Job posting: Post-doctoral fellow in Health Systems Policy and Implementation Science at Ben Gurion University of the Negev

We are seeking an outstanding and highly motivated candidate to work on several projects examining issues related to health systems policy and implementation science.

This post-doctoral fellow will be designing and implementing high quality health systems research and playing a central role in the development of exciting and innovative multidisciplinary initiatives to build research capacity, improve health outcomes and advance the field of health policy and implementation science research. Mentoring and training will be under the direction of Professor Moriah Ellen, in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Professor Ellen’s research program focuses on evidence informed policymaking, implementation science, overuse of health services and ageing in health.

THE POSITION: We are presently seeking a post-doctoral fellow to support the work of the Implementation Science and Policy Engagement Centre (IS-PEC) (currently being established). Through the center, we aim to: conduct high-quality interdisciplinary research on health policy and implementation science; develop and pilot educational initiatives that build and strengthen capacity to attract high-quality trainees from a variety of disciplines; and build a community of practice on implementation science and policy engagement towards health systems improvement.

THE APPLICANT: Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate an understanding of health policy and systems, implementation science, systematic reviews and mixed-methods research. Applicants should have the ability to design and implement research, synthesize information and review literature. Emphasis will be placed on leading original analyses, writing manuscripts, career development, and transitioning toward an independent research career.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Under the direction of the supervisor, and in collaboration with other members of the IS-PEC centre, the incumbent will perform the following duties.

- Conduct a review of relevant academic and grey literature to support the operationalization of research and capacity building priorities
- Conduct primary research as required by the project
- Support the development of funding proposals in response to identified research and capacity building priorities and/or emerging funding opportunities
- Support the development of a community of practice to strengthen curricular offerings and opportunities for engagement between faculty and trainees in the field of implementation science
- Supervise junior research students
- Prepare manuscripts for peer review publication
- Conduct other duties, as required.
This position is based at the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheva, Israel. International candidates are encouraged to apply. Depending on the constraints imposed by COVID-19, some remote work may be necessary.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Doctoral degree from a recognized academic institution in health sciences
- Must have obtained a PhD within the preceding 5 years
- Demonstrated familiarity with health policy analysis
- Demonstrated familiarity with implementation science theories, frameworks, and methods
- Experience synthesizing knowledge from health systems, public health, clinical, and/or social science disciplines
- Experience with grant and manuscript writing
- Solid qualitative and quantitative analysis skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills (in the English language)
- A record of original peer-reviewed manuscripts (with ideally some first-authored manuscripts)
- Excellent interpersonal and collaboration skills

SALARY: A scholarship of between 130,000-150,000 NIS per annum, depending on the candidate’s experience and qualifications

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit applications to ellenmo@bgu.ac.il

1. Cover letter describing previous achievements, research interests, career goals, and why the candidate is suitable for this position (maximum 2 pages)
2. CV including a list of relevant publications
3. 2 examples of publications
4. At least two academic references

CLOSING DATE: June 30th or until position is filled

EXPECTED START DATE: This position is available immediately and is anticipated to be for up to one year, with potential extension conditional on funding and performance. We anticipate that the candidate will not start later than October 1, 2021.

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