

**Scientific Officer - Malaria**  
FIND HQ, Geneva, Switzerland  
Short term contract – 12 months

**About FIND:**

FIND is an international non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, dedicated to R&D activities to expand and accelerate access to new diagnostic technologies, and to build global capacity for diagnostic testing for poverty-related diseases in low- and middle-income countries. FIND's vision is a world where diagnosis guides the way to health for all people. The FIND team is devoted to driving the development, clinical trialing, and early implementation of innovative diagnostic solutions that can have a high impact on patient care and disease control in low-resource settings.

**Contract period:** 12 months (100%)

**Location:** The candidate must be based at the FIND HQ offices in Switzerland (Geneva).

**Overall objective:**

Despite unprecedented efforts deployed over the last decade to better control malaria, this disease remains a major cause of death and morbidity in many tropical and sub-tropical countries. More worrying is the recent observation that after years and years of improvement, global progress has stalled. The need for new tools and approaches has never been so strong. FIND is addressing it by supporting the development of improved diagnostics, based on current and new biomarkers, to ensure the prompt and effective diagnosis of all human-infecting *Plasmodium* species in symptomatic as well as asymptomatic individuals. This is essential to allow appropriate management of the patient during acute infection as well as radical cure. Integrating malaria diagnosis in a comprehensive approach addressing febrile illnesses in a syndromic manner is another challenge that FIND is taking up.

As the Scientific Officer, you will be based within the FIND Malaria & Fever team and will work on cross-cutting projects with a focus on biomarker feasibility studies as well as clinical studies designed to evaluate the performance of new diagnostic tests for malaria or glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency.

S/he will report to the Malaria team Leader.

**Specific responsibilities:**

The Scientific Officer will work with the Malaria Team Leader and the Head of the programme, as well as with cross-functional teams within FIND to strengthen ongoing malaria-related projects.

The specific activities will include but not be limited to:

- Managing the evaluation and prioritization of new malaria biomarkers through reagents development projects and feasibility studies

- Collaborating with other members of the team on the development and implementation of clinical studies/trials to evaluate potential diagnostic tools
- Managing new product development projects
- Collaborating with other members of the team on drafting external communiqué of results.

### Requirements:

- Advanced scientific degree (MSc or higher) with a focus on diagnostic technologies
- Ability to travel in malaria endemic countries up to 20% of the time
- Experience and track record of project management of diagnostic or clinical projects
- Experience with biomarkers and biomarkers evaluation
- A thorough understanding of malaria diagnostics and related public health issues
- Understanding the challenges related to working in low- and middle-income countries
- Excellent interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills
- A team-oriented approach
- Fluent in English (verbal and written)
- Working knowledge of other languages would be an asset

### To apply:

Please send a motivation letter, a detailed CV and three references to [hr@finddx.org](mailto:hr@finddx.org).

Deadline to send your application: **17th February 2019**

(But don't wait until the deadline! We will start screening right away and if we find the right person, we will stop searching.)

Please note that only applicants meeting the profile requirements will be personally contacted. Applications sent by recruitment agencies will not be considered.