

PRACTICAL MATTERS

When & Where?



Monday, July 29 – Friday August 02, 2024

VENUE: International House, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra

Who

The course will recruit 25-30 trainees per year from Ghana and 5 PhD students from Amsterdam UMC. Trainees will be chosen from the application pool with the aim to create a diverse group with a mix of backgrounds including PhD students, postdocs, physician postgraduates or faculty members with research ambitions. Students from Ghana and Amsterdam are expected to attend in person, assuming that there are no COVID pandemic travel restrictions.

Eligibility

Candidate must

- Be a PhD student, postdoc, postgraduate physician, or faculty member
- Demonstrate a commitment to a research career.
- Have a basic understanding of research methods.

Course fee

The fee is \$250.00, including course, lunch, snacks and coffee/tea, and mentorship for maximum of six months. Prospective participants will receive 20% discount (\$50.00) if they register and pay their fees before 1st July 2024.

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Accommodation

Participants need to organise their own accommodation at their own expense. Accommodation is available on the University of Ghana campus on request.

Application

Application materials must include:

- Current CV (including mailing address, phone and email address).
- Concise statement of interest in a research career and how this course would fit in the planning.
- Support/recommendation letter from candidate's Institutional supervisor or mentor.
- A signed statement indicating the candidate's willingness to attend the full course and participate in any mentorship activities.

Deadline for application: May 30, 2024

Send your application or ask for more information:

*Students in Ghana: Ms Rosemary Tagoe, Study Abroad Coordinator, International Programmes Offices, University of Ghana: sacip@staff.ug.edu.gh.

*Students in Amsterdam UMC: International Office: internationaloffice@amc.uva.nl

Profile of Trainers

Professor Eric Osei-Assibey



Prof. Professor Eric Osei-Assibey is an Associate Professor of Economics & the Dean of the International Programmes, University of Ghana. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), Accra and a Non-resident Research Fellow at the CEQ Institute, Tulane University, USA. Prof. Osei-Assibey holds PhD in Development Economics from Nagoya University. Professor Osei-Assibey's research interests are in monetary policy, banking regulations and financial inclusion issues. He is also an expert in development macroeconomic and fiscal policy issues, international finance issues, poverty and social protection issues. He has published extensively and has consulted for many government agencies and international organizations, including government agencies such as the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Trade and Industry, etc., and for development partners including UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, the World Bank, etc. He is a member of the International Banking, Economics and Finance Association (IBEFA), USA and the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) network, Kenya, as well as, an eminent member and lead Subject Matter Expert of Chartered Institute of Supply Chain Management (CISCM). He is also a Visiting Professor in many universities outside Ghana and serves on a number of boards within and outside the University, a board member of Universal Merchant Bank (UMB) and Callens Solutions Plc. Professor Osei-Assibey also chairs the Sub-National Technical Committee on Good Financial Grant Practice and a member of the University of Ghana Superannuation Board as well as Legon Hall Council. He is currently an International Ambassador for Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan.

Professor Charles Agyemang



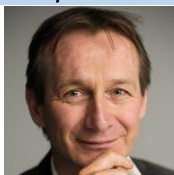
Prof. Charles Agyemang is a Professor of Global Migration, Ethnicity and Health and Principal Investigator at Amsterdam University Medical Centres, University of Amsterdam. He received his PhD in medicine from Erasmus Medical Centre, University of Rotterdam, and Master degree at Edinburgh University Medical School. His research is focused on ethnic inequalities in cardiovascular diseases (CVDs); and NCDs in low- and middle-income countries. Prof. Agyemang has about 25 years research experience and has authored/co-authored about 400 published papers, and edited several books. He is the PI of the RODAM study – European Commission funded project on gene-environmental interaction on obesity & diabetes among African migrants. He is a fellow of the prestigious European Research Council (ERC) under the Consolidation Award programme. Prof. Agyemang is currently the Vice President of the Migrant Health section of the European Public Health Association and Scientific Chair of Global Society of Migration, Ethnicity, Race & Health. He is Section (Global Health) Editor for Journal of the American Heart Association (JAHA) and an Associate Editor for Internal and Emergency Medicine, and serves as an Editorial Board member for several journals. He is member of the WHO taskforce on NCDs in Migrant and was a member and a rapporteur of the Planning Committee for WHO Global Consultation on Migrant Health. He is a member of the Lancet Racial Equality Advisory Board. He is fellow of the European Academy & US National Academy of Medicine.

Professor Margaret Lartey



Prof. Margaret Lartey is a Professor of Medicine and a Physician with specialist training and interests in dermatology and infectious diseases. Prof. Margaret Lartey is immediate past Dean of the University of Ghana Medical School. Prof. Margaret Lartey continues to actively teach medical students and residents in Dermatology and Infectious Diseases and an examiner of both the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and the West African College of Physicians. Her research areas include the skin and HIV, Pharmacokinetics of Antiretrovirals, HIV Co-infections among others. She has published widely around her areas of interest. She is a deputy editor-in-chief of the Ghana Medical Journal and a member of the Council for Science Editors. She holds international grants and is involved in the training of graduate students both at the Master's and PhD level locally and internationally. She has local and international training in mentorship and is actively involved in career mentorships.

Professor Michael Boele van Hensbroek



Prof Michaël Boele van Hensbroek is a Professor of Global Child Health and paediatric infectious disease specialist, and leads the Amsterdam Centre for Global Child Health, Emma Children's Hospital, Amsterdam UMC. He previously worked in Gambia (1991-1995) conducting research on the treatment of severe malaria in children. He is currently involved in several research projects in Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, Indonesia and Greece in the area of malaria, anaemia, HIV, nodding syndrome, fever, coma and convulsions, and research capacity building. He is a member of (and chairing) several DSMB's and TSC's of international multicentre studies. He chairs two committees focusing on international health at the University of Amsterdam and is the vice-chair of the national Medical and Ethics committee - CCMO (Centrale Commissie Mens-gebonden Onderzoek).

Professor Daniel Sarpong



Prof. Sarpong, trained biostatistician, is a Senior Research Scientist in the Department of General Internal Medicine and Executive Director of the Office of Health Equity Research (OHER) at the Yale School of Medicine, University of Yale. Prof. Sarpong's research focuses on translational research exploring innovative approaches to mitigating biological and social determinants of health disparities in primarily chronic diseases. Before joining Yale University in the School of Medicine, He was a Tenured Professor of Biostatistics, Endowed Chair of Health Disparities, and Director of the Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (CMHDRE) at the Xavier University of Louisiana. Additionally, he served as the Director of the Community Engagement Cores of Xavier RCMI Cancer Center and the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science (LA CaTS) Center. During 2000 and 2010, he was Director and Co-Principal Investigator of the Jackson Heart Study Coordinating Center (JHSCC), Director of Data Management, Quality Assurance, and Information Technology, and Senior Biostatistician of the JHSCC at Jackson State University.

Dr René Spijker



Dr Rene Spijker is a trained molecular biologist with a specialisation in immunology from Utrecht University and Imperial College London. After research experiences at LUMC in Leiden (Signal transduction of ex-vivo T lymphocyte activation in the treatment of ALL), Hubrecht Institute-Developmental biology & Stem cell research (Differentiation of human Embryonic stem cells towards cardiomyocytes), and AMC in Amsterdam (Apoptosis in Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia) he started his current career as an information Specialist. Since 2008 Rene works as an information specialist with Cochrane Netherlands and the AMC in Amsterdam. He's a member of the Council for the International Cochrane Collaboration since 2017, and a member of the Cochrane information specialist executive since 2011. His interests and focus are in the field of information retrieval and automation of systematic reviews. To this end he's been a member of the organising committee of Cochranetech in 2014, CLeF ehealth 2017/2018/2019, and the organising committee of ICASR (International collaboration of automation of systematic reviews).

Mr Samuel Ankamah



Mr. Ankamah is a medical and health information specialist and an assistant librarian at the University of Ghana and manages the Emmanuel Quaye Archampong Library at the College of Health Sciences, Korle Bu Campus. He also teaches Medical Information Literacy (MSPC 202) courses and some aspects of Academic Writing at the University of Ghana Medical School. He assists faculty and students with access to evidence-based information for their research and academic pursuits. Samuel has several peer-reviewed publications, and his research interests include medical information literacy, bibliometrics, information retrieval systems, and systematic review and meta-analysis

Professor Ellis Owusu-Dabo



Prof. Ellis Owusu-Dabo is currently a Pro-Vice Chancellor & Professor of Epidemiology and Global Health at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He was the past Dean of the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. His area of expertise is in Medical Epidemiology and applied public

health technologies. As a teacher, he has trained undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as mentored young faculty at both local and international levels. Prof. Owusu-Dabo is highly driven in his research interest area, mainly non-communicable diseases in low-income country settings. He has secured and managed multimillion United States dollar research grants from principal granting institutions such as the EU, NIH, The World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as well as many bilateral organisations. He serves on several boards at both local and international levels, and has a massive network of individuals and organisations he works with. Prof. Owusu-Dabo has published over 200 research articles in peer-reviewed journals. As Perelman International Scholar of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, his passion is in building capacities of next generation scientists and health systems to help solve Africa's health problems through scientific research collaborations.

Dr Erik Beune



Dr Erik Beune is an Assistant Professor and Policy Advisor Internationalization at Amsterdam University Medical Center, University of Amsterdam. He has a background in Interdisciplinary Social Science and in Physiotherapy. He received his PhD from Amsterdam University Medical Center at the Department of General Practice on culturally appropriate hypertension care among African origin populations. His research is focused on the development, implementation and evaluation of culturally sensitive interventions (e.g. physical activity, obesity prevention, adherence to treatment recommendations) into public health and primary care, for disadvantaged groups in multi-cultural settings. Mixed methods and community based participatory research designs are main methods used. He is project coordinator of several EU funded studies ((pros)-RODAM, EuroDHYAN, Generation H).

Dr Raphael Awuah



Dr Awuah holds a PhD in Population Studies (with a focus on population health) from the University of Ghana and was an Exchange Research Scholar at the Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University. He has over 10 years of experience in multidisciplinary research projects and global initiatives. Dr Awuah has expertise in social and behavioural research conceptualization and design, management and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, coordination, and systems strengthening. His interest focuses broadly on the associations between population dynamics and health outcomes. Specifically, his work over the years seeks to contribute to efforts in addressing the burden of non-communicable diseases in communities, and to use a data-driven approach to reduce deaths and serious injuries from road traffic crashes in cities. Dr Awuah is currently the Regional Technical Advisor, Africa on Road Injury Surveillance for Vital Strategies, a global public health organization, where he is responsible for guiding and providing technical assistance to city governments to strengthen road injury surveillance systems.

Dr Charles Hayfron-Benjamin



Dr Charles Hayfron-Benjamin is a senior lecturer in physiology at the University of Ghana Medical School and a medical specialist in anaesthesiology and critical care medicine at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. He holds a Medical Degree (MChB) degree and MPhil in Physiology from the University of Ghana Medical School, a Ph.D. in Medicine from the Amsterdam University Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam, and dual specialist qualifications in anaesthesiology from the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and the West African College of Surgeons. Dr Hayfron-Benjamin also has training in pulmonary and vascular medicine at the Amsterdam University Medical

Centre where he did his Ph.D., and currently serves as the consultant for pulmonary function testing at the University of Ghana Medical School. He has been directly involved in the training of medical students, surgical residents, and anaesthesia diplomates (via the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons), and Masters/Ph.D. students. His research work focuses on the biological basis of lung/vascular dysfunction in individuals with diabetes and sickle cell disease.

Dr Eva van der Linden



Dr. Eva van der Linden is a Postdoc at the department of Public and Occupational Health of the Amsterdam UMC. Her research is on epidemiology and epigenetics of cardiovascular disease risk factors, particularly hypertension, among African populations. She is involved in the RODAM study, comparing Ghanaians living in different settings in Ghana and Europe and following them over time. She received a grant to visit National Institute of Health, Bethesda, USA, to learn more about ethnic diversity and epigenetics. She lectured in several courses and supervised various bachelor and master students. In this summer school, she will share her experience with performing systematic reviews and meta-analysis.

