

Researcher/Postdoc

Deadline: Jun 22, 2020

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Type: Post-doc

Salary: 40,000-45,000

Employment Type: Full-time

Location: Guangzhou City, China

The University of North Carolina-Project China Office based in Guangzhou, China seeks one postdoctoral-level researcher on the promotion and implementation of social innovation programs in health in low- and middle-income countries to begin on May 1, 2020. Social innovation uses community-based methods to spur social change and improve health.

This opportunity is specifically designed for an academic to gain experience applying research to practice. Those who work in the organization become experts in connecting peer-reviewed research to practice and also learn to work closely with practitioners to develop social innovative strategies rooted in science. The candidate should be interested in exploring a career at the intersection of academia and practice, with special interest in using research to drive social innovation. This is a one-year term appointment, with the possibility of a yearly extension contingent on funding and satisfactory performance. The position is full time and carries a competitive salary, commensurate with the applicant's experience and qualifications, plus social insurance coverage as specified by Chinese Government guidelines. Primary consideration will be given to applications received by Mar 1, 2020 (for a start date in May 2020), but all applications will be considered until the position is filled.

Job specific qualifications

1. A Ph.D. in Public health, Epidemiology, Behavioral science, Sociology, Social Work or a field relevant to the broad aims of the program by start date;
2. Research expertise relevant to social innovation in health, broadly construed (including health policy, public health, health behavior, etc.);
3. Strong writing skills;
4. Organization and strategic communication skills, willing to work as part of a team of researchers; and

Responsibilities

Under the direction of the faculty mentor, collaborate on social innovation and/or public health promotion research projects, participate in WHO TDR projects and assist other countries in crowdsourcing contest and conduct implementation, program evaluation, workshops and qualitative and quantitative data analysis of researching data. With the supervision of faculty mentor, work on publishing from the dissertation and developing new lines of inquiry. Coauthor peer-reviewed publications and research briefs and present research at conferences. Work on additional projects and tasks the faculty mentor assigns.

Required materials

1. Cover letter;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Two-page research statement;
4. Two representative papers. Peer-reviewed publications are preferred. Dissertation chapters are also acceptable, as long as they are under 20 pages; and
5. The names and contact information for three references.

The successful candidate(s) for this position will be subject to a pre-employment background check. Applications and inquiries should be sent to Anna Fan (annafan@seshglobal.org). Review of applications will begin on Mar 1, 2020, but applications will be considered until the position is filled.

University of North Carolina Project-China uses entrepreneurial principles to expand sexual health services. UNC Project-China and Southern Medical University launched a joint project "Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health" (Abbreviation: SESH) in 2012. The main purpose of the project is to use the "crowdsourcing competition" to inspire and create more creative, fair and effective health services. "Crowdsourcing" is a process in which a group solves a problem together and shares the resulting solution with the public. It usually takes the form of an open competition and eventually brings together different ideas. Our mission is to use the wisdom of the masses to design creative, fair and effective health services. Our partners include WHO, WHO TDR, Global Fund, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, World Mosquito Program, MRC, LSHTM, the Chinese CDCs, CBOs, and etc.

We are an equal opportunity employer and thrive in an inclusive environment. We celebrate diversity and encourage people with disabilities, minorities, women and members of the LGBTQ community to apply. To that end, the organization does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic. We are committed to providing qualified individuals access to all employment programs, benefits and activities on the basis of demonstrated ability, performance and merit without regard to personal factors.