

The World Mental Health Survey Initiative

Job advert – Full time Biostatistician

Application close: 24 September 2014

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Salary: €1,400 to 2,000 per month, depending on experience

Duty Station: Modena (Italy) and Boston (USA)

Reference: BIO748_1302 - Full time Biostatistician

About the project:

The WMH Survey Initiative is a project of the Assessment, Classification, and Epidemiology Group at the World Health Organization (WHO) coordinating the implementation and analysis of general population epidemiologic surveys of mental, substance use, and behavioral disorders in countries in all WHO Regions. The WMH Survey Consortium includes nationally or regionally representative surveys in 28 countries, representing all regions of the world, and with a total sample size in excess of 250,000.

Main responsibilities:

The World Mental Health Survey Initiative is seeking to appoint a full time biostatistician analyst. The successful applicant will undertake statistical analysis on a large data set from The World Mental Health (WMH) Survey. He/She will work with senior psychiatrists and epidemiologists in the context of a new Italian WMH regional initiative supervised by the WMH Data Analysis Coordination Centre at Harvard University

Statistical analysis includes, but is not limited to, data reductions, causal modeling, survival analysis, and policy simulations. The successful applicant will also be responsible for data management and variable construction. He/she will ensure that tables, figures and text accurately reflect the results of the analysis. The successful applicant must be able to understand the statistical foundations behind models. He/she must independently prioritize tasks related to own responsibilities to meet goals and deadlines of the team.

Essential Requirements

University degree (MSc, MA or equivalent) in statistics, biostatistics, or related quantitative field; familiarity with standard statistical model fitting and checking techniques is a must. Three plus years of SAS programming experience. Fluent in written and spoken English.

About the Vacancy:

The successful applicant will be based at the University of Modena e Reggio Emilia in Modena and carry out remote statistical analysis accessing the Harvard WMH server. In addition, he/she will spend **three months of training at Harvard University (Harvard Medical School, Department of Health Care Policy) in Boston, USA**. He/she will also attend an annual remote analyst meeting in Boston for two weeks (travel allowance and living costs in Boston will be covered).

The post is full time, for a period of 1 year, renewable for five years, and is available from 20 October 2014.

The position allows for excellent networking opportunities, offers a top-level training at the Harvard Medical School, Department of Health Care Policy and is mainly based in a highly desirable location av 2h away from Venice, Milan and ½h from Bologna.

Applications

To apply, candidates should submit a one-page motivation letter outlining their experience in the related discipline, curriculum vitae including their contact information. Applicants should indicate that they are applying for the position in the subject line of their e-mail. Applications should include the names and email contacts of 2 referees who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Skype interview can be arranged.

Queries and applications should be sent to Dr. Anna Odone, anna.odone@mail.harvard.edu

Closing date for receipt of applications is: 24th September 2014. Regrettably, we are unable to consider applications received after this date.

