

# **NeuroAIDS Research Training Program Description**

## **Health Sciences Integrated PhD (HSIP), Social Sciences and Health Track (Implementation Science)**

### **NeuroAIDS Program Aims:**

NeuroAIDS broadly covers the overlap of HIV, the brain, and mental health. The NeuroAIDS training program aims to deepen applicable research competencies at UI by integrating implementation science expertise. The multifaceted skills this trainee will gain include critical implementation science expertise that will benefit multiple research domains across UI and facilitate translation of research into real-world practice.

### **HSIP Program Description**

The Social Sciences and Health track of the Health Sciences Integrated PhD (HSIP) at Northwestern University (NU) covers health measurement and application, health promotion and disease management, and mechanisms of health and disease across the lifespan, with focus on intersecting influences of physiology, behavior and the brain. Of distinct relevance to Nigeria's HIV-infected population is the track's emphasis on developing methods for characterizing and reducing health inequities in vulnerable populations.

The HSIP curriculum includes formal course work (core competencies and electives), an advanced mentored dissertation project conducted in Ibadan, and career development activities. The coursework at NU will last about 22 months and includes core competencies plus additional classes that are specific to the Social Sciences and Health track, and implementation science.

### **Detailed description of Health Sciences Integrated PhD (HSIP) Curriculum and Timeline:**

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cehs/phd-program/curriculum.html>

### **Social Sciences and Health Track:**

<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/sites/cehs/phd-program/tracks/translational-outcomes.html>

### **Eligibility Criteria for Applicants:**

- Medical degree, Master of Science (MSc), or other Postgraduate training in clinical psychology, psychiatry, behavioral/social sciences, or relevant non-medical disciplines
- Current or guaranteed faculty appointment within the UI system
- A strong academic record and interest in AIDS research career
- Fulfillment of the NU HSIP entry requirements, including GRE

**Start Date:** Fall Quarter, September 2020

**Estimated Time-Line to Degree (Location):** Years 1 and 2 (Northwestern, Chicago), Year 3 (Ibadan), Year 4+ (Ibadan and Northwestern)

# NeuroAIDS Research Training Program Application Form

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Name:** *Please type your name as it will appear on your visa*

First or Given name  
Middle name  
LAST, FAMILY or SURNAME

**Date of Birth:**

**Gender:**

**Current Mailing Address (Work):**

Institution  
Department

Street address  
City  
Country

**Current Telephone Number:**

**Email Address:**

## 2. CURRICULUM VITAE

Attach current Curriculum Vitae (CV) (or NIH Biosketch, if available)

## 3. STATEMENT of PURPOSE

All applicants are required to submit a statement of purpose (up to 750 words) that includes:

- 1) Outline your background, education, and any research experience
- 2) Describe your research interests and rationale for pursuing this specific PhD in NeuroAIDS at NU
- 3) Your plans following the completion of the research training program (must return to UI for at least 5 years after training)

## 4. WRITING SAMPLE

Applicants should include a research paper (eg. published manuscript or dissertation) that they have authored

## 5. LETTER of RECOMMENDATION

One Letter of Recommendation from a senior faculty at University of Ibadan (eg. department heads or faculty mentors) is required.

- If the applicant is selected as a candidate, TWO additional Letters of Recommendation will also be required.