

VACANCIES – Operations Research for Primary Health Care Delivery of NCD Services

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Operations Research for Primary Health Care Delivery of NCD Services in Sri Lanka Conducted by the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

The Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) will entertain applications for the under mentioned posts from suitably qualified persons up to 12th February 2021, for an operational research. This is a World Bank funded operational research project conducted by the RUSL with the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union). The research study aims to assess the current status of implementation of Primary health care System Strengthening Project (PSSP) and generate evidence for strengthening non-communicable diseases (NCD) service provision at primary medical care institutions (PMCs). The Union is a not-for-profit scientific organization headquartered in Paris, France with branch offices worldwide, working in the field of tuberculosis, lung health, communicable and non-communicable diseases.

The objectives of the project are as follows:

- i. to assist the Center for Operational Research (COR) to conduct a desk review of the various project related documents and development of assessment tools.
- ii. to implement the operational research in the selected PMCs supported by the Primary Healthcare System Strengthening Project to generate evidence on programme performance, challenges and solutions for delivering quality NCD care.
- iii. to assist the COR to build capacity of the programme staff in operational research skills

RESEARCH ASSISTANT– 09 POSTS

Required qualifications and experience:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Health Promotion OR a related field which is recognized by the UGC. Priority will be given to candidates with special/honours degree or first class passes.
2. Prior research experience and a track record of relevant research as evidenced by publications/ presentations as an undergraduate or post graduate would be an added advantage.

Age: Not more than 35 years.

Professional competencies required:

- Skilled in quantitative research methods including data collection, data analysis and statistics.
- Enthusiasm to participate in field visits and data collection.
- Ability to function effectively in a team environment inspiring trust and cooperation of other team members.
- Ability to work independently in a research team
- Ability to solve technical and methodological issues that arise during the course of the research
- Good communication skills
- Adequate IT skills with the ability to work with data collection softwares.
- High level of proficiency in written and spoken English with proficiency in local languages.

Remuneration and other conditions:

- Monthly payment: A monthly payment of LKR 50,000/= will be paid with an allowance for travelling and communication.
- Other benefits: Opportunity to build capacity of personnel involved in operational research.
- Contract period: This is a full time position with a contract for a period of three months.

Commencement – 1st March 2021

End Date – 31st May 2021

RESEARCH CONSULTANT – 01 POST

Required qualifications and experience

1. Postgraduate qualification in Medicine/Health OR a related field.
2. More than ten years of community based research experience and experience as a prior research consultant is desirable.
3. Previous experience with qualitative data collection through in-depth interviews and focus group discussion.
4. Prior experience in leading the operational research is an added advantage.
5. A track record of relevant research as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications/ scholarly writing.

Age: Not above 45 years.

Professional competencies required:

- Supervision of data collection, collecting qualitative data and drafting report
- Ability to develop training materials, review protocols.
- Ability to provide leadership and solve technical and methodological issues that arise during the course of the research
- Ability and adaptability to handle operational activities related to Finance and Procurement activities of the project in accordance with the World Bank Guidelines
- Assisting the staff in the overall implementation and the administrative duties of the project

Remuneration and other conditions:

- Monthly payment: monthly payment of LKR 150,000/= will be paid. A separate travelling and communication allowance will be paid.
- Contract period: This is a full time position with contract for a period of 06 months.

Commencement: 15th February 2021

End Date: 15th August 2021

METHOD OF RECRUITMENT: By interview. Successful candidate should be able to start work immediately.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

Selected candidates if presently serving in a Government Department / Corporations/ Statutory Boards will have to obtain his/her release through their respective appointing authority. Should be able to work in Colombo as well.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants who are interested in the above posts are requested to submit their application through E-mail to manojf2000@yahoo.com on or before 12th February 2021. Original certificates should be produced at the interview. Date for interview will be notified to the eligible candidates through e-mail.

Note: Applicants in the Service of Government, Corporations and Statutory Board can submit their application directly. When they present themselves for the interview, they should bring a hardcopy forwarded through the Head of Institution concerned.

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