



Call for applications

TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic year 2025–2027

Deadline for applications: 4 May 2025

DESCRIPTION

The University of Sciences, Techniques and Technology of Bamako (USTTB), Mali, is offering scholarships for a master's in public health training with focus on Implementation Research (IR) for the 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 academic years starting in October 2025. The objective of the scholarship programme is to build capacity on IR on four major global health challenges affecting infectious diseases of poverty using a One Health approach: Epidemics and outbreaks; Control and elimination of disease of poverty; climate change's impact on health; and growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance. **The Programme is taught in French.**

Funding for these full scholarships is from the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases ([TDR](#)), based at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland as part of the TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme. The scheme provides training relevant to a career in IR. IR is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them and is particularly useful in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where many health interventions do not reach those who need them the most. Further information on IR is available on our [Implementation research training materials](#) web page and in the [TDR implementation research toolkit](#). The goal of this training scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and boost the number of researchers in LMICs.

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Those with research experience in IR on the above-mentioned areas will be prioritized during the selection process. Following the selection process, scholarship recipients will be enrolled in the Programme in October 2025. They will conduct their thesis on IR on infectious diseases of poverty with a major focus on epidemics and outbreaks; control and elimination of disease of poverty; climate change's impact on health; or antimicrobial resistance. The programme provides on-campus teaching, with the recipients undertaking a thesis project in their home countries. The scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to join the global prestigious alumni platform [IR connect](#), which would monitor the impact of the training programme on their career and allow them to network with other alumni for further career opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

- Be a national of, and resident in, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal or Togo;
- Be 37 years old or younger;

- Meet the standard USTTB academic requirements for graduate students;
- Be an employee of an academic or research institution, not for profit organization, or ministry of health or its agencies in an LMIC of the WHO Africa regions;
- Be able to identify a local supervisor or mentor before the commencement of the programme;
- Be qualified with computer skills including Microsoft Office and Data Analysis Software.

The final selection of candidates will be done in conjunction with TDR, considering merit, gender and geographic representation of candidates from the regions.

Equity

TDR is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in science. Applicants are encouraged to apply irrespective of gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious, cultural and social backgrounds, or (dis)ability status.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS

- Round-trip economy airfare between the home country of the student and Bamako, Mali
- Tuition and academic fees
- Basic medical and accident insurance
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses for one person during their stay in Bamako
- Support for research project/thesis expenses, including travel during data collection in the home country

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form for **master's in public health** at <https://fmos.usttb.edu.ml/santepublique/>

If you experience any technical difficulties, please send an email expressing your interest in the call to the email addresses below and you will receive instructions on how to proceed with your application.

SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATIONS

Call for applications	24 February 2025
Deadline for submission of applications	4 May 2025
Notification of pre-selection	15 June 2025
Final selection subject to TDR scholarship acceptance	18 July 2025
Academic session begins at DERSP/FMOS/USTTB	6 October 2025

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