



Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP)

Applications invited for a free place on CASP Workshop, Oxford, UK 13 -15 November 2017

Purpose

[The Critical Appraisal Skills Programme \(CASP\)](#) is working in partnership with the Department of Library & Information Science, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda to award a free place, worth over £1,000, on the prestigious CASP 'Train the Trainer' Course to be held 13-15 November 2017 at Kellogg College, 60-62 Banbury Road, Oxford OX3 6PN.

This is a 3-day training programme designed for people who want to be more confident in teaching critical appraisal skills to others & critically appraising research evidence. The training covers an introduction to evidence-based health care and decision making and the critical appraisal of a quantitative study. To support critical appraisal of evidence, the training includes some time making sense of effect measurements and size, and estimations of bias and chance in results. Towards the end of the course participants practice their critical appraisal teaching skills in small groups with peer and facilitator feedback. The training aims to encourage people to try out new teaching ideas and approaches in a safe and relaxed environment. Read more about the course [here](#).

Eligibility

The award is aimed at health science professional librarians/information specialists from Sub Saharan African [Group A HINARI-eligible countries](#). Priority will be given to those living and working in Africa. However, the award is also open to librarians studying in the UK for a higher degree at a recognised UK university. Applicants should have at least a Bachelor's degree from a recognised institution. Librarians with less than 5 years' experience, who are training, or expecting to have responsibility for training in health literacy but have had no specialist training in critical appraisal themselves, are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants should study the assessment criteria set out below.

Application Instructions

Application materials should be typewritten and submitted in English, clearly stating the candidate's full name and institution at the top of the page. If studying at a UK university please include the name of the university, the course being studied, and if applicable a home university/institution.

Candidates must provide:

- A personal statement (up to 500 words max) as to how they would apply the training to benefit their country.
 - A CV.
 - Proof of having obtained a professional library qualification.
 - A reference letter from their employer confirming their current employment and support for the application;
- OR
- A reference letter from the departmental head if studying at a UK university. This should confirm the applicant has a professional library qualification and the course they are undertaking.

Applicants will be responsible for funding their travel and accommodation. If needed help can be given to find reasonably priced accommodation. It is hoped that it may be possible to include professional development visit/s as part of the award and this will be discussed with the successful candidate.

The successful applicant will be required to provide a short report on the course and to participate in relevant publicity activities.

Application Deadline & Notification

Completed applications must be received by **Thursday 12 October 2017**

Successful applicants will be notified on or before **Friday 20 October 2017**

Submission Guidelines:

Application and supporting documents should be sent by e-mail to: Ruth Brice ruth.brice@casp-uk.net

The decision of the judging panel is final.

Applications will be judged against the following criteria:

Eligibility Criteria Criterion	How Assessed
1. Group A HINARI Country	http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/
2. Professional Librarian	Certified copy of qualification or confirmatory letter
3. Number of years' experience in health librarianship	CV
4. a) Proof of current employment and Reference from employer OR b) Proof of study for a higher degree at a UK university	Reference letter from employer confirming the candidate's on-going employment OR Letter from the UK university/ institution confirming course of study.

Assessment Criteria Criterion	How Assessed
1. Benefit to personal practice	Personal Statement
2. Intention to share learning outcomes and benefits to wider LIS/health care professional community	Personal Statement
3. Willingness to produce an article for appropriate newsletter/s and to participate by agreement in publicity activities	Personal statement

Previous participant: *Many thanks to CASP for sponsoring a place for me to participate in the workshop....your facilitators are exceptional and I managed to build a network with some of the other wonderful participants.*
Blessing Mawire, ITOCA