



## **Applications are invited for:**

*Mitigating Emerging Infection: Challenges for Public Security and Justice*

*Early Career Workshop for academics and clinicians*

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2018\*

Mexico City, Mexico

*\*Please note that this event was originally planned for November 2017, but was postponed in light of the recent earthquake in Mexico.*

The National Autonomous University Mexico (UNAM) and the University of Edinburgh (UoE) are pleased to announce that they are jointly hosting a workshop, 'Mitigating Emerging Infection: Challenges for Public Security and Justice', which has been made possible by grants from the Newton Fund and British Council Researcher Links Workshop Grants.

The workshop will be jointly hosted by Prof. Sue Welburn (UoE) and Prof. Javier Ambrosio (UNAM) and will be held in the Faculty of Medicine, UNAM, Mexico City. All participation costs (travel, accommodation, workshop costs) will be met by the sponsors.

The institutions will provide financial support to bring together a UK/Mexican cohort of early career researchers to take part in the workshop focusing on building links for future collaboration and enhancing the researchers' career opportunities.

The Newton Fund is part of the UK's official development assistance. Its aim is to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries.



## About the workshop

This workshop will bring together early career researchers from the UK and Mexico who are interested in emerging infectious diseases and infectious threats to global health. The focus of the workshop will be the complexity of managing emerging infectious diseases, and it will attract early career researchers from medical, veterinary, biological, social sciences, engineering and technology disciplines, allowing the exchange of ideas, approaches, information and skills.

The workshop will be a combination of keynote speeches from experienced researchers and interactive sessions allowing participants to share knowledge and experiences and build plans for future international collaborative multidisciplinary research projects. It will cover themes including – emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, disease surveillance and diagnostics, epidemiology, control of infections in healthcare and community settings, health policy and antimicrobial resistance. Participants will also be invited to participate in an interdisciplinary team-based challenge to devise mechanisms to rapidly diagnose resistant microorganisms, guided by an experienced research mentor. The main purpose of the workshop is to allow participants to work together to address key global issues surrounding emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

This workshop will be an excellent opportunity for participants to meet experts and peers from a range of backgrounds, enabling discussion about ideas and concepts, facilitated by brain storming sessions, social evenings and networking events. We strongly encourage applications not only from disease biologists but also from other natural scientists, social scientists, anthropologists and engineers with an interest in these areas of work.

**Who can apply?** Early career researchers awarded their PhD not more than 10 years ago, or equivalent level of experience or early career clinicians (foundation doctors and registrars) with a demonstrable interest in infectious diseases and global health. Applications are invited from eligible individuals based in research institutions in the United Kingdom (and the final make-up of the workshop will be 50% from Mexico and 50% from the UK, with 30 places in total). There is no restriction on nationality, though applicants must be based in the UK.

**How to apply** Applications to participate in the workshop are now invited, and should be submitted electronically to Professor Sue Welburn, Division of Infection & Pathway Medicine, University Of Edinburgh (dipm@ed.ac.uk) by *the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, 1700 UK time (British Summer Time)*.

Applications should consist of a two page curriculum vitae and a one page letter of motivation, making the case for attendance and what the applicant feels they can bring to such a gathering. Documents should be submitted in PDF format, with all documents in one PDF package sent by email to the address above, with the phrase "Mitigating Emerging Infection Workshop Application" in the subject. Applications will be judged on the strength of CV and covering letter; successful applicants will be notified by the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.