



Job Announcement: Program Associate, Africa

Duke Global Health Innovation Center and Innovations in Healthcare

Nairobi, Kenya

The Duke Global Health Innovation Center (GHIC), housed within the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI), studies and supports the scaling and adaptation of innovations and related policy reforms to address critical health challenges worldwide. It helps integrate complementary efforts across DGHI, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and Duke Health, developing an academic home for faculty, staff, trainees and students working on health/healthcare innovation and policy issues globally.

The GHIC is also affiliated with **Innovations in Healthcare**, a US non-profit organization co-founded by Duke University, McKinsey & Company, and the World Economic Forum, which is hosted at Duke. It aims to improve healthcare and advance health worldwide by sourcing, strengthening, scaling, and studying the best healthcare innovations globally. Its mission is to source, strengthen, study and scale promising healthcare innovations, increasing access to quality, affordable healthcare worldwide. Innovations in Healthcare has developed a network of 82 healthcare innovators (social enterprises) operating in over 70 countries.

Within the African region, GHIC and Innovations in Healthcare's portfolio spans both health systems transformation projects, innovator support and ecosystem strengthening initiatives. Our Africa team, which is based out of our regional office in Nairobi, works on these areas through diverse projects in collaboration with the US-based team while engaging a variety of stakeholders in the region.

The Africa Program Associate will be responsible for managing programmatic activities that provide deep and specific support to innovators and health systems transformation portfolio in Africa. This will include working on funded projects and supporting innovator engagement activities in the region. Additionally, the Program Associate will work closely with the Africa Regional Director and other team members to support broader ecosystem building initiatives including engaging key stakeholders and funders. The Program Associate will report to the Africa Regional Director in Nairobi. The Program Associate will be an employee of the Preferred Personnel Africa Limited (PPA).

Strong candidates for the role should bring experience in global healthcare, innovation and entrepreneurship, and/or private sector approaches to health and healthcare, in addition to strong analysis and writing skills.

This position is a one-year renewable contract and will be based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Work Performed

- Provide programmatic support to ongoing funded projects:

- Conduct policy research and analysis to contribute to the production of project deliverables related to the Regional Action through Data (RAD) and African Collaborative for health financing Solutions (ACS) projects
 - Engage with relevant country and regional stakeholders as part of project activities on RAD and ACS. The approaches to engaging them vary, and are aimed at supporting local decision makers in transforming their health systems.
 - Support convening of external stakeholders and technical teams related to RAD and ACS projects. This may include supporting convening of advisory panels and technical working groups.
 - Coordinate with regional partners and sub-contractors, the Accelerating Saving Lives at Birth (SL@B) project lead as well as with the Africa Regional Director to support relevant Accelerating SL@B programming activities in the African region
 - Identify potential linkages between programming within the funded projects portfolio and the Innovations in Healthcare innovator network management activities
 - Undertake other project related assignments based on the respective project work plans for the above projects
- Innovations in Healthcare Network Management:
 - Function as engagement manager to innovators with the Innovations in Healthcare network (primarily those based in Africa)
 - Undertake project management for strategic projects related to the scaling challenges of innovators within the network, acting as the primary relationship manager for assigned innovators to connect them with required resources and relationships to enhance their growth and impact.
 - Support the implementation and ongoing monitoring of various programs that provide capacity-building to healthcare innovators
 - Support student internship placements in projects with innovators in Africa
- Event Curation and Management:
 - Support the coordination and planning of GHIC and Innovations in Healthcare events, including events in Africa and in the United States
- Knowledge Creation and Business Development:
 - Work with colleagues to identify and develop knowledge products that highlight the impact of our impact in the region
 - Under the guidance of the Regional Director and Business Development Manager, support new business development opportunities through drafting proposals and reports to assist potential funders in their understanding of the value proposition provided by Innovations in Healthcare and GHIC

- Other duties:
 - Provide input to further all aspects of the Innovations in Healthcare and GHIC mission, including in areas related to research, impact investing, and ecosystem development
 - Provide additional ad-hoc project management support as required
 - Perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein

The above statements describe the general nature and level of work being performed by individuals assigned to this classification. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties required of personnel so classified.

Required Qualifications

Education/Training: Work requires communication, analytical and organizational skills generally acquired through completion of a bachelor's degree program.

Bachelor's Degree is required, Master's degree in relevant field is strongly preferred.

Proficiency in French is preferred

Experience: At least three years' experience in either public policy or health policy analysis and research is preferred

Experience in project management, with an excellent track record of managing large and loosely-scoped projects, and be able to deliver strong results.

Previous experience with healthcare entrepreneurs is preferred, as is experience working in the global health field.

Proven experience in developing a network of colleagues, companies and institutions, identifying important partners, maintaining relationships with and delivering value to them.

Or an equivalent combination of relevant education and experience.

Skills:

Self-Starter

Ability to stay calm under pressure and keep to deadlines

Excellent interpersonal skills

High levels of initiative and resourcefulness

Results orientation

Tolerance of ambiguity

Ability to travel internationally approximately 20% to 30% of the time

Equal Opportunity: Innovations in Healthcare and Duke University are Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employers committed to providing employment opportunity without regard to an individual's age, ethnicity, disability, genetic information,

gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

To Apply

Please send, via email, a cover letter and resume/CV to careers@edgeperformance.co.ke. The Subject Line of the email should read as follows: "Program Associate, Africa – [Last Name]."

Thank you in advance for your application.