

HERD International announces  
**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
FULLY FUNDED PhD PROGRAM**

in collaboration with Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK



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# INTRODUCTION

HERD International is a research and development agency dedicated to generating and utilizing evidence to improve the health and well-being of people. Our mission involves empowering individuals and communities through collaborative efforts with policy practitioners, researchers, and concerned stakeholders. HERD International, collaborates with national and global partners to strengthen systems and empower communities through inclusive, locally tailored solutions.

Resilient and Equitable Health Workforce to Address Climate Threats (REACT) project, funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), UK, aligns with organization mission to enhance health workforce responsiveness to climate-related challenges in Nepal. Through the REACT project, HERD International fosters innovative research and offers two PhD fellowships in collaboration with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), enabling fellows to explore critical topics like decentralized governance and climate justice, contributing to resilient health systems and equitable outcomes for vulnerable communities.

# Resilient and Equitable Health Workforce to Address Climate Threats (REACT)

## PROJECT BRIEF

The REACT Project aims to strengthen Health Workforce (HWF) responsiveness to climate-related health impacts in Nepal and Zimbabwe. This study consists of various phases, starting with the establishment of the consortium partnership, co-development of research protocols and obtaining ethical approval. A formative research will then be conducted, entailing a scoping review, policy analysis, qualitative studies, and surveys. These formative phase will lead to co-creation of contextual interventions, their implementation and assessment to improve knowledge and practices on climate crisis.

## RESEARCH PARTNERS

This four-year (2025-2028) research project, funded by National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), UK, is a collaborative effort between the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), UK, the Center for Sexual Health, HIV & AIDS Research (CeSHHAR), Zimbabwe and HERD International, Nepal.

# SILENT FEATURES OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- Two candidates for the Fellowship
- Fellowship linked to a 3-year PhD program.
- Fellows will be based at HERD International.
- Collaboration with the LSTM, which is the awarding body for the PhD.
- Fellows will be co-supervised by a team of LSTM and HERD International.

## FELLOWSHIP AREAS

Fellows will conduct research within the REACT project framework. Two research areas have been proposed.



- Decentralized governance and climate resilience in the health sector – exploring the context, opportunities and challenges.
- Climate justice and health equity: assessing the impact of climate change on health workforce and communities.

**Applicants may select one of the above area.**



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Nepali Citizen.
- Master's degree or equivalent.
- Commitment to a 3-year PhD program.

## BENEFITS AND COVERAGE

- Enrollment of 2 candidates.
- Full coverage of PhD fees.
- Monthly stipend to support fellows during the program.
- Research support costs according to project norms.
- Access to LSTM's academic resources and supervision.
- Networking opportunities.

# DURATION

This immersive, three-year fellowship will run from **2025**, to **2028**. Planned start date is **1 June 2025**.

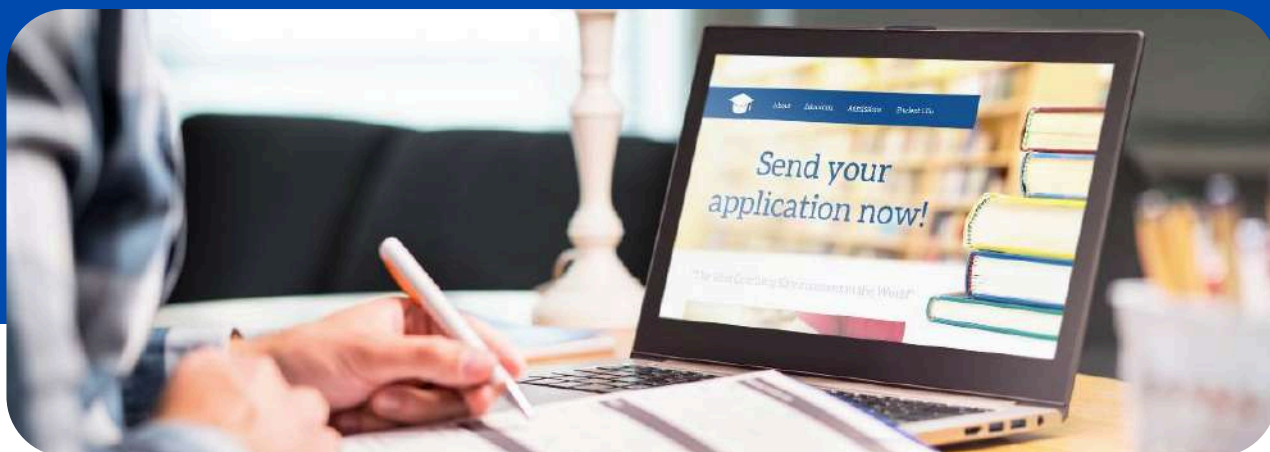


# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Incomplete or incorrect applications may be rejected.
- Application should be submitted using the provided online link.
- One candidate can submit only one application.
- Submitted application documents cannot be returned or changed.
- Fellows will work in coordination with project team.
- Personal information will be managed confidently and used for the selection of suitable and competent candidates.
- Intellectual property related matters will be handled in accordance with HERD International regulations.



# KEY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION



Kindly note that, besides personal information, you need to submit the following documents on (PDF format) via an online application form:

**Curriculum Vitae (max 3 pages)**

**Personal Statement (maximum 600 words) Addressing**

- Which research topic have you chosen and why?
- What motivates you to apply to this program?
- Why do you want to study at LSTM?
- What do you hope to gain from this PhD program?
- How does this fellowship align with your career plans?
- What skills and/or experience would you bring to the PhD community?
- What long-term benefits do you envisage for the REACT consortium?

**A research proposal (maximum 1500 words) under the following headings**

- Project Title
- Abstract
- Research Context and background
- Specific Research Question(s)
- Research Methods
- Approximate research costs
- Bibliography

**Two References**

# SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by fellowship selection committee. Shortlisted candidates will proceed to an assessment / interview / presentation phase, conducted in person (preferred) or via virtual. The selection process involves one or multiple interview rounds to assess competency, and suitability for the program.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your online application using the below provided link by 7th May, 2025 [Nepal Standard Time]

Link : [https://herdint.com/vacancy/fellowship opportunity for PhD/](https://herdint.com/vacancy/fellowship_opportunity_for_PhD/)



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## **Inquiry By**

30th April, 2025,  
5:00 PM NST via Email

## **Application Deadline**

7th May 2025

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