Scientific Officer

FIND, the global alliance for diagnostics, seeks to ensure equitable access to reliable diagnosis around the world. We connect countries and communities, funders, decisionmakers, healthcare providers and developers to spur diagnostic innovation and make testing an integral part of sustainable, resilient health systems. We are working to save 1 million lives through accessible, quality diagnosis, and save US$1 billion in healthcare costs to patients and health systems. We are co-convener of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator diagnostics pillar, and a WHO Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Strengthening and Diagnostic Technology Evaluation. For more information, please visit www.finddx.org.

Location: Geneva, FIND headquarters preferred; anywhere possible (remotely)

Reporting to: Head of Pneumonia and Fever

Background: FIND’s goal is to support focused diagnostic developments that address global public health needs and support health care professionals and governments in their day-to-day decision making. The position’s goal is to support these development projects directly and indirectly with technical expertise, specifically in malaria and acute febrile illnesses.

Your mission/Position objective:
Advancing diagnostic innovations and associated studies that can support the management of febrile patients in low resource settings, particularly to support malaria elimination. The Scientific Officer will be based within the pneumonia and fever team and interfacing with the R&D team, Access team, and Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) at FIND. Project activities specifically focus on the diagnostic advancement of diagnostic tools for malaria and non-malarial fevers, ensuring high quality evidence is generated to inform the global stakeholders and regulatory authorities.

Your responsibilities/Job description:
• Leading and managing projects and ensuring progress towards pre-determined goals.
• Develop and manage clinical trials/ studies in line with GCP and in line with normative bodies or regulatory authorities (e.g., WHO-PQ)
• Interacting with relevant stakeholders (academia, Ministries of Health, NGOs) to advance FIND’s agenda
• Contribute to activities related to the development and implementation of new diagnostic tools for malaria elimination or febrile illness management.
• Support data analysis, reporting, and publication of projects
• Participating in fundraising through grant writing
• Interact with all cross-cutting teams at FIND (e.g., Market Shaping, R&D, CTU, data management) to realize projects in the most efficient and technically sound way
• Writing and supporting the writing of publications and scientific presentations
• Support the overarching vision of the pneumonia and fever projects towards integrated diagnostic fever management

Qualifications:
• PhD degree or equivalent in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (or equivalent)
• Sound knowledge in infectious diseases of the tropics and clinical laboratory medicine
• Passionate about contributing to global public health issues
• Clinical trial experience and good understanding of GCP critical
• Able to produce high quality, accurate outputs under pressure and to deadlines
• Independent and motivated
• Understanding of malaria WHO-PQ requirements an asset
• Experience in writing and publication of scientific articles an asset
• Interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills
• English fluent. Other languages are asset

To apply
Please send your application to hr@finddx.org by 9 June 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.