

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Research Associate, Rwanda

• Location: Kigali, Rwanda

• **Deadline to apply:** 5 PM 26th April 2021, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

• **Length of Commitment:** 1-year renewable

• **Desired start date:** 15th May 2021

• Reports to: Research Manager/Research & Policy Coordinator

Application materials: <u>All applicants must complete and submit their resume and cover letter to the</u> address indicated below.

Innovations for Poverty Action was established in Rwanda in 2013 and has 10 active projects spanning across Education, Agriculture, Finance and Health. With 15 full time staff, a network of part-time field numerators of over 300, IPA Rwanda predominantly implements Randomized Control Trails in collaboration with leading Rwandan and international academics, the Government of Rwanda and other development NGOs to evaluate the impact of new development concepts to help inform future government policy and development projects.

Project and position summary:

IPA seeks a Research Associate for new research projects in agriculture, governance and education

Responsibilities:

The Research Associate will act as the lead project manager and will oversee all aspects of the research study, including timeline, partner relationships, recruit field staff, and researchers' relationships. The successful candidate will be detail-oriented and enthusiastic about managing field research projects. The Research Associate will work closely with academic researchers, partners, and other field staff to perform a variety of tasks which may include but not limited to: overseeing other project staff, coordinating the research collaboration between investigators and partners, designing survey questionnaires, running pilot exercises, refining the study design and survey instruments, programming instruments, managing survey teams, checking and analyzing data, cleaning data and assisting in preliminary analysis, assisting in the writing of project reports and policy memos, coordinating with local officials implementing the programs being evaluated, and supporting outreach to policymakers in country.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in economics, social sciences, public policy, statistics or related fields. Master's degree
 preferred
- Experience conducting social science or economic field research in Rwanda. Background in randomized control trials is strongly preferred
- Experience supervising data collection and teams of field workers, designing surveys and implementing programs strongly preferred

- Experience with data management and econometrics. Strong quantitative skills and advanced knowledge of Stata strongly preferred
- Experience with ODK-based electronic data collection platforms. Knowledge of SurveyCTO a plus.
- Demonstrated ability to manage high-level relationships with partner organizations. Experience working with government officials also a plus.
- Excellent management and organizational skills along with strong quantitative skills
- Flexibility, self-motivation, the ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently as a team player
- Ability to work in a culturally diverse team and maintain high professional standards
- Strong written and oral communication skills and complete fluency in English and Kinyarwanda is required

How to Apply:

PLEASE APPLY BY SENDING YOUR CV AND COVER LETTER, VIA EMAIL, TO info-rwanda@poverty-action.org. THE EMAIL SUBJECT SHOULD BE: RA-Your Name. For example, RA-JohnSmith

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 5 PM RWANDA TIME ON April 26th 2021. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS, ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.