

Call for pre-graduate student for projects at Bandim Health Project in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa

Do you feel like spending a year doing global health research in a low-resource setting in West Africa? We offer an exciting year with hands-on research experience in an international research environment and the possibility for an adventure for life.

We offer

A research year at a Danish-Guinean research station, the Bandim Health Project, in Guinea-Bissau. We are looking for master-level students to join us for one year starting in August/September 2026 or January/February 2027. We work on assessing the real-life implementation and effects of health interventions with a focus on maternal and child health. As a research year student, you will be associated with a large study with data collection that runs for several years while also being responsible for your own independent short-term project which could form the basis for a Master's thesis.

You will enter a professional collaboration with several other research year and PhD students and senior researchers from Guinea-Bissau, Denmark, and other countries in a very active, fast-paced, and exciting research environment. At the same time, you will get to experience Guinea-Bissau up close, learn a foreign language, and meet new people. We aim to give our students the opportunity of publishing at least one scientific paper based on their research year. Funding for a scholarship and other expenses will be applied for jointly both before and after the starting date.



You are

Studying a relevant subject area (including but not limited to medicine, public and global health) at a university which allows you to spend a year doing research and have completed at least the 6th semester by the starting time. Furthermore, you

- have an interest in global health;
- want to do research into how we can improve maternal and child health;
- feel like living a year in West Africa, Guinea-Bissau, and thereby experiencing another culture;
- would like to actively contribute to a dynamic, multidisciplinary, international research environment;
- are up for the challenge of learning Portuguese Creole;
- have ambitions of writing scientific articles in English.

Bandim Health Project (www.measureeffects.org / www.bandim.org)

Has existed as a Danish-Guinean research project in Guinea-Bissau since 1978 and has published more than 1,000 scientific publications. The project is world leading in epidemiological studies of childhood vaccinations and their long-term effects on child health. The project monitors more than 170,000 individuals in the country and registers mortality, morbidity, and a wide range of other factors, which allows for the evaluation of current and future health interventions.

Application (in English) including motivation for applying, possible starting date, CV, and university transcripts should be sent to Ane Bærent Fisker, MD, PhD, Professor, afisker@health.sdu.dk, no later than November 3rd, 2025.

Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration. We expect to conduct interviews in December 2025.

If you are interested in further information, please feel free to contact any of the PhD students or research year students, who are currently or have recently been based in Guinea-Bissau. Contact information can be found at: <https://www.measureeffects.org/research-team>