

JOB OFFER

Médecins Sans Frontières Suisse has a vacancy for a

Researcher (f/m)

within its Research Unit On Humanitarian Stakes and Practices (UREPH)

The Junior Researcher will contribute to the generation and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to humanitarian ethics and relevant to current MSF programs.

Context

Since 2011, humanitarian ethics has been one of the overarching themes of research conducted at UREPH. Humanitarian ethics draw from medical ethics, research ethics and other ethics frameworks (e.g. public health ethics), but it is a distinct and relatively novel field of investigations covering a wider range of issues.

At macro level, a number of ethical questions are frequently raised over the conduct of humanitarian action. At micro level, individual encounters between humanitarian volunteers and victims are often a source of ethical challenges, dilemmas and ultimately moral distress. Typically, these ethical challenges fall into four categories of situations: (i) the allocation of limited resources; (ii) conflicts with political, corporate or cultural environments; (iii) conflicts with internal agendas and action plans; (iv) professional demands that go beyond learned skills or accreditation.

When left unaddressed, these challenges are likely to be a source of moral distress, job attrition, and ultimately psychological distress.

Your Responsibilities

- Development of an autonomous research program on humanitarian ethics, based on the collections of empirical data from current or past experiences of humanitarian workers, including expatriate and national staff.
- Desk research and peer-reviewed publications.
- Presentation of research results in internal and external meetings
- Participation to other UREPH research projects and debates around biomedical ethics issues when required.
- Networking with other MSF sections, MSF psychologists, international organizations and academic groups
- Teaching, training and debates

Your Profile

- University-level education (not limited to biomedical sciences), with a **post-graduate degree** in ethics or related disciplines (social sciences, philosophy, psychology).
- Experience of humanitarian relief work, including emergency situations.
- Tangible research experience, leading to peer-reviewed publications in academic journals.
- Tangible interest in ethics and understanding of bioethics frameworks.
- Current or past membership in an ethics review committee will be an asset.



- Fully fluent in English and French.
- Availability to travel often.

Terms of Employment

- **Fixed-term** contract (24 months), full-time position (100%)
- Based in Geneva, with frequent field visits
- Ideal starting date: 15 February 2016
- Gross annual salary : CHF 89'604.-

How to apply

Interested candidates should forward their cover letter and curriculum vitae to maude.montani@geneva.msf.org, stating " Researcher 2016.01" in the subject line.

The deadline for applications is 24 January 2016.

The applications will be treated confidentially.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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