Internship position for COHRED Fairness Index

COHRED Fairness Index



(For ethical and equitable research collaborations to address health needs in low and middle-income countries)

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COHRED, the Council on Health Research for Development, based in Geneva, Switzerland, is a global, non-profit organisation whose singular goal is to maximize the potential of research and innovation to deliver sustainable solutions to the health and development problems of people living in low and middle-income countries.

As part of its Global Action programme of activities, COHRED is developing an auditing system through a verification and certification mechanism to establish the COHRED Fairness Index (CFI). The CFI will be launched in October 2015, for implementation through end 2016 by actors of international collaborative research partnerships such as donors/funding bodies in the North as well as research institutes or ministries of health in the South. This will be publicised as a reporting tool to encourage good practices in North-South health research collaborations. In line with COHRED's mission, the overall objective of the CFI is to set a conducive environment for transparent and trust-worthy North-South health research opportunities for the benefit of health development and innovation in LMICs.

Contract Specification: Paid internship, four days a week, six months (potentially extendable upon availability of funds), subject to **Valid Permit**

Main tasks and responsibilities:

-Assist in the development of a functioning model of COHRED Fairness Index based on studying of other renowned international indices' business models (e.g. Fair Trade, FSC, Transparency Index etc.)

-Literature search and building of a bibliographic database around international indices

-Assist with obtaining legitimacy for the CFI: writing documents and getting endorsements

Qualifications required:

-University degree in a field relevant to policy studies, development studies or finance journalism

Experience:

-Prior work within institutions active in indexing/ratings-rankings

Personal characteristics:

-Excellent communication skills and strong writing and editing skills in English

-Self-starter with creativity, integrity and passion to build the network of organizations/businesses who are committed to bringing a positive impact on global health

-Ability to work effectively with a team -Strong attention to detail with excellent analytical and judgement skills -Flexibility and desire to take on additional responsibilities as opportunities and needs arise.
-Commitment to the mission and goals of COHRED

Benefits:

-Work experience within a small international NGO with a dynamic team of multi-cultural individuals

-Opportunities of expanding and strengthening professional network in Geneva and abroad

-Travel opportunity to the Wellcome Trust in London (16-17 April 2015)