

Scientific Coordinator

Unit: Public Health Functions

Reference: ECDC/FGIV/2020/PHF-SC

Applications are invited for the above Contract Agent post at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

Job description

The jobholder will contribute to the implementation of one of ECDC's projects entitled EU Initiative on Health Security (EU HSI), specifically for the workforce-oriented capability building (MediPIET)¹.

The jobholder will report to the Head of Fellowship Programme, in the Public Health Training Section, Public Health Functions Unit.

He/She will be responsible in particular for the following areas of work:

- Identify, assess and promote project opportunities and assignments for the "learning by doing" training of the MediPIET fellows, including international assignments, considering the MediPIET core competencies and curriculum;
- Mentor fellows, developing a relationship by sharing experience, exploring expectations, clarifying the roles of coordinator, fellow and supervisor, and guiding both MediPIET fellows and supervisors;
- Provide technical support and monitor the fellow's progress;
- Coordinate the organisation of training modules, and their subsequent evaluation;
- Identify, review and develop content and training materials, applying learning methods, for modules, including practical case studies, blended learning, and train the trainers;

¹ MediPIET is an EU funded-regional Field Epidemiology Training Programme covering non-EU countries around the Mediterranean and the Black-Sea. For more information, visit ECDC website: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/new-eu-initiative-health-security-eu-neighbours>

- Contribute to the strategic development of the programme and its promotion;
- Further develop the MediPIET curricular guide and other key technical documents;
- Contribute to continuous quality improvement at host sites, providing support to supervisors in the development of their skills and techniques as trainers and mentors;
- Promote region-wide participation of national institutes in the training activities and encourage partners networking to share training resources;
- Closely liaise with the MediPIET partner institutions within the framework of the MediPIET “Training Sites” and “Training Centre Forum”;
- Collaborate with the ECDC Fellowship Programme (EPIET and EUPHEM), and with other relevant training programmes in the region;
- Represent MediPIET in relevant scientific meetings and conferences;
- Contribute to project management and administrative/budgetary oversight of training activities (e.g. modules, training site visits);
- Any other tasks related to his/her area of work as requested.

Qualifications and experiences required

A. Formal requirements

In order to be an eligible candidate you need to fulfil a set of formal requirements. These requirements are:

- Completed university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma and appropriate professional experience of at least 1 year ²;
- Thorough knowledge of one of the official EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another official EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of his/her duties³;
- Nationality of one of the EU Member States or of Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- To be entitled to his or her full rights as a citizen⁴;
- To have fulfilled any obligations imposed by the applicable laws on military service;
- Meet the character requirements for the duties involved; and
- Be physically fit to perform the duties linked to the post.

B. Selection criteria

To qualify for this post we have identified **essential criteria** in regard of professional experience/knowledge and personal characteristics/interpersonal skills.

Professional experience/knowledge:

- At least 3 years, (following the award of the diploma), of professional experience acquired in positions relevant to the job description;

² Only diplomas and certificates that have been awarded in EU member states or that are the subject of equivalence certificates issued by authorities in the said Member states shall be taken into consideration.

³ Candidates with a non-official EU language or English as their mother tongue must provide proof of their level of a second language with a certificate (B1 or more).

⁴ Prior to the appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate from the police file to the effect of non-existing criminal record.

- Strong methodological background in intervention epidemiology, demonstrated by working experience and a relevant list of reports and publications in scientific journals or epidemiological bulletins;
- Sound pedagogical skills and teaching abilities, proven experience of development and delivery of training, demonstrated by short descriptions in the Curriculum Vitae about the number and type of training activities developed and delivered;
- Strong mentorship skills, e.g. listening actively, setting and following protocols for expectations on achieving goals, handling disagreements, tracking progress, helping the fellow to acquire and apply new knowledge and attitudes;
- Strong skills in scientific writing, proven experience of oral and written scientific communication outputs;
- Excellent level of English, both written and spoken.

Personal characteristics/interpersonal skills:

- Excellent communication skills;
- Ability to recognise sensitivities in various international partner networks and organisations, reflecting organisational sensitivity, situational awareness and adaptability;
- Ability to work under pressure and manage multiple and competing tasks and responsibilities;
- Quality driven and results-oriented;
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships.

Depending on the number of applications received, the selection committee may apply stricter requirements within the aforementioned selection criteria.

Equal Opportunities

ECDC is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria without any distinction on grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, gender or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities.

Appointment and conditions of employment

The jobholder will be appointed on the basis of a shortlist proposed by the Selection Committee to the Director. This vacancy notice is the basis for the establishment of the Selection Committee's proposal. Candidates may be requested to undergo written tests. Candidates should note that the proposal may be made public and that inclusion in the shortlist does not guarantee recruitment. The shortlist of candidates will be established following an open selection process.

The successful candidate will be recruited as a contract agent, pursuant to article 3a) of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, for a period of four years in accordance with the project funding. The appointment will be in **Function Group IV**.

Applicants should note the requirement under the EU staff regulations for all new staff to successfully complete a probationary period.

For any further information on contractual and working conditions, please refer to the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities, which are available at the following link:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01962R0031-20140501>

The place of employment will be Stockholm, where the Centre has its activities.

Reserve list

A reserve list may be created and used for recruitment, should similar vacancies arise, including those with different contract periods, e.g. due to time-limited funding. It will be valid until 31 December of the same year as the application deadline and may be extended.

Application procedure

To apply please send a completed application to Recruitment@ecdc.europa.eu clearly indicating the vacancy reference and your family name in the subject line of the email.

For your application to be valid you must complete all required sections of the application form, which should be submitted in Word or PDF format and preferably in English⁵. Any incomplete applications will be considered invalid.

The ECDC application form can be found on our website here:

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/work-us/recruitment-process>

The closing date for the submission of applications and further information regarding the status of this selection procedure, as well as important information regarding the recruitment process, is noted on our website and can be found using the above link.

Due to the large volume of applications received, only candidates selected for interviews will be notified.

⁵ This vacancy notice has been translated into all official EU languages from its English original. As the language of day-to-day operations in the Agency is generally English, ECDC prefers to receive the application in English.