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The causes and consequences of HIV transmission and drug resistance - PhD and MSc studentships available at UKZN for the MRC Flagship research project

“MRC Flagship projects, which are inter-disciplinary in scope, are an institution’s highest impact and most prestigious research project. They are essentially big ideas, big science for big impact!” MRC President, November 2013.

PhD and/or MSc in Social Sciences – Potential Supervisors: Dr Kaymarlin Govender, Ms Samantha Willan & Mr. Andrew Gibbs, HEARD, UKZN.

Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at UKZN is looking for a MSc and/or PhD student to collaborate in this MRC Flagship project with the Africa Centre to research pathways of HIV risk acquisition and gender-based violence in this context. Prior work in this area suggests that HIV positive men are more likely to be violent to partners or engage in transactional sex. The aim of the project is to use social science, economics and behavioural methodologies to more generally understand conceptual pathways on HIV transmission. More specifically, this project will explore the linkages amongst the common risk factors of HIV acquisition in women, and nature of the intersection of masculinities, gender and mobility as it relates to HIV vulnerability. This project will encourage both formative and interventionist research.

PhD and MSc fellows will be awarded a scholarship that will cover their tuition costs in addition to a competitive stipend salary. Interested students should send an application, which should contain a CV and a motivation letter (max. 500 words) **by 30 January 2014** to Mrs. Xolile Kineri @ email: xkineri@africacentre.ac.za, Tel: 035 550 7500, Fax: 035 550 7565.

In total, we are advertising 7 PhDs and up to 4 MScs fellowships that can be taken in different departments at UKZN. This includes the following disciplines *Clinical Infectious Diseases, Computer Science, Epidemiology, HIV Pathogenesis, Human Genetics, Genomics & Bioinformatics and Social & Economical Sciences*. **More info: www.bioafrica.net**

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