



The Africa Epidemic Services

Epidemiology track PROSPECTUS

About the Fellowship

Africa CDC has developed a continental African Epidemic Service (AES), an elite workforce hosted and directed by the African Union. The African Epidemic Service has three tracks namely, Epidemiology, Laboratory Leadership and Public health informatics. The African Epidemic Service – Epidemiology track is a two-year competency based applied epidemiology training program that aims to strengthen the disease prevention and response capacity of African Union member states.



Who should apply for the Fellowship?

This program targets qualified applicants across Africa Union Member states who are drawn to public health discipline and are interested in practicing applied Epidemiology. AES Fellows will be selected from a wide variety of disciplines including Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Environmental Health, Occupational Health as well as other associated disciplines within public health. Successful applicants are leaders who aspire to master applied epidemiology and are willing to accept assignments in a wide range of public health topics across the 55 African Union Member States.

What the Fellowship includes

The fellowship include a two year training in applied epidemiology, with three months in class training in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and 21 months of applied training on a site hosted by an African Union Member State.

The didactic training will be delivered in all African Union languages, while host site activities will be done in the language of the Member State.

Successful applicants will participate in experiential core learning of activities that include, but not limited to: data analysis, surveillance system evaluation, and outbreak investigation. The AES-Epidemiology fellow will have the support of an expert supervisor. Fellows will be also matched with experienced public health mentors who will provide support throughout the fellowship programme.

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Epidemiology track training will be guided by the One Health approach

Fellowship Selection

Selection to the Fellowship will be by an independent committee comprising of experts from the African Union Commission, Africa CDC, and their global partners. The selection process will emphasize an equal opportunity approach to secure the representation of women and underrepresented groups.

Financing

Africa CDC will provide all learning and development materials and meet all costs associated with the fellowship, including travel-related costs (e.g., airfare, lodging, incidentals), stipends, hardware, and insurance. Fellows will be supported to ensure that they have the relevant software and sufficient Internet connectivity for online learning.



How to Apply

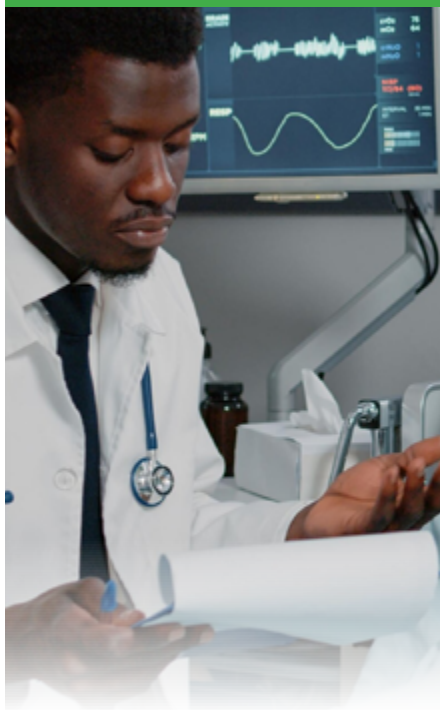
All applications must be submitted using the online application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants must provide the following information:

1. A national passport from an African Union Member State.
2. An official letter of support with permission from a government institution to attend the two-year training programme with the right to return post training.
3. Letters of recommendation from two reputable professional referees.
4. An official degree and student copy transcripts of your bachelor's degree. (The official transcript will be requested from your university upon acceptance to this program.)
5. An official degree and student copy transcripts of your master's degree. (The official transcript will be requested from your university upon acceptance to this program.)
6. Evidence of recent full-time public health post graduate experience in an African Country.
7. Brief curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum).
8. Motivation statement (2 pages maximum), outlining your formal education, work experience and why this program would be a good fit, and further outlining how this training will impact your country.
9. Optional: Evidence of additional relevant qualifications.

Completed applications with all supporting documents should be uploaded to the online portal. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants must have also demonstrated the benefit of this program in their career as well as how this will help address challenges in their home countries. If this is your aspiration and you are ready to advance public health outcomes in Africa you should apply and join us!

APPLICATION LINK:
shorturl.at/qEMW5



Fellowship Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for the Fellowship must:

1. be citizens of an African Union Member State;
2. have been employed at the time of application in an African country with permission from the government institution to attend the two years training, with right to return post training;
3. have a graduate degree from an accredited school of human medicine, veterinary medicine, or other doctoral-level training in nursing, environmental sciences, or other public health field;
4. possess an MPH or equivalent degree with coursework in epidemiology or quantitative research methods; and
5. have at least three years of recent full-time public health post graduate experience in an African country;
6. Have a functional knowledge of the any of the African Union working languages and ability to read and write technical medical and epidemiological texts.

Note: Advanced FETP Fellows and Graduates are not eligible to apply.

About Africa CDC

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention is an autonomous technical Agency established by the African Union (AU) to enhance the capacity, capabilities, and partnerships of Africa's public health institutions. Its primary goal is to control, prevent, detect, and respond to disease threats and outbreaks by employing science, policy, and data-driven interventions and programs effectively and efficiently.

Africa CDC is mandated through Article 3 of its governing statute to "support Member States in capacity building in public health through medium and long-term field epidemiologic and laboratory training programmes". To fulfil this mandate, Africa CDC convened a Task Force for Workforce Development in 2018, which consisted of representatives of Member States, public health organizations, academia, and global health agencies. The Task Force developed a Framework for Workforce Development which describes specific steps for the development of public health workforce in three professional areas: field epidemiology, laboratory leadership and public health informatics.

