PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (PEP)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PhD in Public Health

1. Background

Funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation and implemented by Amref Health Africa with regional health and education partners, the Partnership for Education of Health Professionals (PEP) Project strengthens health professions education in East Africa (Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Kenya) with a focus on cardiometabolic diseases (CMDs). Its approach includes curriculum strengthening, faculty development, digital learning, research, and institutional collaboration.

2. Training Structure and Duration

Training will be delivered through AMIU's accredited PhD in Public Health programme, with a research focus on Health Professional Education. Components include advanced coursework, supervised doctoral in HPE research, mentorship, scientific and grant writing, two peer-reviewed publications, academic engagement, and completion and defense of a doctoral research thesis.

The expected duration is three (3) academic years, equivalent to six (6) semesters, subject to AMIU academic regulations, and satisfactory progress. The anticipated start date is **January 2027**, subject to confirmation by AMIU and the PEP Project.

3. Eligibility and Application Documents

Eligibility requirement: applicants must hold a Master of Health Professional Education (HPE) degree from Amref International University (AMIU) **OR** an equivalent master's degree from a university recognized by the AMIU Senate. Applicants currently teaching in health training institutions or managing training functions in councils and boards will have an advantage.

Applicants should submit:

i. An updated curriculum vitae (CV).
ii. Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts.
iii. A motivation letter describing interest in HPE, career goals, and anticipated contribution to health professions education.
iv. A preliminary 300-word research concept note aligned with both Public Health and HPE, preferably focused on CMD education.
v. Evidence of at least two peer-reviewed publications and/or relevant scientific conference participation.
vi. An institutional endorsement and supervisor commitment letter confirming support for the applicant's PhD training.

4. Selection Process

PEP Country Level: each participating country (Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Kenya) through respective project partners will advertise the scholarship opportunity and conduct a transparent screening to identify top 3 candidates, who will be interviewed to select one successful candidate. The selection will consider academic merit, leadership potential, research relevance, commitment to public health and

HPE, potential institutional impact, and gender equity. Final admission is subject to verification of qualifications and AMIU requirements.

5. Scholarship and Support

Successful candidates will be required to discuss with the PEP project and agree on a cost-sharing arrangement for their PhD training, in accordance with approved project arrangements, scholarship conditions, and institutional policies. The PEP Project will not necessarily cover the full cost of the PhD training; and successful candidates and their endorsement institutions may be required to contribute towards the associated training costs. A **signed scholarship agreement** will be completed with the scholarship awardee, the PEP Country Project, AMIU and the endorsement institution.

6. How to Apply

Submit a complete application package through the designated channel:

- Application email/portal: admissions.amref.ac.ke
- Application deadline: 2nd December 2026
- Enquiries: enquiry@amref.ac.ke

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

7. Equal Opportunity

Amref through The PEP Project welcomes qualified applicants committed to strengthening HPE, educational research capacity, and the education of health professionals in CMD prevention and management across East Africa.

PEP Project: Strengthening health professions education and research capacity for improved cardiometabolic disease care in East Africa.