



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

EXTERNAL JOB VACANCIES (PROJECT POSITIONS)

Applications are invited for the following position

PHD STUDENT - GAIN STUDY, KAVI - INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH (KAVI-ICR), ADVERT REF NO. AD/1/8/2026 - 1 POST

The project:

The Genetic Associations of INFertility (GAIN) Study is a multi-country research project aimed at identifying genetic and epigenetic markers associated with unexplained infertility in African females. Unexplained infertility is a significant and often under-researched health challenge affecting women across the continent. ObimboLab, in partnership with the KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research, is seeking a motivated and dedicated PhD candidate to join the GAIN Study.

The Position:

This is an excellent opportunity for an early-career clinician or researcher with a passion for women's health, obstetrics and gynecology, or maternal-child health research. The position is full-time and offers a fully funded PhD program, including tuition, research costs, and a small stipend to support living expenses.

Funding: Tuition + Research fully funded

Stipend: Small monthly stipend provided

Start Date: Immediate / As soon as suitable candidate is selected

Duties and Responsibilities

The PhD candidate will be expected to:

1. Participate in recruitment, clinical assessments, and data collection activities within the GAIN Study;
2. Work closely with multidisciplinary teams across Africa;
3. Contribute to genomic and clinical data interpretation, manuscript preparation, and scientific dissemination;
4. Undertake a full-time PhD program aligned with the study's scientific objectives;
5. Engage in capacity-building, seminars, and scientific workshops coordinated through ObimboLab and KAVI-ICR.

Job Specifications:

1. Master's degree in any of the following fields: Nursing, Internal Medicine, Public Health, Obstetrics & Gynecology, or a closely related clinical field, from a recognized university.
2. Previous research experience is an added advantage.

Terms of Appointment

This is a one-year full time contract.

NOTES:

1. Applicants should email their application letters, certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae (CV) giving details of their qualifications, research experience and three (3) referees as well as indicating their telephone and e-mail contacts.
2. Cover Letter describing motivation and research interest.
3. Applications and related documents be addressed to the Director, Human Resource, University of Nairobi.
4. Applicants should state their current designations, salaries and other benefits attached to those designations.
5. The application letter must bear the reference code indicated in the advertisement.
6. Late applications will not be considered.
7. Applications should be emailed to as one file in PDF: recruit-phdsgskavi@uonbi.ac.ke

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

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