

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, Bandim Health Project, in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa. We are looking for pre-graduates to join us for one year starting in January 2024. We work on assessing the real-life effects of health interventions with a focus on maternal and child health. As a research year student, you will be assigned to a larger ongoing study or trial that runs over several years. You will also be responsible for your own independent short-term project. This defined project can form the basis for your master's thesis.

We aim at giving our students the opportunity of publishing a scientific paper based on their research year. You will enter a professional collaboration with several other pre-graduates, PhD students, and senior researchers from Guinea-Bissau, Denmark, and other countries. You will become part of a very active, fast-paced, and exciting research environment. At the same time, you will get to experience Guinea-Bissau up close, learn a new language (Portuguese Creole), make new friends, and get a broad introduction to research. Funding for a scholarship and other expenses will be applied for jointly both before and after the starting date. You should therefore expect to spend time applying for funding ahead of your research year, and planning your project will also take time.



You are

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

- have an interest in global health;
- want to do research into how we can improve maternal and child health;
- want to live in Guinea-Bissau, West-Africa for one year, and experience another culture up close;
- 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 station 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 regularly monitors more than 170,000 individuals in the country and registers morbidity, mortality, and a wide range of other factors, which allows evaluating existing and new health interventions.

If you are interested in further information, please feel free to contact the PhD students Julie Odgaard Vedel (MD, jvedel@health.sdu.dk) or Kimberly Nehal (MSc, knehal@health.sdu.dk), who are both based in Guinea-Bissau.

Application (in English) including motivation for applying, possible starting date, CV, and university transcript should be sent to Ane Bærent Fisker, MD, PhD, associate professor, afisker@health.sdu.dk, no later than the 28/04 2023. We plan on conducting interviews in Copenhagen and/or Odense the 03-04/05 2023.