

THET Zambia Nutrition Programme Long-term Volunteer Lecturer September 2014

Background

Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) is a specialist global health organisation that educates, trains and supports health workers through partnerships, strengthening health systems and enabling people in low and middle income countries to access essential healthcare.

THET supports the University of Zambia (UNZA) School of Agricultural Sciences to provide excellent education and training opportunities within all its Departments and programmes, so as to address Zambia's needs in agriculture, food science and human nutrition.

To achieve this objective, in 2011 UNZA began a BSc in Human Nutrition programme, within the Department of Food Science and Technology. The four-year programme will be receiving its forth intake of students in October 2014. Given that the programme is still in its early stage of development, THET is looking for a volunteer lecturer who can not only contribute to teaching and research, but is also willing to take a leadership role in moving forward the programme and ensuring sustainability after the completion of THET's support in 2016.

Place of work

The lecturer will be assigned to the Department of Food Science and Technology in the University of Zambia's School of Agricultural Sciences. The University is located in Lusaka, Zambia's capital.

Lines of accountability

The lecturer will have a visiting lecturer appointment with the University. The immediate supervisor will be the UNZA/THET Director of the nutrition programme. The lecturer will also work closely with THET's nutrition programme manager.

Period of Contract

November 2014 – June 2016¹

Remuneration

This is a volunteer position, but THET will provide a housing and a living stipend.

Scope of Work

1. BSc Course Delivery and Management

- Teach 2-3 courses at UNZA;
- Support the delivery and updating of the nutrition diploma course at the National Resources Development College in Lusaka;
- Hold examiners' meetings, prepare exam papers, check the examination timetable and organize the marking, collection and consolidation of grades;
- Promote the BSc within UNZA (to first year students) and outside UNZA;
- Ensure updating and maintenance of course files;
- Help to develop the MSc curriculum and planning, if needed;
- Network with broader nutrition community;
- Attend departmental staff meetings.

¹ We will give preference to someone who can be in Zambia for the entirety of the contract, but THET will consider shorter contracts of 6 months to 1 year.



2. Research

- Conduct personal research;
- Write articles for submission to peer-reviewed journals;
- Seek opportunities to expand research portfolio;
- Assist students in their research projects.

Skills Needed

- MSc or PhD in Human Nutrition or Dietetics
- Excellent English verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent influencing, relationship building and interpersonal skills
- Excellent research and grant management skills
- Tenacity in seeking results and a high level of representational and negotiation skills
- Ability to make decisions and take the initiative, as part of managing a complex and varied workload
- Excellent computer and IT skills
- Creative, flexible character and a generator of new ideas
- Willingness to be self-servicing, with a proven ability to work as part of a team as well as independently
- Commitment to THET's goals and values

How to apply

Please submit your CV, with a cover letter, indicating why you are interested in this role and how you meet the specifications to Meg Langley, Zambia Senior Programme Manager, meg.langley@thet.org. Applications are due by September 28, 2014 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.