

Call for Applications

TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic Year 2025–2027

Deadline for applications: 06 June 2025

Description

Universidad de Antioquia, in Medellín, Colombia, is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the award of TDR Postgraduate Training Scholarships for the 2 years Master in Epidemiology (MPH) 2025–2027 Programme, beginning with a focus on implementation research (IR) in August 2025. The International MPH Programme is 2 years full-time programme which is taught in **Spanish**. To access the prospectus [click here](#)

The scholarship is supported by [TDR](#), the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, hosted by the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Only candidates in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) of [WHO Americas](#) region are **eligible** to apply. The scheme focuses on building capacity on IR on four major global health challenges: Epidemics and outbreaks; Control and elimination of disease of poverty; climate change's impact on health; and growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance affecting infectious diseases of poverty using a **One Health approach**.

Those with research experience in implementation research on the above-mentioned areas will be prioritized during the selection process.

A limited number of scholarships will be offered to both national and international candidates for the 2025–2027 academic year for the MPH Programme.

Study areas

As a part of the MPH, the TDR Postgraduate training will comprise modules relevant to a career in IR, a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to addressing them. It is particularly useful in LMICs, where many health interventions do not reach those who could be benefitting from them. The goal of this training scheme is to strengthen the capacity of researchers to gather evidence-based knowledge using sound methodology to incorporate into policies and practices in LMICs.

Further information on implementation research is available on the [TDR website](#).

Scholarship recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students and conduct their thesis on IR on infectious diseases of poverty with major focus on Epidemics and outbreaks; Control and elimination of disease of poverty; climate change's impact on health; and growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

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 for the scholarship

Candidates must be eligible for both the MPH Programme and TDR Scholarship. Applicants must meet the following Universidad de Antioquia post-graduation admission criteria:

- Meet standard minimum university requirements for international postgraduate students.
- Proficiency in reading English and basic Mathematics;
- 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 Americas region.
- Be able to identify a local supervisor or mentor before the commencement of the programme.
- Basic Computer skills including Microsoft Office and Data Analysis Software.
- Be a national of and resident in a low- and middle-income country (as [defined](#) by the World Bank) of the [WHO Americas](#) region.
- Be under 37 years of age at the time of application for the Masters programme;
- Be interested in developing a career in IR on infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases; and

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:

- One return economy airfare between the home country of the student and Medellín, Colombia.
- Tuition and academic fees
- Basic medical and accident insurance
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses for one person
- Support for thesis expenses during data collection

Applying for the TDR postgraduate scholarship scheme

To apply, you must complete the following two steps:

Step 1. Express your interest in the program by filling a pre application form [click here](#) and check for application requirements.

Step 2. Starting February 2025, applicants are required to submit their online applications for the MPH Programme at the University of Antioquia. Complete details including the admission process and registration for application is available on the University's website: <http://www.udea.edu.co/wps/portal/udea/web/inicio/estudiar-udea/quiero-estudiar-udea/posgrado/oferta-programas-posgrado/maestrias>

(Only completed forms will be further processed)

Application and selection process

All candidates are required to apply online for the MPH Programme. Once the online application has been successfully completed, it will be reviewed based on MPH programme requirements. If all requirements are met, candidates will be contacted for assessment for the MPH programme through a virtual oral presentation and interview with a panel of experts. Qualifications will be reviewed based on TDR Scholarship requirements.

The final approval of this scholarship and placement of students will depend on the candidate's assessment result and other criteria relevant to the MPH programme and scholarship.

Finally, selected candidates will be required to confirm acceptance of the offer by submitting an acceptance letter, as per Universidad de Antioquia requirements.

Timelines

Date	Activity
10 February 2025	Call for Applications
06 June 2025	Last date for submission of completed applications
30 June 2025	Final selection subject to TDR scholarship acceptance
12 August 2025	Academic session begins

For more information on the TDR scholarship program at Universidad de Antioquia, please contact:

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