



## Introducing the PEARL project

The PEARL project is an exciting new public health intervention, implemented with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, to find a pathway to tuberculosis (TB) and leprosy elimination in South Tarawa. This implementation study aims to demonstrate the feasibility and to evaluate the effect of population-wide TB and leprosy screening, treatment and prevention.

Join us in this historic study to prevent and cure TB and leprosy in South Tarawa. We are looking for committed people who have the necessary skills (see below) and are keen to make a positive difference to the lives of the Kiribati people and to set an example that other Pacific nations can learn from.

For more information see: [www.thepearlstudy.org](http://www.thepearlstudy.org).

**Applications are now invited for suitably qualified persons for the following vacancies in the Ministry of Health and Medical Services – linked to the PEARL project.**



Post	Criteria	Duration
<b>Laboratory technician</b> L 11 – 1  1 position	During screening, patient samples will be collected and tested by the NTP Laboratory. The laboratory technician will process sputum samples using GeneXpert and perform blood chemistry at the NTP laboratory and at mobile clinic sites throughout Tarawa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal training in laboratory sciences</li> <li>• Previous experience working in a laboratory essential, with preference for previous experience operating GeneXpert machines</li> <li>• Previous experience managing laboratory workflows preferred</li> <li>• Safe handling of samples, disposal, use of PPE and knowledge of safe lab procedures essential</li> <li>• Effective written and oral communication skills, fluent in English</li> <li>• Computer literacy skills</li> <li>• Good interpersonal, teamwork and cross-cultural awareness skills</li> <li>• Effective time management and organizational skills</li> <li>• Willingness and ability to travel to various sites in the community across South Tarawa over the course of employment.</li> </ul>	Renewable on an annual basis for up to 3yrs



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**Applications must be submitted in hard copy to MHMS HRO no later than 28/03/23**

**Applications to include:**

- Formal application letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) with relevant qualifications and experience
- At least two contactable references

Late applications will NOT be entertained.

Candidates will be shortlisted for relevant tests and an interview.

Further information please contact the Ministry of health and Medical Services Acting HRO (uaesam89@gmail.com) or the PEARL Medical Lead based in South Tarawa – Dr. Jeremy Hill (jeremy.hill@sydney.edu.au)

For Secretary, MHMS