Senior Program Officer for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Health Solutions for Development (100%)

Fondation Botnar is a charitable foundation established with the core purpose to promote the development and wellbeing of children; our focus is on health, nutrition and education in urban areas worldwide. Founded in Basel in 2003, we continue the philanthropic work of the Botnar family.

Our growing team of motivated experts is currently implementing a new strategy. The management office in Basel is the hub of our activities, responsible for the implementation of projects and programs together with partners in selected countries.

Job Context

Fondation Botnar aims to fund and support work in its focus areas in urban environments across seven to ten countries. To promote child health and wellbeing, as well as improve access to health care, the foundation builds on the enormous potential of digital health solutions and artificial intelligence designed to reduce health inequalities and advance health provision, particularly at the community systems level. In so doing, we harness the unprecedented momentum of the era of digital transformation. We are commencing this journey and plan to develop our country strategies via an emerging network of learning hubs across the world, where innovative solutions for child health and wellbeing can be tested, implemented and supported for scaling up and out.

Job Description

Reporting to the Chief Program Officer (CPO), the Senior Program Officer for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Health Solutions for Development will:

- Technically support Fondation Botnar’s existing partnership and project portfolio
- Liaise with new partners from the AI/digital science & technology sector and link them to country projects and programs
- Assist in technical feasibility assessments as well as the implementation of business plans
- Support partnership and project monitoring and evaluation
- Support research project assessments; assist in preparing research calls related to AI/digital science & technology

Specific Responsibilities

- Support in-country assessments of local ecosystems and the entrepreneurial capabilities of potential partners in AI/digital health
- Seek new opportunities and partnerships for large-scale implementation of AI/digital health solutions, both public and private; assist in technical discussions in the academic sector
- Assist in assessing local feasibility and challenges, including political and regulatory environments
- Foster tri-sector collaborations and support management of multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Develop Fondation Botnar policies and guidelines, according to the “Nine Principles for Digital Development” or similar guidelines, and assure their implementation in programs and activities
- Liaise with multilateral organisations such as WHO, UNICEF, ITU and others, as well as international bilateral development agencies
- Prepare regular analysis and progress reports as well as liaise with internal and external communications
- Assist our impact assessment team with data generation and analysis for monitoring and evaluation
- Represent Fondation Botnar at relevant public events and forums
- Perform any other duties as assigned
Qualifications

- Post-graduate degree in public health, development sciences, or engineering and technology
- At least seven years’ work experience in an AI/digital science & technology organisation, preferably in e-health or m-health, and three years’ work experience in a developing or transition country context
- Work experience in the private sector
- Strong existing network in AI/digital science & technology – SMEs and multinationals
- Extensive experience in innovation and project management
- Familiarity with monitoring and evaluation methodologies
- Experience in remote working contexts with team members and partners
- Skilled in analysis of socio-economic and political dynamics; knowledge of human rights and ethics an advantage

Desired Qualifications

Preference will be given to candidates who have:

- Advanced degree (PhD or Master) in technology field (engineering, informatics, biotechnology), with specialisation in AI/digital science & technology
- Strong track record in the regulatory field of AI/digital science & technology, preferably in different country contexts
- Work experience in government, multilaterals or not-for-profits

Desired Competencies

- Excellent understanding of the health sector and how technology can support it
- Outstanding technical knowledge in the field of AI/digital science & technology
- Ability to liaise with different stakeholders from diverse institutional backgrounds
- Commitment to excellence, yet with the wisdom and competence to be pragmatic when required
- Good diplomacy and negotiation skills; cross-cultural understanding
- Mentoring and coaching skills
- Ability to work with ambiguity and perform in a fast-paced environment
- Positive attitude; problem solver; high learning agility
- Ability to communicate and work with a diverse set of stakeholders, including staff, board members, local and global grantee partners from multiple cultural settings etc
- Strong initiative and commitment to meeting agreed goals and objectives
- Strong writing and editing skills in English; knowledge of German; French and Spanish an advantage

Our Offer

We work at the forefront of sustainable development and offer an environment in which entrepreneurial thinking, innovation, autonomy and team spirit is highly valued.

Located in central Basel, our staff can avail of state-of-the-art facilities and flexible working arrangements.

Application and Selection Process

The preselection of suitable candidates will be carried out by cinfo; www.cinfo.ch
Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application online by 2 April 2018.

Online application

Candidates should have a valid work permit for Switzerland.

For further questions please contact: recruitment@cinfo.ch or +41 32 365 80 02
First round of interviews: 23-27 April 2018 in Bienne/Switzerland (or by Skype)