

PROGRAM OFFICER FOR MHEALTH RESEARCH

Position Description

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The Georgetown University Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) is dedicated to improving the sexual and reproductive health of women, men and youth through a research-to-practice agenda. Our emphasis is on increasing access to and use of family planning, increasing fertility awareness through life-stage appropriate interventions, expanding access to fertility awareness-based family planning methods in an informed choice context, and developing scalable interventions to transform gender norms and catalyze the diffusion of social norms that support family planning. Cross-cutting themes in the Institute's work include the diffusion of social norms that support sexual and reproductive health, scale up of innovations, and incorporating gender perspectives in reproductive health. In partnership with a wide range of international and local organizations, IRH conducts research, builds capacity, and provides technical assistance to public and private-sector organizations in lower and middle-income countries and the U.S. The Institute is supported by grants from federal agencies and foundations.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Program Officer (PO) for mHealth Research will be responsible for managing the Dynamic Optimal Timing (DOT) study, providing input and support to the CycleBeads® App research activities, and promoting the dissemination and utilization of IRH's mHealth research results through various outlets including donor reports, peer review journal articles, presentations, and participation in mHealth and other relevant meetings, working groups and conferences.

The PO will provide expertise in quantitative and qualitative data management and analysis. S/he will work with IRH staff and technology partners to manage the day-to-day maintenance of the DOT study, providing support to participants, communicating and working with partners to address fixes to the app, conducting analyses of the data collected, and managing the dissemination – reviewing, writing, discussing data and results of various components of the DOT study (eg: mHealth, fertility awareness methods) through appropriate mediums.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Conduct and/or provide technical assistance in study design, methods, and quantitative data analysis across IRH solutions focusing on mHealth.
- Develop procedures and analyses of qualitative data.
- Communicate with Georgetown University and country-specific institutional review boards and monitor compliance with human subject protection procedures.
- Promote dissemination and utilization of IRH research and program results through donor reports, institutional publications, peer review journal articles, conference presentations, and social media.
- Day to day management of study participants and technology partners involved in mHealth work.
- Serve as point person for IRH collaboration in task forces, alliances, and business development initiatives; represent IRH at meetings, working groups, and conferences.

The ideal candidate will have a successful research track record including quantitative and qualitative data management and analysis experience. S/he will have experience managing relationships among multiple partners engaged in mHealth research including interviewers, data managers, and technology partners. S/he will also have a recognized commitment to empowering individuals and communities to improve their sexual health and the capacity to support men and women's reproductive health through increased fertility awareness, ensuring informed choice of a broad range of family planning methods, and addressing gender inequality.

QUALIFICATIONS

You are an applied researcher with....

- 2 to 4 years or more of post-graduate experience in research and evaluation in the areas of sexual and reproductive health (preferred)
- Ability to monitor study data and identify inconsistencies, articulate issues to team members, and problem solve solutions within the study team and collaborating organizations
- Demonstrated experience in research-to-practice efforts in the domain of sexual and reproductive health
- A track record in leading technical reports and peer reviewed articles
- Field experience in low/middle-income country contexts, preferably Africa or Asia
- Previous involvement with efficacy studies of family planning methods and/or other health services
- Experience conducting research involving mHealth

You are an effective communicator for both technical and lay audiences, with...

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills including abstract preparation and preparation of reports, publications, and presentations
- Expertise presenting data in diverse formats to communicate results to a variety of audiences including researchers, policy makers, and community members
- A sense of humor; resilience and ability to demonstrate grace under pressure with multiple and shifting priorities
- An ability to communicate effectively with study participants via phone, email, and chat on a daily basis

You have leadership skills, with....

- Strong leadership skills in areas such as fostering team work, developing and motivating others
- Proven ability to work effectively in multi-cultural teams and with technical and administrative staff and consultants
- Attention to detail and strong organizational skills
- High ethical standards and outlook of respect and dignity for all people

Your education, expertise and professional network includes...

- Graduate degree in public health, sociology, demography, or a related field
- Demonstrated ability to analyze data from multi-faceted research initiatives including quantitative data collection and analysis skills and use of service statistics, analytics, and other extant data to address research questions
- Track record of peer review publications
- Proficiency in use of statistical analysis packages (e.g. STATA, SPSS or SAS) and Excel
- Experience conducting research involving mHealth
- Experience managing communication with Institutional Review Boards
- Experience conducting quantitative, multivariate analyses

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