THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER (IARC)

CANCER SURVEILLANCE BRANCH

ASSESSMENT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER COSTS

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) conducts international collaborative research projects with focus on cancer prevention, with a multidisciplinary approach and international environment. The Cancer Surveillance Branch (CSU) ensures the provision of global cancer data and statistics for cancer control action worldwide.

A postdoctoral opportunity is available to conduct research studies in health economics. The research programme includes collection, standardisation and evaluation of cost data to support planning of investments and evaluation of effectiveness of cancer costs. These studies are conducted in collaboration with Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology (Utrecht, Netherlands) as part of the ChildCan project designing a one-stop online resource of childhood cancer data funded by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports, the Netherlands.

The selected candidate will have an opportunity to acquire research experience in health economics including standardisation of enquiry, field data collection, specific training provision, data analysis and dissemination of results. Travels to selected countries will be required. The candidate will contribute to the project under the joint supervision of Dr Eva Stelianova-Foucher (IARC) and Dr Henrike Karim Kos (Princess Máxima Center) and will be affiliated for similar periods of stay to both institutions. The postdoctoral scientist will be able to build a strong network of international scientists.

Postdoctoral scientists at IARC have access to a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines and to a unique network of collaborators across the world. IARC welcomes around 60 postdoctoral scientists, at any one time. For more information about postdoctoral stays at IARC, please read the Postdoctoral charter here. For more information about IARC, please consult IARC's Welcome Pack and ECVS Frequently Asked Questions.

To be considered, an applicant is expected to hold a PhD in health economics, medical statistics, epidemiology or other related discipline. Publication record is mandatory, as is understanding and experience with collection or analysis of cost data. Excellent knowledge of relevant analytical software is essential. Proficiency in languages other than English would be an asset.

The postdoctoral opportunity is available as of September 2024 for one year with a possibility of extension. The current IARC postdoctoral stipend is € 2,950 per month. The cost of travel for the successful candidate, and in certain circumstances for dependants, will be met. Dependence and health insurance allowances will be paid, if applicable.

An application should include a cover letter and curriculum vitae including full list of publications and contact details of two academic referees. Applications from nationals from low- and middle-income countries are particularly encouraged. Queries about the opportunity and applications can be sent to ccs@iarc.who.int.

Closing date for the applications: 21 July 2024.