



THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA

**AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HUMANS
AND ANIMALS (ACEIDHA)**

Call for Applications to Masters and Doctoral Studies

2021/2022 1. Introduction

The aquaculture industry is rapidly growing in Zambia where the threat of diseases is becoming eminent. As such the Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals (ACEIDHA) at the University of Zambia (UNZA), School of Veterinary Medicine has won a grant from the “Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish Research Program” of Mississippi State University, United States on the Development and Investigation of the Delivery Mode of a Multivalent Bacterial Fish Vaccine in Zambia. To conduct this research, ACEIDHA is looking for highly qualified and motivated young Zambian scientists interested in research on aquatic health that will culminate in obtaining MSc and PhD qualifications from the University of Zambia.

Through the funding received from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), ACEIDHA will offer scholarships for the period of study at the University of Zambia, to deserving applicants meeting the selection criteria in line with its mission and vision.

2. Programmes on Offer

- Master of Science in Aquatic Health (2 positions)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Aquatic Health (1 position)

Candidates who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for these programmes:

- Graduates from any recognized University in the field of biological sciences, Veterinary Medicine and any other related field of study.
- Veterinary graduates with at least one (1) year of related veterinary experience will have an added advantage.

- Graduates from Biological Sciences must have at least a credit grade and those with at least two (2) years of post-qualifying experience will have an added advantage

Minimum of a credit or two years working experience will be an added advantage.

3. Scholarship Modalities and Sponsorship

Scholarship opportunities are available on a competitive basis for eligible candidates. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants with disabilities or disadvantaged backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. Please indicate in the cover letter that you would like to be considered for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab Scholarship. Students in employment must provide a letter of full commitment from their employers that they will be granted study leave.

Scholarships include tuition fees, registration fees, examination fees and research costs only.

4. Duration of Financial and Material Support

Financial support will be provided for the entire duration of the study period to selected candidates (2 years for MSc and 3 years for PhD). The support will initially be granted for one-year, renewable upon a successful completion of the first year. Renewal of financial support for the subsequent years will be dependent upon successful completion of the previous year with written evidence of satisfactory progress received from immediate supervisors of the candidates. Candidates on the scholarship must endeavour to complete their studies in the stipulated timeframes, as **extension of funding will not be possible.**

5. Application Process

Interested candidates must submit completed **ONLINE** applications, which must include a completed application form for admission, two academic references forms, one professional reference form certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts of results and a concept note not exceeding 1000 words.

Applications are strictly online at: <https://myvet.unza.zm/register>

Enquiries about the research areas or any further information about this advert can be sent to:

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The closing date for receiving applications is **10th October 2021.**

Notification of Selection:

Applicants will be notified by email one (1) week after the application deadline and are expected to start their preliminary studies according to the funder immediately.