

## Scientific Officer TB

**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

**Reporting to:** Deputy Head of TB Programme

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

In this position, you will ensure that projects are properly defined, funded, managed and organized and meet their respective goals and objectives, remain within budget and are completed on schedule. You will supervise and manage feasibility studies, clinical trials and implementation studies from conception to finalization. You will establish and manage strategic relationship with industry and academic partners to support the Head of TB

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

Your primary responsibility will be management of projects within the tuberculosis programme. The specific activities will include but not limited to:

- Prioritization and selection of projects in development, evaluation and demonstration of diagnostic tests for TB in collaboration with the Head of the TB Programme
- Leading and managing projects and ensuring progress towards pre-determined goals.
- Interacting with KOLs, stakeholders, policy makers and/or regulators to drive FIND's agenda forward
- Determining critical path activities that are necessary to meet FIND's objectives.
- Establishing and maintaining links with academic and private sector institutions to keep abreast with latest results and technologies in diagnostics development.
- Develop study protocols for laboratory studies that aim to establish evidence for targeted pathogens, including to support regulatory data packages.
- Managing clinical trials and studies and ensuring progress towards pre-determined goals.
- Primary focus of studies: feasibility, evaluation and demonstration studies that enable WHO review and regulatory approval and specimen collection.

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- Develop new project plans, protocols and project management documentation for new development projects within the TB team
- Collaborate with the clinical trial team and external partners to support clinical trials/evaluations of diagnostic and develop relevant documentation
- Liaising with Data Services and Biostatistics in the development of case report forms, range/edit checks, query management
- Building capacity at investigational sites, providing ongoing training and monitoring (including travel to sites) to review study progress, ensure protocol compliance and data integrity
- Setting up and maintaining Trial Master Files for clinical trials as well as helping sites establish Investigational Site Files
- Writing and supporting the writing of publications and scientific presentations (incl. travel for presentations)
- Managing a team
- Building relationships with donor and stakeholder agencies and promoting FIND's expertise in this field.
- Participating in fundraising through grant writing.

**Qualifications:**

- At least 3 years' experience working with infectious disease and or diagnostics
- Advanced scientific degree (e.g. , MSc or higher)
- Experience and track record of planning and conducting clinical studies
- Knowledge of relevant GXP (GCP, GLP or GCLP) guidelines and practical application in the field
- Post-graduate knowledge and clear understanding of tuberculosis, especially in diagnostics, and related public health issues. A good understanding of other infectious disease would be an added benefit.
- Relevant experience working in low and middle-income countries.
- Program and/or project management experience
- Scientific and/or technical understanding of the design and development of diagnostics.
- Ability to multitask and work in a rapidly changing environment
- Enjoy taking on new challenges and defining new areas of work
- Ability to work collaboratively within a specific team and in a cross-cutting environment.
- Ability to work without close supervision, as well as work under pressure and meet tight timelines on a result-oriented basis.
- Work well in teams of multi-cultural backgrounds, effective communication
- Fluent in English, with a track record in publishing. Working knowledge in French and Spanish would be an asset

**To apply**

Please send your application to [hr@finddx.org](mailto:hr@finddx.org) by **27 October 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.

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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 is dedicated to building an inclusive workforce where diversity is valued. FIND is an equal opportunity employer. Every qualified applicant will be considered for employment. FIND does not discriminate based on race, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, age, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, disability status, political ideology, military status, or any other attribute protected by applicable law.