The Institute of Public Health- Bengaluru & Institute of Tropical Medicine – Antwerp

Prospectus for PhD Programme in Public Health 2015

Introduction

The Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru in collaboration with the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium is offering a four year PhD programme in Public Health. This is a full time programme wherein the selected candidate is expected to spend nine months in India and three months in Antwerp, Belgium in a year.

Institute of Public Health is a pioneering institute in Bengaluru, which trains health professionals in the field of health management, health policy, health financing and governance. IPH is a value based, community-oriented public health institute, involved in the entire gamut of public health activities- training; research, consultancy and advocacy. Basic mandate at IPH is to strengthen the health systems in India.

Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium (ITM) is one of the world’s leading institutes for training, research and assistance in tropical medicine and health care in developing countries. ITM works with many scientific institutions, governments and organisations all over the world for a long-lasting improvement of health care and disease control in developing countries. ITM has structural partnerships with 24 sister institutes in Africa, Asia and South America and execute projects with dozens of others.

Course

The course is a four year full time doctoral programme in public health focusing on health policy / health financing / health systems / health management / governance / Human resources for health / community etc. The doctoral research will be conducted in India, but some of the course work will be in ITM, Antwerp. So the selected candidate is expected to spend a majority of time at IPH, India, but also about three months at ITM, Antwerp, Belgium. The development, implementation and reporting of the research are the core activities of the doctoral training process. Additional requirements may be necessary depending on the university.

Interested candidates need to fill up the application form and send the same along with the necessary documents to the following address by the 31st of July 2014.

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Short-listed candidates will be invited for a personal interview at IPH Bangalore by the end of August 2014 after the review of proposals by the Technical Committee at IPH. One candidate will then be further selected and their application along with their research proposal will be forwarded to the Doctoral Committee at ITM, Antwerp. If the committee (at ITM) is satisfied with the quality of the proposal, the candidate will be selected and will be informed accordingly. The selected candidate will be expected to join the doctoral programme from the 1st of February 2015.

Eligibility

1. Indian nationality
2. Candidates with a master’s degree with first class honours from reputed colleges / universities in the following specialities may apply:
   - Medical / Dental/ AYUSH/ Paramedical
   - Humanities (Sociology, Social work, Anthropology etc)
   - Health Economics
   - Health Management
3. The candidates are preferred to have at least five year’s work experience post- graduation in the field of public health.
4. Candidates should be below 40 years of age and is expected to work full time on the PhD programme at IPH.
5. Fluency in English and computer applications is a must.
6. Candidates with previous experience in research and with published papers on the topic would be given preference.

Fellowship

A substantial scholarship will be provided to the selected candidate during the 4 year PhD programme. The candidate is however expected to raise the funds for the research activities from donors. Post PhD, the candidate would be expected to continue working at IPH for a minimum span of two years.

Administrative details

Filled application forms to be submitted by 31st July 2014

List of accompanying documents

- Self attested copies of the following degrees and mark-lists
  - Masters degree
  - Bachelors degree
  - Higher secondary certificate
- Two reference letters one from people with whom the candidate has been professionally associated for at least one year and another from your current employer.

This PhD programme is possible through a grant from the Belgian government under the Framework agreement with the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium.