

## Scientist - (2203469)

**Grade:** P5

**Contractual Arrangement:** Fixed-term appointment

**Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days):** 2 Years

**Posting Date** May 2, 2022, 4:34:12 PM

**Closing Date** May 24, 2022, 5:59:00 AM

**Primary Location** Switzerland-Geneva

**Organization** HQ/TDR Special Programme for TDR SCI

**Schedule** Full-time

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications indicated above reflects your personal device's system settings.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The objective of the Special Programme for Research and training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) is to foster an effective global research effort on infectious diseases of poverty in which disease endemic countries play a pivotal role. The objective of the unit is to foster partnerships and collaborations in order to develop, evaluate and optimize research for implementation that generates evidence for the control and/or elimination of diseases of poverty.

### DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

1. Initiate, lead and manage projects and initiatives on improving strategies for control and elimination of diseases of poverty or their implementation with particular focus on strategies for minimizing the impact on affected populations of environment and climate change.
2. Manage, with the assistance of scientific advisory committees, the selection, initiation, monitoring, evaluation, closure and reporting of these projects.
3. Leverage the projects and their outputs through communication and engagement with key stakeholders including individual scientists, institutions, resource contributors and policymakers, to promote this research for the generation of a body of evidence sufficient for informing new or updated guidelines and policies.
4. Leverage this body of evidence through communication and engagement with key stakeholders including scientists, institutions, resource contributors and policymakers (and as applicable the normative departments within WHO), to facilitate its translation into new or updated guidelines, policies and action.
5. Equitably and proactively engage with developing country scientists and institutions and so contribute to, and facilitate, regional and country efforts to develop sustainable local research capacity and leadership.
6. In coherence with WHO and other global research efforts develop guidance and advice for international research to inform funders, policymakers and practitioners in the field.
7. Manage the development and production of reports and publications arising from this work and provide input into corporate TDR documentation, particularly relating to the work of the Research for Implementation unit.
8. Manage activities in a way that is coherent within the unit, and synergizes with other TDR activities and with other global research efforts.
9. Communicate effectively on these activities and more broadly represent TDR and WHO to a large array of stakeholders, including governmental, international agencies and expert scientific meetings, as appropriate, and in a manner that reinforces TDR's vision and promotes a pivotal role in global research for disease-endemic countries.
10. Contribute to other TDR projects and activities as required.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

#### Education

**Essential:** Advanced level university research degree level in a field relevant to global public health

**Desirable:** PhD degree in a field relevant to global public health or equivalent.

#### Experience

**Essential:** At least 10 years of experience combined at national and international levels in designing, leading and conducting research on infectious diseases of poverty. Good publication record with at least 15 relevant publications in peer-reviewed journals including at least one as first, corresponding or last author. Demonstrated experience in building and/or strengthening the research capacity of investigators and institutions in low and middle-income countries for health-related research on infectious diseases of poverty Track record in fundraising as the recipient of a grant or significant contributor to the grant application.

**Desirable:** Experience in large scale implementation research for tropical diseases. Experience in research on the impact of environment and climate change on infectious diseases of poverty including vector-borne diseases. Experience in facilitating translation of research results into guidelines and policies at national and/or international level and/or research uptake by disease programmes at national and/or regional level. Experience working with public health programmes in disease-endemic countries. Experience in WHO or another UN organization.

## Skills

- (1) Knowledge of clinical and/or implementation research in low and middle-income countries for products/tools for infectious diseases of poverty
- (2) Skills in the design, budgeting, preparation and management of the implementation of multi-country collaborative research projects with investigators from low and middle-income countries,
- (3) Good communication skills and ability to effectively negotiate interactions with internal and external partners including funders, control programmes, and policymakers
- (4) Ability to promote TDR's catalytic role in research among partners.
- (5) Ability to lead, guide and motivate partners towards success.
- (6) Excellent analytical and organizational skills.

## WHO Competencies

Teamwork  
Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences  
Communication  
Producing results  
Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

## Use of Language Skills

**Essential:** Expert knowledge of English.

**Desirable:** Intermediate knowledge of French. Intermediate knowledge of WHO Official language.

## REMUNERATION

WHO salaries for staff in the Professional category are calculated in US dollars. The remuneration for the above position comprises an annual base salary starting at USD 90,664 (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance, as applicable), a variable post adjustment, which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station, and currently amounts to USD 6173 per month for the duty station indicated above. Other benefits include 30 days of annual leave, allowances for dependent family members, home leave, and an education grant for dependent children.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This vacancy notice may be used to fill other similar positions at the same grade level
- Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.
- A written test may be used as a form of screening.
- In the event that your candidature is retained for an interview, you will be required to provide, in advance, a scanned copy of the degree(s)/diploma(s)/certificate(s) required for this position. WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU)/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed through the link: <http://www.whed.net/>. Some professional certificates may not appear in the WHED and will require individual review.
- Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual.
- Staff members in other duty stations are encouraged to apply.
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- WHO is committed to workforce diversity.
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- WHO has a mobility policy which can be found at the following link: <http://www.who.int/employment/en/>. Candidates appointed to an international post with WHO are subject to mobility and may be assigned to any activity or duty station of the Organization throughout the world.
- Applications from women and from nationals of non and underrepresented Member States are particularly encouraged.