Vacancy

Research Advisor Health Economics

Fulltime - based in Amsterdam (currently remote)

The PharmAccess Group

PharmAccess believes in doing healthcare in Africa better, especially for those who find themselves excluded. We aim to be an innovator and catalyst for practical changes that can be scaled up and improve how healthcare market’s function. This is key to advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the targets relating to the realization of Universal Health Coverage. We do this by mobilizing public and private resources for the benefit of doctors and patients through health insurance, mHealth innovations, loans to health care providers (Medical Credit Fund), clinical standards and quality improvement (SafeCare), as well as impact research and advocacy. The further digitalization of health care, leading to more transparency, accountability, real-timeliness, flexibility and ownership of beneficiaries is a key opportunity for Pharm Access to scale up interventions and improve the access to care in the countries we operate.

The Position

If you are interested in working at the forefront of digital health and development for Africa, in a dynamic, innovative, moderately activist, international, expert environment, and you like turning complex ideas into concrete, appealing publications, PharmAccess may be the place for you. We are currently recruiting a Research Advisor Health Economics to strengthen the PharmAccess Research and Learning team. The team consists of Prof Tobias Rinke de Wit (Global Health & Diagnostics; lead), Prof Wendy Janssens (Development Economics) and Dr Patricia Gomez (Research Advisor Clinical and Epidemiology).

In this position, you will work closely with various business lines of the organization, and with colleagues from our African offices and in particular our African and other (inter-)national research partners, the PharmAccess Communications and Advocacy teams. You will report to the Director Research.

Key tasks include:

- Coordination, guidance and technical assistance of African research partners that evaluate the impact of PharmAccess interventions
- Supervision/coordination of (junior and senior) researchers in the Netherlands as well as various African countries through all stages
- (Contribute to) the development of new research ideas and research proposal writing to secure funds for complementary research
- Conduct research (literature reviews, quantitative data analysis, manuscript drafting) on selected topics
- Contribute to dissemination of research findings (with PharmAccess Communications Team) through policy briefs, blogs/social media, conferences, presentations, mass media
• Active participation in general activities of R&L team (strategy development, activity planning, regular reporting, contact with country offices)

Qualifications & Requirements
• PhD in development economics, health economics or applied micro-economics. A PhD in business administration, business economics, or corporate finance will also be considered, conditional on quantitative expertise
• Proven interest in global health (operational) research, as evidenced by pertinent publications
• Experience / interest in supervising research by other scientists, including building research capacity in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)
• International research network, good networking and communication skills
• Good quantitative/econometric skills, including knowledge of Stata or R
• Experience in SQL is an asset
• Experience and/or an interest in mastering data visualisation tooling such as Power BI is an asset
• At least 3 years of experience working in LMICs or with research partners in LMICs
• Experience in research grant proposal writing
• Ability to work independently with limited supervision
• A flexible and pro-active work attitude
• Experience working in interdisciplinary, culturally diverse teams
• Interest in working on the intersection of science, operations and policy
• Ability to translate scientific findings into lay language / communications

PharmAccess offers
PharmAccess offers an excellent job opportunity in a dynamic international environment with solid working conditions and a branch conform salary. The position is for the initial period of one year with the intention to extend the contract. PharmAccess has a fulltime workweek of 40 hours, a collective pension scheme and a collective health insurance. We offer 25 vacation days a year based on a fulltime employment agreement.

How to apply
Suitable candidates are invited to directly apply by sending us their resume and motivation letter, and a piece of writing that is representative of their writing skills to recruitment@pharmaccess.org. Applications that do not include the above, will not been taken into consideration.

The deadline for application for this position is the 17th of January. For more information about our organization please visit www.pharmaccess.org or you can contact Tobias Rinke de Wit, Director Research at t.rinkedewit@pharmaccess.org.