

Apply today and you could be.... A Paediatrician lecturer at Mbarara University of Science and Technology in Uganda

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Uganda is one of the 25 poorest countries in the world. However, over the past 15 years, it has enjoyed stable government, economic growth and rapid social development. The Mbarara University of Science and Technology was established in 1990. The University is government funded and its paediatrics department receives additional funds from friends who donate much needed supplies, drugs and some equipment. As a paediatrician lecturer, you'll address the higher education needs of both undergraduate and postgraduate medical students. Ultimately you'll make a significant long term impact by improving the quality of paediatric services in Uganda.

What does the role involve?

- teaching undergraduate medical students
- participating in the Masters of Medicine programme
- preparing and participating in lectures and seminars
- presenting research topics
- participating in the care of paediatric patients in the wards
- working in the paediatric out-patients department



What skills, experience and personal qualities are needed for the role?

You'll be a Specialist Registrar in years 3 or 4 with membership of the RCPCH. Consultant paediatricians are also welcome to apply. The role requires a very flexible and adaptable approach, excellent relationship building and problem solving skills, and a commitment to learning. You'll need to be sensitive, patient, have a positive attitude and a good sense of humour to deal with new challenges posed by limited resources as well as working and living in a different culture.

And the rest...

Uganda is a small landlocked country located almost in the centre of Africa on the north-west shore of Lake Victoria. It straddles the equator and is bordered in the east by Kenya, Sudan in the north, Zaire in the west and Rwanda and Tanzania in the south. Most of the country lies at an altitude of between 900 m and 1500 m giving Uganda a pleasant climate varying very little throughout the year with an average temperature of around 26°C. Mbarara is a town in southwestern Uganda, located around 266km from the capital Kampala. With two markets and several supermarkets, you can buy almost any food item in Mbarara town. It's an important transport hub, lying west of Masaka on the road to Kabale, near Lake Mburo National Park. The latter is the home of the zebra, and it's a wonderful place to go to if you're keen to escape the bustle of the city. The Katatumba Resort (about 6 km out of town) offers beautiful scenery and is an excellent spot to watch the sunset over the valley.