Global Research Associate JD

PAD is a small, but fast-growing global non-profit that uses tech, data science and behavioral economics to provide targeted information to farmers in developing countries. Providing the right information to the right people, in the right way and at the right time, increases incomes, protects the environment and improves well-being. We are evidence-based: we test our interventions with randomised control trials to prove our impact and cost effectiveness, to simultaneously learn from and improve our service, and also to demonstrate our value to funders and partners. There are few programmes in international development that are as demonstrably cost-effective as ours. We currently work in seven countries in Africa and Asia, and we are expanding as more governments and organisations look for innovative ways to use new technologies to get information to people across the developing world.

We are looking for a driven, creative and independent person to join a high-performing, flexible team as a Global Research Associate. You will work in a non-hierarchical team and have opportunities to work closely with PAD and affiliated researchers and substantially contribute to PAD's research programs that test new ideas and measure their impacts.

Responsibilities

The Global Research Associate will be responsible for the following main tasks:

- Work with PAD and affiliated Researchers to develop and implement a wide range of research projects, including randomized controlled trials
- Work with and support country teams to ensure that research projects adheres to policies, procedures, and timelines
- Conduct literature reviews and other desk research
- Develop and update project documentation regularly
- Manage, document, and clean project datasets and prepare them for analysis
- Assist in conducting data analysis
- Assist in managing partner relations and working with external stakeholders for implementation of field operations.
- Work with the project team to write project reports
- Work with PAD and affiliated Researchers to write research grant proposals, and journal articles.

Qualifications and experience

- A bachelor’s degree in economics, agricultural economics, public policy, statistics, or a closely related field.
- Strong understanding of economics and familiarity with randomized evaluations.
- Excellent knowledge of Stata or R or similar software for data analysis.
- Excellent organizational skills, detail-oriented, and ability to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Fluency in English. Demonstrated strong oral and written communication skills.
- Strong interest in and commitment to PAD’s mission to leverage technology to improve the lives of the poor at scale
- Ability to work under time pressure and solve problems creatively.
- Willingness to travel to project sites and conduct field work.
- Proficiency in using SurveyCTO or a similar program for survey design a plus.
• Experience working on field research in development economics.
• Experience working on agricultural programs.
• Previous work experience in developing countries.

Position details

• Full time
• Start date: May or June 2020
• Location: Boston; Kakamega, Kenya or Bhubaneswar, India
• Compensation: Commensurate with experience

To apply, please visit the PAD website and use the online application form. The job position will be reviewed on a rolling basis and we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Given the high volume of strong applications we have received, applications submitted after this date may not be reviewed.