John C Caldwell Endowment for Population, Health and Development

Visiting Fellowship for African Researcher

Due Date 31 August 2015

This is an exciting opportunity for an African population health researcher to develop a collegial partnership with researchers at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) and the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute (ADSRI) at The Australian National University (ANU).

In 2015-6 this program will support one African researcher (at any career stage) to undertake research for up to three months at the ANU. The Fellowship will fund travel, accommodation and living allowance. The researcher must be affiliated with an African research institute or university and have a PhD or equivalent.

A primary goal of this program to establish ongoing collaboration following the visit.

Application process

The application should provide

1. A cover letter that includes the applicant’s name and area of research interest
2. A Curriculum vitae
3. A statement of the activities proposed to be conducted during the visit and expected outcomes
4. A brief description of how the research interest reflects John C (Jack) Caldwell’s academic legacy and aligns with research at NCEPH and/or ADSRI
5. A statement on how the visit will enhance longer-term collaboration between NCEPH and/or ADSRI and the Visiting Fellow’s institution

The proposal covering items 3, 4 and 5 should be no longer than three pages (total). Applications that include researchers and activities at both NCEPH and ADSRI are strongly encouraged.

Questions regarding the Fellowship can be directed to Dr Ann Larson at ann.larson@anu.edu.au.

Completed applications should be sent to louise.sims@anu.edu.au.

The subject line for the email should include: “John C Caldwell Endowment Application”
Background

John C (Jack) Caldwell’s significant research output provided theoretical insights into the dynamics of population and health change. Not content with measuring change, Jack and his collaborators sought to understand how men, women and couples adopted or retained sexual, child-bearing, child-rearing and health promoting behaviours in the face of economic and social changes. The demographic and behaviour responses that interested him included migration, susceptibility to infectious disease, use of health services, age at marriage, marital fertility and impact of education and economic change on family structure.

Jack Caldwell led research throughout Africa and Asia. As head of the, then, Demography Department in the Research School of Social Sciences and, later, the Health Transition Centre at NCEPH he mentored researchers and students from all over the globe. Jack, along with his wife and collaborator Pat Caldwell, were drawn to work in some of the world’s poorest settings.

The intention of this Visiting Fellowship is to build capacity at the ANU to undertake significant African population health and development research by creating collaborations with African researchers and research institutions.

The Visiting Fellowship is funded through the John C (Jack) Caldwell Chair in Population, Health and Development Endowment Fund.

Research at ADSRI and NCEPH

The National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) in the Research School of Population Health (RSPH) has achieved Australia’s highest ranking for public health research. Its multidisciplinary research teams undertake research in the areas of cultural and social determinants of health, health equity, infectious and chronic disease, and environmental health. For more information see [http://nceph.anu.edu.au/](http://nceph.anu.edu.au/).

The Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute (ADSRI) is the home of demographic research at the ANU. Current research focuses on family formation and policy, population ageing, population modelling, and reproductive health. For more information see [http://adsri.anu.edu.au/](http://adsri.anu.edu.au/).