Clinical Research Associate

Consultancy contract, based in South Africa/Kenya

Organization:
The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is an international non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland with country offices in Asia and Africa. The organization is dedicated to activities that result in 1) new diagnostic tools; 2) expanded access to these tools; and 3) strengthened diagnostic testing capacity for poverty-related diseases in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

For more information about the organization, please visit http://www.finddx.org/

Your mission:
FIND is looking for a Clinical Research Associate (CRA) to be based in South Africa or Kenya, with a solid knowledge in clinical trials and a background in supporting the management of clinical projects in the area of infectious disease (ID) diagnosis. The CRA consultant will initially work primarily with FIND’s tuberculosis (TB) programme, but will need to have cross-cutting experience to be able to contribute toward trials in other FIND programmes. The position will report to the Head of the Clinical Trial Unit and the Head of TB Programme and will work on projects focused on clinical performance evaluation of IVD products. Duties for the CRA will include but not be limited to: supporting preparation and initiation of any new clinical trials and validation studies, conducting remote and on-site monitoring activities, developing and maintaining trial documentation, and contributing to report preparation. The CRA should be available to travel to sites within sub-Saharan Africa for at least 50% of the time.

Location: home-based, in South Africa/Kenya

Responsibilities:
- Manage clinical trials and studies in compliance with GCP and ensure progress towards pre-determined goals.
- Lead on trial set up, including development of trial specific plans and forms (e.g. customized Case Report Forms, Study-specific logs, training materials Monitoring Visit Report Templates, Monitoring Plans, etc.)
- Set-up and maintain Trial Master File
- Perform initial Site Assessment Visits (for new sites or those in need of re-assessment) and Site Initiation Visits
- Perform clinical trial quality assurance/compliance central and/or on site Monitoring Visits as needed
- Assist with coordination and trouble-shooting for the supply of investigational product to sites
- Escalate observed potential risks, issues, non-conformances where necessary
Work with M & E to ensure any information needed for clinical trial reporting (e.g. capacity building) is being collected and tracked
Assist in the preparation for audits and inspections
Establish and maintain links with academic and private sector partners to ensure FIND’s activities are undertaken with the best external partners.

Desired qualifications and experience:
- Advanced scientific degree (MSc or higher) in a relevant scientific background (e.g. epidemiology, microbiology, immunology), with a track record of published studies
- Postgraduate degree/diploma in clinical trials would be preferred
- At least 3 years relevant experience in clinical trial planning, execution and monitoring, preferably with respect to trials for diagnostics
- A good technical understanding of diagnostics
- Knowledge of GCP and the ethical/regulatory framework of clinical trials
- Understanding of infectious diseases and desire to learn about TB and other IDs
- Experience with electronic data capture (EDC), case report form (CRF) development and electronic trial master file (eTMF) management
- Understanding the challenges related to conducting trials in LMICs
- Detail-oriented
- Excellent time management skills, able to prioritize tasks and set goals efficiently
- Ability to solve problems
- A team-oriented approach and excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Willingness and ability to travel in LMICs for at least 50% of the time
- Good knowledge of basic computer applications like Word, Excel and Power Point
- Fluent in English (verbal and written), French an advantage

Nature of appointment:
The selected candidate shall be initially offered a consultancy contract for six months from the date of assignment, with three months trial period. The position may be extended subject to satisfactory performance, project extension and availability of funds.

Compensation:
The gross remuneration budgeted for the position shall be commensurate with the qualifications, experience and salary history of the selected candidate.

Deadline to send your application:
Please e-mail a motivation letter and CV to hr@finddx.org by 15 July 2020.

(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.