

Applications are invited for Research Officer position in the anthropology/sociology of health for a multidisciplinary project, “Antimicrobial Resistance and Labour Migration Across Boundaries” at BP Koirala institute of Health Sciences Dharan Nepal. The position is with the Principal Investigator of the project, Dr. Deepak Kumar Yadav, Additional Professor, School of Public Health & Community Medicine and Co-Investigator, Prof. Paras K Pokharel Chie SPH&CM. In addition, the project offers an opportunity to work in close collaboration with Professor Jens Seeberg, Aarhus University, Denmark, and Professor Anita Kotwani, The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI), New Delhi, India, and be part of an international project team.

We are looking for an innovative scholar with a background in anthropology preferably with a specialisation in the anthropology of health and tuberculosis.

Appointments shall be a period of three years or completion of the project whichever is earlier. Last date of application submission is 12 November 2022. The successful candidate would be expected to take part in an international workshop held in Nepal during 26 November to 8 December 2022. A substantial research in Denmark is included in the third year of the project.

Position: Research Officer

Qualification: PhD / MPhil

Salary: Rs. 80,000 to 65,000/consolidated, depending on qualifications

Organization Name: BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences Dharan, Nepal

Organization Profile

B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS) was established on Jan 18, 1993 and subsequently upgraded as an autonomous Health Sciences University on Oct 28, 1998 with a mandate to work towards developing socially responsible and competent health workforce, providing health care & involving in innovative health research. The Institute, located in Eastern Nepal, has extended its continued health services through teaching district concept to Primary Health Care Centers, District Hospitals and provincial Hospitals in different districts of the region.

Research Context

The successful applicant is expected to participate in project activities pertaining to the project Antimicrobial Resistance and Labour Migration Across Boundaries in Northern South Asia

(AMR@LAB) (<https://projects.au.dk/amrlab>). This is a collaboration research project between BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS), Nepal, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI), Delhi, India, Aarhus University (AU), Denmark, South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, India.

Ordinary infections have been projected to become the most common cause of death by 2050 due to the increase globally of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The project AMR@LAB addresses the increasing global problem of AMR with a particular focus on the vulnerable category of labour migrants working in northern India and southern Nepal. The project develops a biosocial network analysis that makes it possible to link individuals, pathogens, workplaces, medicines and service providers into a comprehensive multi-scalar analysis of the dynamics between these actors as drivers of or barriers to development and transmission of AMR. This approach creates a shared analytical platform across the disciplines of anthropology, microbiology, public health and pharmacology that otherwise tend to work independently. The specific focus of the Research Officer will be anthropology of tuberculosis based on fieldwork in connection to the TB clinics at BPKIHS and NATA Biratnagar.

The position

The work requires mastery of ethnographic (qualitative) data collection under potentially challenging conditions and proven mastery of anthropological analysis; ability to conduct (or learn to conduct) mapping, survey and network analysis. While working independently and under supervision in the field, approaches must be coordinated and aligned with simultaneous data collection at VPCI, Delhi.

Applicants are asked to submit:

- a concise statement of motivation for applying for the position (max. 1 page)
- a maximum of five publications
- a CV stating experiences and qualifications of relevance to the position (max. 2 page)

Applicants, who are shortlisted, will receive a copy of the project description and shall, on this basis, develop a research proposal regarding the specific components that they shall be involved in (max. 3 pages). They will have **five days to submit** this document after receiving the project description. Guidance regarding the structure and content of the research proposal will not be provided.

The successful applicant will be expected to:

- develop their research within the framework provided by the project and under supervision of the project PI
- engage systematically and thoroughly with the literature of medical anthropology as well as other topics of importance to the project

- contribute to the development of theory of central interest to the project
- present their research at international meetings and collaboratively publish results in peer-reviewed, international scientific journals and in other forms, as required in the project
- contribute to the organisation of research workshops and international conference hosted by the project
- engage in necessary travel for project meetings in India, Nepal and Denmark, as per project needs
- work in an interdisciplinary team and be interested to contribute and learn beyond own disciplinary background

Qualifications

Applicants for this position preferably hold a PhD degree in the anthropology of health or a related field, or document by way of a signed statement by the main supervisor that a PhD thesis has been submitted with an expectation of a successful outcome, or MPhil in the anthropology of public health.

Applicants must document:

- substantial experience of ethnographic fieldwork in the field of health anthropology in Nepal, ideally regarding TB or other infectious diseases
- an interest in the anthropology of TB, infectious diseases and migrant health
- computer literacy (prior knowledge of Nvivo, SPSS, Gephi is an advantage)
- an international research profile
- fluency in written and spoken English and Nepali. Knowledge of regional languages will be an asset.

Assessment

*Please submit a maximum of five publications alongside your application.

*Only submitted publications will be assessed; a list of publications is not sufficient. As a result, applications without submitted publications will not be assessed.

*Professional references or recommendations should not be included. Applicants who are selected for an interview may be asked to provide professional references.

Application

A **CV (max. 2 page) along with five publications** and a **1 page cover letter** may be sent to **dryadav2005@gmail.com** with the acronym (**position title: RO**) in the **subject line**. The letter should outline how the candidate's background fulfils entry requirements. Last date of submission is 12 November 2022.