

## **Operational Research, Lead 12-month contract**

**Organization:** FIND is based in Geneva, Switzerland. We are a global non-profit organization driving innovation in the development and delivery of diagnostics to combat major diseases affecting the world's poorest populations. Our vision is a world where diagnosis guides the way to health for all people. With priorities aligned to those of the global public health community, we turn complex diagnostic challenges into simple solutions through unique partnerships with the public, private and non-profit sectors. Our work bridges Research and Development (R&D) to Access—we have deep technical and practical experience in needs assessments, development of fit-for-purpose products, evidence generation for regulators and policy makers through clinical trials and other studies, analysis of market dynamics, introduction of new products, capacity development to strengthen laboratory systems and manufacturing, and advocacy to expand access.

**Location:** Geneva, FIND headquarters or possibly remote

**Reporting to:** CAO with dotted line to the Director – Global Health Security

### **Your mission/Position objective:**

FIND is looking for an *Operational Research (OR), Lead* to be based in Geneva, Switzerland, with a solid knowledge of study design/execution and guideline/policy development processes relevant to infectious disease management in low-resource settings. The OR Lead will oversee the determination of the evidence needs and strategy for evidence generation to drive policy relevant to the COVID-19 response and/or other outbreak-prone diseases. The OR Lead will collaborate closely with internal and external stakeholders to maximize opportunities for evidence generation to support FIND goals and priorities.

The nature of the role will require someone who has a strong understanding of research methodology, is a strategic thinker to identify and prioritize opportunities, and is an excellent relationship manager and coordinator.

### **Your responsibilities/Job description:**

The primary responsibility of this position is to lead and coordinate operational research and modeling studies across FIND's COVID-19 and Pandemic Preparedness Program:

- Under the direction of the Director – Global Health Security, and with input from the Chief Access Officer, oversee and establish FIND's research agenda and priorities
- Determine the evidence needs, i.e. types of studies and nature of partnerships, required to support strengthening of existing guidelines and expansion of policy for implementation of prioritized products, including remaining aware of and linking priorities defined by ACT-A Diagnostics Pillar partners
- Design and/or advice on the development and implementation of operational research studies, including protocol creation and input on data management/analysis plans, for execution by collaborating in-country partners

- Integrate and synthesize perspectives and link with key personnel within FIND, including the Heads of Pandemic Preparedness, Country Preparedness, Data Services and Biobanking, Market Shaping, Digital Access and ACT-A Diagnostics, as well as external stakeholders to ensure harmonized and strategic evidence generation agenda and priorities within FIND's COVID-19/Pandemic Preparedness Program
- Engage with WHO and other external stakeholders to align and inform research priorities
- Communicate FIND's achievements through publications and external presentations, writing and supporting the writing of publications and scientific presentations
- Represent the work in regular forums related to FIND's leadership role in the ACT-A Diagnostics Pillar
- Prepare materials for presentation to senior leaders within FIND and other partner organizations related to evidence generation work

#### **Qualifications:**

- Minimum 5 years' experience and track record of planning and conducting infectious disease and/or diagnostics research including: (i) clinical studies, (ii) operational/implementation studies (iii) systematic reviews/meta-analyses and/or (iv) modelling studies, preferably in the context of limited-resource settings
- Relevant experience working in low and middle-income countries, preferably specifically designing/implementing research studies
- Familiarity with IVD regulatory approvals or other mechanisms supporting UN/Global Fund procurement agencies (e.g., CE-IVD, WHO PQ, ERPD), health technology assessment and policy development
- Direct experience in development of WHO policies and standards is desirable
- Knowledge of GxP, particularly GCP, GCLP and GLP
- Experience independently driving, managing, and supporting multiple projects in parallel
- Ability to communicate and engage with a variety of stakeholders including donors, country stakeholders, partners etc.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to produce results with limited resources and demanding timelines.
- Entrepreneurial mindset, including ability to work independently, self-motivate, and propose and implement new initiatives
- Represent the FIND strategy and goal of being an honest, transparent broker in the global health field
- Fluent in English
- Educational requirements: Advanced degree (e.g., MSc, PhD or MD) in a relevant discipline (epidemiology, public health, or life science discipline)

#### **To apply**

Please send your application to [hr@finddx.org](mailto:hr@finddx.org) by **17 May 2021**

The application must include:

- a complete *curriculum vitae*
- a motivation letter
- **an acknowledgement letter, answering the following questions:**

1. Have you ever been criminally convicted or subject to any criminal or administrative penalty by any competent authority? If yes, please specify.
2. Have you ever been terminated or separated (e.g., contract termination, dismissal, non-renewal) or subject to any disciplinary measure or sanction by your employer for fraud, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, or sexual abuse?
3. Have you ever resigned while under investigation or during disciplinary proceedings?

**A confirmation of the following declaration of understanding:**

- I confirm the accuracy of the information provided, with the understanding that FIND will conduct reference checks to verify relevant information.
- I understand that if any false or misleading information is provided in my application, or any material fact suppressed, I may not be employed, or if I am employed, I may be dismissed.

Please note that due to high volume of applications, ONLY short-listed candidates will be contacted. FIND values diversity among its staff and aims to achieve gender equality both through gender parity at all levels of the organization and promoting a gender dimension in all its work. We welcome applications from women and men, and those with disabilities.