

**Job Title:** International Training Program Manager.

Smithsonian's Global Health Program (GHP) seeks a highly-organized, collaborative and self-driven field scientist for a two-year position to work with a variety of international wildlife projects using a One Health approach. The successful candidate will be responsible for organizing and coordinating International Fellows, Research Associates and Post-Docs and supporting their efforts to implement field-based wildlife programs in multiple African countries, with a focus on Kenya, related to wildlife health, wildlife trade, and emerging diseases. The Training Program Manager will participate in program development, organizing, collating and submitting reports, scientific manuscript and report writing, and grant-writing. The position will be based out of the National Zoological Park in Washington. Responsibilities will include supporting local teams to investigate wildlife health concerns, conduct biological surveillance and research related to zoonotic pathogens in wildlife, livestock, and human populations, coordinating training exchange programs, workshops and other capacity-building activities in various partner countries. Research locations will include, but are not limited to, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Namibia, and Gabon. The successful candidate must have maturity, diplomacy, and excellent interpersonal skills, as well as cultural awareness and sensitivity. In addition to working in the aforementioned locations, the Program Manager should be prepared to support other GHP projects and programs as needed. The candidate will be expected to be proactive in developing collaborations both within the Smithsonian Institution, working with multiple disciplines, and externally to both strengthen current projects and develop new research projects that fit with the mission and direction of GHP.

## Description and Responsibilities

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Refine, expand, and develop field programs in wildlife health and zoonotic disease research
- Lead fellowship trainee and Research Associates Program
- Assist with and support existing research programs
- Oversee exchange programs including developing funding proposals and strategies
- Execute the safe, ethical and humane collection of high-quality wildlife, domestic animal, or human samples in partner countries with local collaborators
- Assist with and develop other projects within the GHP's portfolio related to wildlife health, training and disease investigations
- Organize, collaborate, and submit monthly reports
- Develop outreach opportunities
- Liaise with Smithsonian scientists to assist with development and planning of new avenues of scientific investigation
- Obtain necessary US and local permits and permissions, including ethical approval, to conduct research (e.g. IRB and IACUC) as well as to ship biological samples internationally
- Have responsibility for some grant management and program coordination
- Present research at scientific conferences; meetings, and Smithsonian outreach events

## Qualifications

- Minimum of a doctoral degree (DVM, PhD or equivalent) in: Veterinary Medicine, Ecology, Epidemiology, Evolutionary Biology, or related field in the life sciences

- Understanding of molecular biology / lab methodologies preferred
- Previous experience writing grant applications and with grant administration
- Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- Excellent interpersonal and oral and written communication skills
- Fluency in English (proficiency in additional languages preferred)
- A strong sense of team spirit and collaboration
- An understanding of the One Health framework and links between human and animal health and ecosystems

Term of appointment: This is a two-year, contractual appointment. The applicant will invoice for their time on a monthly basis. Annual Salary: \$94,199.00

Application deadline(s): 21 March 2023

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit a CV, names and contact information for two references, and a brief cover letter to Dr. Suzan Murray (Murrays@si.edu) by March 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023