

## **Funded doctoral position in economic evaluation at University of Heidelberg**

We are looking for a health economist with proven expertise in economic evaluation to join the team in Health Economics and Financing at Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH), the University Hospital, University of Heidelberg. The selected candidate will work within the framework of an EU-funded project which aims to develop, evaluate and disseminate strategies for the implementation and scaling-up of cost-effective mental health promotion and prevention strategies with different vulnerable populations in Europe. The economic evaluation will be conducted alongside five different large-scale implementation trials and one implementation study to be carried out within the framework of the aforementioned EU-funded project.

The project is run in collaboration with a large team of researchers located across nine different European countries. Hence, while the selected candidate will work most closely both with Dr Hoa Thi Nguyen, the senior researcher in charge of the project, and Prof. Manuela De Allegri, the PI located at HIGH, this person will also need to communicate with the broader research team and respond to the expectations of the overall project PI located in Copenhagen.

The selected candidate will have the opportunity to pursue a doctorate in Global Health with focus on Health Economics while employed on this position.

The appointment is for three years, starting as soon as possible, and with the possibility to extend the contract beyond the initial three years. A probation period of six months applies to all public sector employees.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

- Carry out the tasks of the economic evaluation component as outlined in the initial proposal while further developing the initial study design, data collection, analysis and writing plans;
- Assist the PIs and the research team with overall project management;
- Coordinate communication between the team located at HIGH and the other teams engaged in the project, in particular those in charge of the implementation of intervention studies and scaling strategies;
- Collaborate to other projects nested within the Health Economics and Financing Unit;
- Identify relevant complementary research questions with potential for further research and lead analyses/project development on these questions;
- Publish in peer-reviewed journals and present at international conferences
- Actively participate in the Group and Institute life (e.g., seminar series, workshops).

### **Required qualifications**

- Master degree in economics, health economics, development economics, social epidemiology (or equivalent qualification);
- Strong quantitative analytical skills, with specific knowledge of economic evaluation;
- Ability to work both independently and as a member of a multicultural team;
- Willingness to travel to different European locations for data collection and policy dissemination;
- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English.

### **Desired qualifications**

- Evidence of published research in peer-reviewed journals;

- Track record of writing grant applications;
- Project management skills;
- Knowledge transfer and policy dissemination experience;
- Good knowledge of written and spoken German and/or French;

**We offer**

- Research experience in a large cutting-edge interdisciplinary research team;
- Academic support and opportunity to develop your own research profile;
- Possibility to pursue an ad hoc training program to expand one's own skill-set;
- Pleasant work environment in an enthusiastic team of colleagues;
- Involvement in national and international collaborations;
- Support with developing your research career, with possibility to pursue a doctorate.

**Conditions**

The position is funded for three years at the German public service salary scale, equivalent to TVL 13/1 60%. This amount reflects the standard engagement of a doctoral student and is equivalent (or in fact superior) to what a doctoral fellowship would pay.

The position is open to applicants from all countries. The position is based in Heidelberg (relocation is encouraged), with visits to the other participating countries. Starting date is asap. Recruitment continues until we fulfil the position.

**Application**

Please send your CV, a cover letter expressing your motivation to join the team, copies of all relevant certificates and transcripts, and two reference letters, compiled in one pdf file, by email to Laura Di Lorenzo ([laura.di.lorenzo@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:laura.di.lorenzo@uni-heidelberg.de)). We will conduct interviews on a rolling basis. Please indicate the position reference number (V000011451) in all communication.

For questions related to the content of the position, please contact Prof. Manuela De Allegri ([manuela.deallegri@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:manuela.deallegri@uni-heidelberg.de)) or Dr Hoa Thi Nguyen ([hoa.nguyen@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:hoa.nguyen@uni-heidelberg.de))