



## **RECRUITMENT OF A CLINICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE SWISS CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

The Swiss Center for Scientific Research in Côte d'Ivoire (Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques) celebrated its 70 years of existence in September 2021. The CSRS is the leader in conducting scientific research in Côte d'Ivoire as it produces 20% of the scientific publications recorded annually in the country through 4 research groups named as follow: Conservation and Development of Natural Resources (CVRN), Food Security and Nutrition (SAN), Environment and Health (ESA) and Governance, Societies and Economic Development (GSDE). Within the ESA group, CSRS is very active in entomological studies on malaria, arboviruses (yellow fever and Dengue) and neglected tropical diseases (lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, geo-helminths, schistosomiasis and trachoma). Regarding clinical and epidemiological studies, CSRS has conducted several studies with its partners from the North. The results of some studies have led to changes in treatment recommendations by the World Health Organization for diseases such as Lymphatic Filariasis in November 2018. However, it is important that the CSRS become more independent and active in conducting clinical research by having research-oriented medical staff as CSRS is increasingly in demand for full-time principal investigators by his partners. This will put CSRS in a strong position and to be competitive locally and in the region for the conducting clinical trials (clinical trials, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic studies) and epidemiological studies targeting pathogens (parasites, viruses, bacteria).

### **JOB REQUIREMENT:**

Against this background, CSRS is launching this call for applications to recruit a full time Clinical and Epidemiological Research Associate in order to fill the gap in medical personnel who will be dedicated to clinical research. To apply, the candidates should:

- have a degree in Medicine and a Master's degree (or a PhD) in Public Health or Epidemiology
- have 3-5 years' experience in a similar position
- have been granted for implementation of research projects after a competitive call.
- have the ambition to build his own research team 2-3 years after his recruitment.
- Be bilingual (French and English)
- have the ability to engage yourself in a research career (have been involved as investigator in a research project, have knowledge of writing a research protocol or a scientific article)
- have been author or co-author of scientific publications (this would be a plus)
- have the ability to work in an international and multicultural environment
- have the ability to work under pressure and outside normal working hours

- have the leadership and good communication skills
- lead data analysis and take the leadership in writing manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed international journals.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION :**

Reporting to the Director of Research and Development, the recruited candidate (Clinical and Epidemiological Research Associate) will perform the following tasks during implementation of the research project:

- 1- Select study sites and supervise the randomization of participants
- 2- Obtain informed consent
- 3- Perform a physical examination
- 4- Take medical history of participants
- 5- Evaluate adverse events
- 6- Report Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)
- 7- Monitor SAEs until recovery
- 8- Collect study data, complete/correct case report form
- 9- Administer medications to study participants
- 10- Participate in meetings in English or French
- 11- Provide clinical leadership and ensure completion of all clinical team tasks
- 12- Write mid-term and final study reports including results
- 13- Organize the field missions after having chosen the team members
- 14- Ensure the financial follow-up of the projects
15. Analyse the data collected and take the lead to write and submit manuscripts to peer-reviewed international journals

**Opening of the call for applications:** Tuesday, January 26, 2022

**Submission of applications:** January 26 to February 11, 2022

**Selection and interview of short-listed candidates:** February 14 to 20, 2022

**Start date:** March 1, 2022

**Duration of the contract:** **1 year** (12 months) in the first instance and with a possibility of longer renewal.

**NB: Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**

*The application file including a letter of motivation addressed to the DG of CSRS, a CV, copies of diplomas and proof of professional experience, must be sent by email in a single PDF file to: [recrutement@csrs.ch](mailto:recrutement@csrs.ch) with the subject: Attachment of Clinical research*

*and Epidemiology. Website: [www.csrs.ch](http://www.csrs.ch)*

**Deadline for submission of files: Friday, February 11, 2022 at 5 PM**

*Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to the interview which will take place at CSRS.*