Researcher (University of Bergen and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC))

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Researcher
At the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, a permanent full-time (100 %) position as Researcher is available starting May 2022. The position is located at "Bergen Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting (BCEPS)" and funded through the NORAD project “Defining and integrating essential NCD interventions in national health systems” (RAF20/0032). The researcher will be seconded to the newly established Health Economics Unit (HEU) at Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). The Health Economics Unit (HEU) at Africa CDC was established in November 2020 to support the application of health economics across all Africa CDC’s pillars (surveillance and disease intelligence, laboratory systems and networks, preparedness and response, public health research and information systems). The HEU strategic pillars is to facilitates health economics focused capacity strengthening, research and advocacy across the continent, sub-regions and AU Member States.

About the project/work tasks:
Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting (BCEPS), situated at the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Bergen, is an interdisciplinary research center dedicated to studying the ethics and economics of priority setting in health. It provides decision support to countries on the path to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) - in partial fulfilment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
BCEPS seeks to build scientific and technical capacity in the field of health care priority setting in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by using established methods of priority setting and applying these to concrete priority setting challenges (e.g. defining national essential health care packages) in collaboration with local partners.

The objectives for this project are to:
Support the development of essential NCD UHC packages, train local experts in health economics and priority setting and develop recommendations for integrated delivery of priority interventions in many African countries through the health economics unit at Africa CDC. The project aims to support the implementation of recently developed Africa CDC HEU strategic roadmap (2022 to 2026), and priorities sets of activities by the HEU in close consultations of the Africa CDC Division of Disease Control and Prevention (and recently established Non-Communicable Disease sub-team).

Tasks for this position:
Generate evidence relevant for defining and implementing NCD UHC packages in multiple African countries, with particular emphasis on public health interventions and the double burden of infectious diseases and NCDs. Support different health economics research projects within the HEU, and horizontally support the implementation of the capacity strengthening and policy track workstreams. Work in collaboration with the “Fair Choices” team in BCEPS. This includes parametrising the priority setting model and use results in decision making processes in selected countries. - In consultation with the HEU head, develop proposals for the potential partners funding, and ensure adequate financial sustainability for the planned projects/activities. - Support policy dialogue with relevant stakeholders and government agencies in African Union Member States.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
- The applicant must hold a PhD degree in economics, public health, medicine, or a quantitative discipline (e.g., health economics, political science, epidemiology). It is a condition of employment that the PhD has been awarded.
- Solid knowledge of quantitative research methods for economic evaluations and broadly on the different application of health economics in the public health.
- The candidate must have in-depth knowledge about the health system of at least one or more of the African Union member states.
- Several years’ work experience in an academic, public health, experience working with Public Health Institutes, or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or other government institutions is an advantage.
- The candidate must have proficiency in spoken and written English Language.
- Personal qualities will be emphasized. The candidate should be able to work independently and interactively in a team setting, be motivated and responsible, have a great work capacity, and have commitment and enthusiasm for communication of research findings.
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**About the position of researcher:** The position of researcher is a permanent appointment, see premises. At least six months per year must be spent in Bergen.

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- Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment
- Salary pay grade 64 NOK 583 500 (code 1109/salary scale 24.8), specialist pay grade 66 NOK 604 700 (code 1109/salary scale 24.10) gross p.a. for a fulltime position; following ordinary meritizing regulations
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- Good welfare benefits

**Your application must include:**
- a brief account of the applicant’s research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- transcripts and diplomas (applicants with education from other countries than Norway must enclose witnessed diplomas in both the original language and authorized translations) and documentation of approved doctoral thesis
- complete list of publications
- publications (pdf) it is important that each of the scholarly works on which the committee should place special emphasis, is attached in its entirety
- two referees (name and contact information)

**The following premise forms the basis for the post as research scientist:**
- The research scientist should be a member of the research group in his/her field
- Salary costs should as far as possible be 100% remotely funded
- The research scientist should actively assist in acquiring external project funding for the academic environment, for both his-/herself and others, from The Norwegian Research Council, the European Union, and other sources
- The research scientist must expect to have his/her research activity funded by the project that the research scientist and its research group are working on
- The research scientist may hold positions of trust, participate in committees, boards etc. within UiB.
- The research scientist does not have a teaching obligation, but must expect to supervise Master- and PhD students to the extent that this forms a natural part of the research activities in the research group.
- The research scientist may apply for promotion based on competence according to the regulations for promotion
- The basis of the post is discontinued if project funding comes to an end, and the new law on Government employees etc. regarding termination of employment and preferential rights will be applied.

**General information:**
Further information about the position can be obtained from: Professor Ole Frithjof Norheim, e-mail: Ole.Norheim@uib.no, or Professor Kjell Arne Johansson e-mail: Kjell.Johansson@uib.no

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