

THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN
IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH (FMOH)

AND THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FMARD)

ANNOUNCES ADMISSION INTO THE

**2018/19 FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR THE AWARD OF**

(A) MPH IN FIELD EPIDEMIOLOGY PRACTICE, (B) MPH IN VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY PRACTICE, AND (C) MPH IN LABORATORY EPIDEMIOLOGY PRACTICE

Introduction:

The Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (NEFITP) is a two-year in-service training program in Field Epidemiology Practice, Veterinary Epidemiology Practice or Laboratory Epidemiology Practice. The NEFITP was created to serve as a long-term continuing program within the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD). It trains Field Epidemiologists, Public Health Laboratory Technicians, and Veterinary Epidemiologists for leadership positions in various levels of both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture. The trainees provide epidemiological services to the FMOH, State Ministries of Health (SMoH), FMARD and the State Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development (SMARD), through long-term field placements. The program is currently sponsored by the FMOH and FMARD with funding and technical support provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Program Objectives

Strengthen capacity to respond to public health emergencies such as outbreaks, epidemics, natural disasters, and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases
Strengthen public health and veterinary surveillance systems
Strengthen laboratory capacity and its participation in surveillance and field investigation
Strengthen the linkages between public health and veterinary epidemiology
Conduct research activities on priority public health problems
Improve communications and networking within the country and throughout the region on public health issues

Eligibility

The NEFITP will focus on training persons who are or will become field epidemiology leaders at Federal, State and LGA levels

A. Candidates interested in the MPH Field Epidemiology Practice courses should have at least:

- MBBS/MChB/ BDS degrees with certification from the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN)
- Two years working experience in a related government position (with Evidence of confirmation)
- Recommendation from the Head of Department/ Ministry
- Candidates working with epidemiology and disease control units at the LGA, State and Federal level will have an added advantage

B. Candidates interested in the MPH Laboratory Epidemiology Practice course should have at least a

- BSc degree (with a minimum of second class upper division) in microbiology or relevant subjects
- Registration and licensing from relevant National Council is an added advantage
- Have a minimum of two years working experience in a government laboratory (with evidence of confirmation).
- Recommendation from the Head of Department/ Ministry
- Candidates working with epidemiology and disease control units at the LGA, State and Federal level will have an added advantage

(C) Candidates interested in the MPH Veterinary Epidemiology Practice Courses should have at least a

- DVM degree with certification from Veterinary Council of Nigeria
- Two years working experience within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development or other relevant State Ministries/Parastatal (with evidence confirmation)
- Two years working experience within the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (with confirmation)
- Recommendation from the Head of Department/ Ministry
- Candidates working with epidemiology and disease control units at the LGA, State and Federal level will have an added advantage

Acceptability requirement:

- I All candidates must satisfy the matriculation requirements of the University of Ibadan (including required credits in English/O level exams) as well as the other requirement of the Postgraduate College. Candidates may check the University website for further details
- II Individuals accepted to the NEFITP will be required to sign a contract committing them to remaining government service for a minimum of five years following graduation

Application Procedure

The application procedures and form will be available on the website of the Postgraduate College, University of Ibadan (<http://pgcollege.uis.edu.ng/>) at a fee. In addition a fee will be charged for English Proficiency test. The date of the English proficiency test will be communicated. Application procedure will open from 27th March 2019 to 26th April 2019. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday 26th April 2019.

The completed form along with photocopies of relevant credentials, academic transcript and formal statement of at least 250 words explaining the applicant's educational and career objectives and how those objectives correspond with the NEFITP, and authorization/recommendation from the applicant's employer should be submitted to the Secretary of the Postgraduate School, University of Ibadan

The PG School requires that all candidates for master's and diploma programmes TAKE AND PASS the English Proficiency test organized by the PG School to be considered for admission

Direct questions to the

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Examination and Interview Process

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an enrollment interview in May 2019 for final selection by the National Selection Committee consisting of University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University, NCDC/FMOH/FMARD, CDC and African Field Epidemiology Network

Commencement of course: June 2019