

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Associate Mentor for the Scientific Communication Workshops and Mentorship Program

Background

With the financial support of Bloomberg Philanthropies, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) plans to collaborate with the Zambian Ministry of Health (MOH) to build the country's capacity and develop sustainable approaches in using scientific data to guide and support program decision making and policy development.

This will be done through the development and implementation of a **Scientific Communication Workshops and Mentorship program**. The aim is to develop a cadre of in-country scientific communications experts. Workshop attendees will include trainees in CDC's Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Zambia, staff in the MOH, universities, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations.

CDC will hire five part-time consultants who will work **8 hours per week as associate mentors in scientific communication**.

The 12-month part-time contract will start on March 21, 2016 and end on March 31, 2017. The position is located in Lusaka.

Associate mentor description

The associate mentor will provide 8 hours per week of teaching, coaching, and mentorship to FETP trainees and others who plan to write and submit scientific manuscripts and abstracts to journals and conferences. The associate mentor will also work closely with the senior mentor as well as the in-country project coordinator on issues related to the program.

Education requirement

- Master, PhD, Medical Degree, or equivalent in a scientific field (biology, epidemiology, medicine, or comparable) from an accredited university in Zambia or abroad
- Extensive teaching, research and proven writing skills

Skills and qualifications

- Knowledgeable in the subject matter: scientific research, preferably in epidemiology
- Experienced educator, who has taught in a classroom environment
- Experienced mentor, who has supervised students on writing projects such as theses, dissertations, or other publications
- Experienced writer, who has published in peer-reviewed journals in English

Duties and responsibilities

- **March 21 to 24, 2016 (4 days):** Attend a 4-day Training-of-Trainers (TOT) workshop (along with other mentors) where the mentors
 - Learn the concepts of adult learning and instructional strategies
 - Master the topics of the 2-week scientific communication course that they will teach
- **Between April 1 and June 2016:** Recruit and select the participants who will attend the scientific communication course and provide ongoing mentorship after the course

- **Between April and June 2016:** Deliver (teach) components of the scientific writing course on TWO different occasions as part of the 2-week scientific communication course
- **June 2016 (1 day to be determined):** Meet with the program leaders to review and evaluate the program, discuss expectations, next steps, etc...
- **April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017**
 - Provide ongoing mentorship to FETP trainees and others who attend the scientific communication course to help them publish articles in national and international scientific journals as well as abstracts and/or posters (8 hours per week)

Requirements

- Available to attend a TOT workshop for 4 days (March 21-24, 2016)
- Available to teach components of the scientific communication course on TWO separate occasions (Between April and June 2016)
- Available for a 1-day meeting to evaluate the program (June 2016, date to be determined)
- Available to provide 8 hours per week writing mentorship
- Meet education requirement as stated above
- Expertise in scientific communication in English, demonstrated by at least 5 English language first-authored manuscripts indexed in PubMed
- Fluency in English
- Full-time resident of Lusaka, Zambia

Salary

- 6,000 US\$ per year

Deadline for application

- Application deadline is March 7th, 2016. Selected candidates will have an in-person interview on March 14, 2016. The selected candidate is expected to start work on March 21, 2017.
- Online application is available at <https://form.jotform.com/60386152293153>