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# Priscilla Ankamaa Opare

## **Academic and Professional Experience**

March 2020 - Date Associate Scientist

**BBSRC-GNATWORK** pump-priming grant

**Project:** Validating a standard trap design against explicit estimates of human biting rate for biting midges and sandflies in a

region of Ghana endemic for Leishmaniasis.

September 2020 - Date Research Assistant

Department of Biomedical Sciences

University of Cape Coast

September 2019 – August 2020 Teaching Assistant

(National Service)

Department of Biomedical Sciences

University of Cape Coast

August 2015 – May 2019 BSc Biomedical Sciences

**Second Class Honours (Upper Division)** 

**Dissertation Project:** Molecular characterization of Human-Pathogenic Coccidia associated with potable water in the Cape

Coast Metropolis.

June 2018 – August 2018 Internship

Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research

Department of Clinical Pathology

**Project:** Investigating the antidiabetic and antioxidant properties

of selected Ghanaian medicinal plants.

June 2017 – August 2017 Assistant Biomedical Scientist (Intern)

Seventh-Day Adventist Hospital - Laboratory

#### **Publications/Online Abstracts**

- Opare, P. A., Akwetey, S. A., Silva, C. J. & Kwakye-Nuako, G. (2019). Identification of coccidian isolates pathogenic to humans in sources of potable water in Cape Coast Metropolis, Ghana. *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 101, 377. (Online Abstract)
- Kwakye-Nuako, G., Mosore, M-T., Opare, P. A., Bates M., Dillon, R. J., Wilson, M. E., & Bates, P. A. (2019). New Leishmania species amd its potential new vector, responsible for cutaneous leishmaniasis in southeastern Ghana. American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 101, 566. (Online Abstract)
- Akwetey S., Oduro-Kwateng, E., Ocran, P., Anokye, N., Donkor, A., Opare, P. A., Acheampong, D. O., & Kwakye-Nuako, G. (2020). Assessing the bacteriological quality of potable water consumed in Cape Coast and Takoradi Metropolis, Ghana. Journal of Environmental and Public Health. (Under Review)
- Opare, P. A., Mohammed, H., Akwetey S. A. & Kwakye-Nuako, G. (2020). First isolation of Chromobaccterium violaceum from a tap water source in Cape Coast Metropolis, a tourist destination in Ghana. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. (Under Review)

#### **Awards**

- Departmental Award for Best Graduating Research Student September, 2019 (Certificate & Cash Prize)
- GH¢1200– grant to attend African Research Academies for Women ARAW-G (2018); Summer Undergraduate Research Program and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics mentorship training program for young women pursuing STEM programs at the tertiary level of education in Ghana.

### **Volunteerism/ Community Service**

- Volunteer at the 2019 African Research Academies for Women ARAW-G, STEM Summer undergraduate research program for selected young women from Universities in Ghana
- Charity Annual donation of clothes, toys, stationery etc. to children between the ages 2-12
  years in less privileged communities in the Eastern Region of Ghana

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