

Médecins Sans Frontières Suisse has a vacancy for a

Senior Researcher

for the Research Unit on Humanitarian Stakes and Practices

Context

The Research Unit on Humanitarian Stakes and Practices (UREPH) is leading research allowing for a better understanding and knowledge of operational and humanitarian stakes, as well as an analysis and a reflection on humanitarian and medical action. The Senior Researcher will develop research and areas of reflection within the framework of the UREPH, and in close collaboration with the OPS, MED, HR and Log departments within the OCG.

Mission

The Senior Researcher will contribute to the generation and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to humanitarian action, its stakes and practices, relevant to current MSF programmes. She/he will also contribute to building partnerships between MSF and humanitarian organisations, academic institutions, and think tanks.

The Senior Researcher is amongst the persons defining areas of and leading research on humanitarian stakes and practices within MSF-CH/OCG. She/He will also represent MSF-CH in various forums regarding these aspects. She/He is also expected to be available to carry other tasks (field visit, teaching, etc...) if compatible with the approach of the main research. The Senior Researcher can temporarily replace the Head of research unit in case of absence and will develop in collaboration with the Head of UREPH the strategic plan of the unit.

Your Responsibilities

- Participate in the identification and formulation of research issues and parallel debate.
- Produce and publish (peer-review) research articles, through academic journals with international readership
 - Field collection of specific data as needed
 - Collection of bibliography
 - Article writing (as main contributing author)
 - Article submission and editorial correspondance
 - Article finalisation according to peer reviews
 - Article publication
- Present research results in internal (MSF) and external meetings and lead/contribute to associated or ensuing debate
 - Participation in conferences or other meetings relevant to research topics
- Contribute to building partnerships between MSF and humanitarian organizations, academic institutions, and think tanks.
- Develop in collaboration with the Head of UREPH the strategic plan of the unit.
- Represent the UREPH in external meetings, workshops or consultations.
 - Participation in workshops or consultations

Other

- Liaise with other MSF sections on themes of common interests
- Stimulate critical thinking on these issues and push forward the development and improvement of adequate responses to these challenges

- Active participation in international discussions on research issues
- Represent OCG in various forums if needed
- Replace the Head of UREPH in case of absence

Your Profile

Education

- PhD in social sciences is compulsory (history, political science, etc.)

Experience

- Experience in field research.
- Experience in the field with MSF compulsory.
- Experience and ability to build and animate a network of resources.
- Academic experience an asset (peer review publications, academic articles...)

Technical competencies

- Ability to write reports and peer-review publications.

Soft skills

- Team-spirit while able to work autonomously
- Organized and structured way of working

Languages

- **Native English speaker**
- Fluent in French

Terms of Employment

- Fixed-term contract (3 years), full-time position (CDM 100%)
- Based in Geneva, with frequent travels
- Starting date: as soon as possible
- Gross annual salary : CHF 106'140.- to CHF 121'080.- (salary commensurate with experience and internal salary grid)

How to apply

Interested candidates should send by email only their application (CV 2 p. max. – letter of motivation 1p. max. – English – 5MB max) to emploi@geneva.msf.org stating in the subject line «Senior Researcher 2018.05».

Closing date for application is 3rd June 2018.
The applications will be treated confidentially.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

For more details on the job offer or MSF, please visit our website: <http://www.msf.ch/travailler-avec-nous/>