

**Title:** Assistant Professor in Nutrition and Infection

**Institution:** School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health (TMGH), Nagasaki University, Japan

**URL of Institution/Dept:**

[http://www.tmgh.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/study\\_at\\_tmgh/professors/sharon-cox/](http://www.tmgh.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/study_at_tmgh/professors/sharon-cox/)

**Institution type:** National University Corporation Nagasaki University with links to London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

**Content of job information:** An early stage nutrition researcher with an interest in infectious diseases or an infectious disease specialist with an interest in nutrition is required to manage and support the development of new research projects with Professor Sharon Cox (jointly appointed to Nagasaki University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK) and to contribute to the teaching and academic life at TMGH. The main initial role will be to manage Prof Cox's tuberculosis (TB) and nutrition research projects in the Philippines. Ongoing projects include an inpatient cohort study at a large tertiary infectious disease hospital (where Nagasaki University has a collaborative research office) and a multisite outpatient cohort study following TB outpatients throughout their course of anti-TB treatment. These form part of a developing program of research in TB (with 3 large international project grants currently under review and more planned). The aim is to develop appropriate interventions to improve diagnosis and management of malnutrition in TB patients to be tested in clinical trials and for the integration of evidence-based nutrition into TB control programmes. We are looking to hire a future leader in international nutrition and hence for the right candidate there will be opportunities for further training and career development.

Specific duties for ongoing projects will include contributing to the development of research protocols, budget planning, management and reporting, designing data collection forms (mostly electronic) and database development, data management, management of research staff and contributing to the analysis and write-up of data. This role would involve the training and supervision of clinical research assistants in data collection and working with local clinical staff and project partners to implement projects and disseminate results. **Please note the travel requirements of this position.** The appointed person will also be expected to contribute to MSc level teaching at TMGH in nutrition and epidemiology/basic statistics for epidemiology.

**Research field:** Area: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy

**Discipline:** Nutrition/Dietetics/Global Health/Infectious Disease

**Job type:** Researcher/Academic

**Employment status:** Full time, 12 months in the first instance with the expectation of renewal.

**Work location:** Nagasaki or Manila, The Philippines. Frequent travel with extended periods in the Philippines as a minimum requirement.

**Qualifications:**

Required:

- PhD in a relevant topic
- Other further qualifications and experience may be considered.

Desirable:

- Clinical Dietetics license in home country, equivalent to BSc or above, or;
- Clinical qualification in home country, especially with infectious diseases specialty training

**Qualities and experience:**

Required:

- Work and research experience as outlined in the job description.
- High standard of written and spoken English with good academic writing skills.
- Initiative and demonstrated ability to be self-motivated and work independently to meet objectives
- Understanding of the logistics required in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of research and preferably nutrition programs.
- Knowledge and understanding of basic statistical analysis, data management and use of a statistical software package, preferably STATA or “R”.
- Demonstrated, project/team management skills, it would be considered an asset if this previously included health care professionals.
- High level of proficiency in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Powerpoint and reference manager software such as EndNote.

Desired:

- Commitment to pursue a research career in international nutrition
- Experience of University level teaching in a relevant topic.
- Experience working with diverse populations or in a cross-cultural setting (previous international experience in a low-middle income countries would be considered an asset)
- Experience establishing and maintaining partnerships with a wide range of partners or stakeholders
- Experience in developing or managing databases in Epi Info/Epi Data or Microsoft Access, but preferably in Open Data Kit (ODK), DHIS-2, OpenClinica or MySQL.

**Working time:** 8 hours a day/5 working days a week (from Monday to Friday) with evening/ weekend work as required for planning and implementation of field studies.

**Reporting:** The successful applicant would report directly to Prof Cox (time split between Nagasaki and London, UK). Close collaboration with Prof Cox and project partners will be required to meet research objectives. Due to Prof Cox's many commitments it is expected the research manager would work independently at times and have the necessary skills to complete work without daily supervision.

**Salary:** will be in accordance with the University Policy. Generous accommodation and per diem allowance for periods away from the home-base will be applied.

**Holidays:** Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays, plus paid holidays (in accordance with the University Policy).

**Travel:** Frequent travel is required and the applicant may be required to spend periods based in Manila, the Philippines. Travel is often required on evenings or weekends.

**Application period:**

**Application deadline:** 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

**Application method/selection/notification:** Please provide the documents below as PDF files and send them to the email address indicated with "Assistant Professor application" in the subject heading.

1. CV, including names and contacts of 2 referees, preferably including your current/previous employer or PhD supervisor.
2. Cover letter addressing how your qualifications and experience meet the job description (not more than 2 pages).

Note: Application documents must be written in English.

Applicants who pass the initial document screening will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be conducted in English. Expected interview dates – End of November 2017).

**Applicants are encouraged to make enquiries to find out more about the research program, opportunities and their suitability before submitting a full application.** Please send enquiries to: sharoncox@nagasaki-u.ac.jp, TMGH, Nagasaki with "Assistant Professor enquiry" in the subject header.

**Additional information:** All documents submitted will be strictly protected under the University Policy and will be used only for the purpose of applicant screening. Under no circumstances will personal information be disclosed, transferred or loaned to a third party without legitimate reason. Application documents will not be returned.

**Web application:** not available