



**Centre for
Genomics and Global Health**

4 Year PhD Programme in Genomic Epidemiology

The [MRC Centre for Genomics and Global Health](#) is developing a unique PhD programme that will provide interdisciplinary training in genomic epidemiology, encompassing statistical genetics, bioinformatics and population genetics, and the opportunity to apply these skills to cutting edge research on major diseases of the developing world.

Four studentships are available to start in October 2008. They will be based at Oxford University but students will be encouraged to develop collaborative research projects at the Centre's partner institutions at the MRC Laboratories in The Gambia, the KEMRI - Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kenya, the Wellcome Trust Programme in South-east Asia and the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in the UK. Each studentship covers full course fees and research costs, together with an annual stipend (currently £12,600 per annum).

Candidates from all countries are eligible to apply for the studentships. Applications are particularly encouraged from talented candidates from the regions where the Centre operates in Africa and Asia.

The funding is for 4 years. The first year of the programme will be tailored to the individual's background and will involve taught courses linked to the new Oxford doctoral training programme in Genomic Medicine. There may also be opportunities to take modules from the [MSc in Applied Statistics](#) or the [MSc in Bioinformatics](#). During the first year students will be able to develop their research focus by working alongside the Centre's Informatics Fellows in The Gambia, Kenya, Viet Nam or Thailand.

After completing the first year's training, students will undertake a research project linked to one or more of the Centre's partner institutions. They will typically have two supervisors, at Oxford University and at the partner institution. The aim is to encourage students to work on multi-centre collaborative projects, and to use the PhD training programme to build capacity across a wider research network.

Further information about the Centre and of the research interests of some of the senior scientists involved can be found at www.cggh.ox.ac.uk.

Application Process

Applications, in the form of a full and detailed CV together with a supporting statement and at least two letters of reference, should be sent to the Studentships Administrator at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Roosevelt Drive Oxford, OX3 7BN, United Kingdom. Applications are also welcome via email to: students@well.ox.ac.uk or fax: 01865 287516. Please quote reference **H5-08-STU1** in all correspondence, including email application subject titles. The closing date for applications is Friday 14th March 2008.