation. The interviews will take place between April 15 and 17.


Application Deadline

The application deadline is **April 8, 2013**


All applications must be submitted to: Dr. Nguyen Thi Thuy Hanh, Local Responsible Party of the project in Vietnam, Room 602, A1 Building. Hanoi Medical University, No.1 Ton That Tung Street, Khuong Thuong, Dong Da, Hanoi.

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