Position title: Research intern

Number of positions: 1

Short project description: IMPOWER 022 is a randomized, active-controlled, double-blind, multisite phase 3 study evaluating the efficacy and safety of islatravir administered orally once-monthly as PrEP in cisgender women who are at high risk for HIV-1 infection in sub-Saharan Africa and the United States. Funding is provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Women suffer the highest rates of HIV infection around the world. IMPOWER-022 is examining a new pill called islatravir which could make protection against HIV much simpler. The study will compare the efficacy and safety of monthly islatravir to daily emtricitabine/tenofovir among cisgender women aged 18-45. Four thousand five hundred women will participate in this trial, 4000 women from sites in Africa and 500 women from the US. The study duration is 3 years.

Roles and responsibilities of student:
- Assist with developing study management tools, including standard operating procedures, informed consent forms, case report forms (CRFs), non-CRF paper forms, study logs, worksheets, and community sensitization materials
- Assist with training research staff on standard operating procedures
- Assist with establishing systems for monitoring data quality
- Other responsibilities will be determined by study needs

Expected outputs:
- Final versions of study management tools (specific tools to be determined by study needs)
- PowerPoint slides for research staff training

Skills and experience required:
- Current MD or MPH student with interests in HIV prevention and global health
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Must be organized, self-motivated, and able to work independently

Supervisor: Margaret Phiri Kasaro and Manze Chinyama

Minimum duration (minimum): 10 weeks remote, with possibility of travel dependent on university policies

How to apply:
If you are applying to multiple positions, please do not apply until you have ALL cover letters written and ready to upload for each position.

1. Fill-out the [online application form] and upload the materials below to the form:
• Cover letter for each position you are applying (If applying to multiple positions, please write a cover letter for each position)
• CV/Resume (If applying to multiple positions, only upload it once)

2. Faculty Evaluation: Please identify a UNC Gillings faculty member who is able to evaluate you on the specific skills listed in the position description(s) you are applying for. Please tell the faculty member which position(s) you are applying for. If applying to multiple positions, the faculty member only needs to complete one evaluation form (they will evaluate you for all your positions on one form).
• Send the Faculty Evaluation Form link to the faculty member: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahLUgGkSKhGZQa

Questions?
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