

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Research Associate, Rwanda

• Location: Kigali, Rwanda

Deadline to apply: 5 PM 12^h October 2022, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

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

Desired start date: ASAP

• **Reports to:** Research and Policy Manager/Associate Research Manager

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

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 education,

Responsibilities:

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Liaise with Principal Investigators and Research and Policy Manager in the design of survey where needed
- Develop data collection protocols and data quality assurance protocol
- Conduct daily data quality checks
- Compile clean databases
- Assist the PI team in data analysis as requested
- Support research team with data collection, analysis and reporting on topics including the ongoing analysis within the embedded lab
- Support Embedded lab in their work to support TMIS analysis that aims to identify potential
 barriers in maintaining and updating the system as well as inconsistencies in the data across the
 other potential system linkages.
- Work with NESA Embedded Research Associate to support and analyze national-wide Comprehensive Assessment data.
- Support embedded lab work streams including data for decision-making, lab design, policy-driven evidence creation, and applying evidence to policy (e.g. supporting, capacity building, creation of education sector research group, conducting pilots using administrative data, etc.)

- Assisting in managing relationships with donors, partner organizations and researchers
- Produce technical reports for donor and/or other stakeholders (e.g. fieldwork reports)
- Keep the Research Manager and the PI team appraised of all project activities
- Training and managing a survey team that conduct surveys among study unit.
- Writing regular progress reports,
- As assigned by your supervisor, perform other tasks, which are consistent with your level in the organization.
- SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: Designated Project Field Managers, and overall oversight of the Field Officers

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Agricultural or Educational economics, social sciences, public policy, statistics or related fields, Master's degrees are preferred.
- Experience conducting social science or economic field research. 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 electronic data collection platforms. Knowledge of SurveyCTO a plus.
- Demonstrated ability to manage high-level relationships with partner organizations. Experience working with government officials, especially in Rwanda is 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 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:

Interested applicants meeting the requirements should fill an online application form and attach their Cover Letter, CV and Degree(s) through the following link: https://poverty-action.formstack.com/forms/iparwanda_research_associate_lego_foundation_iob_application_form_01_2022_copy

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 5 PM RWANDA TIME ON October 12th 2022. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS, ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.