



POSTDOCTORAL OPPORTUNITY - IMPROVING CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL THROUGH RESEARCH FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT EARLY DETECTION, PREVENTION AND INFECTIONS (EPR) BRANCH

Location: International Agency for Research on Cancer / World Health Organization, Lyon, France

Deadline for applications: 20 May 2026

Duration: 1 year, with possibility of renewal

Stipend: 3,162€ per month (net), with year-end annual review.

Contact and Required Documents:

Applicants should send a **motivation letter** in English and a **CV**, including list of publications and a description of previous academic and professional experiences, as well as the names and addresses of two referees, by email to: niehause@iarc.who.int with the subject header: **“IARC Postdoctoral Opportunity 06/2026 - Improving Cancer Control through Research for Implementation”**

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is a multi-disciplinary research institute based in Lyon, France. It is an independently funded institution, and a specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organisation. The particular focus of IARC is international collaborative research projects cutting across a wide range of disciplines including cancer epidemiology, aetiology, genomics, carcinogenesis, prevention and early detection.

The Early Detection, Prevention and Infections branch (EPR) aims to generate evidence on efficacy, effectiveness and programmatic implementation of different cancer prevention and early detection interventions. The branch also informs guidelines and policies in cancer control.

We are actively seeking a motivated postdoctoral scientist to join our team and contribute to projects in various countries by co-designing, implementing and evaluating cancer screening projects and initiatives, assessing its integration and impact within health systems, and collaborating on the development of context-appropriate strategies to enhance the programmes through research for implementation.

Project background:

This postdoctoral opportunity centres on public health and health systems research in cancer control. The main objectives are to: (1) Co-design tools and frameworks for implementing and evaluating cancer early detection projects and initiatives (2) Monitor implementation fidelity and process outcomes (3) Assess scalability of ongoing projects and initiatives

Activities:

The selected candidate will be under the supervision of Dr Arunah Chandran (Public Health Officer, EPR Branch) and will closely collaborate with other members of the team to enhance competencies in the following activities, among others:

- Assess potential capacity for new cancer screening projects and initiatives
- Co-design tools and frameworks with stakeholders for implementation and evaluation of cancer screening projects and programmes
- Analyse quantitative and qualitative data emerging from projects to monitor fidelity and outcomes
- Write scientific reports and manuscripts
- Present research findings at meetings and conferences



Your profile:

The successful candidate would ideally have:

- A PhD in Public Health or Health Systems and Policy (completed within the last 5 years), or an MD with a master's or postgraduate diploma in Public Health or a related field.
- Training or documented experience in implementation research, or in the implementation and evaluation of public health interventions.
- Full oral and written proficiency in English.
- Experience in scientific report/manuscript writing
- Experience or training in data management and analysis.
- Training in a cancer-related field.

We offer:

The postdoctoral scientist will evolve in an innovative and scientifically stimulating environment and will have opportunities to interact and collaborate with colleagues from IARC and its worldwide networks.

The cost of travel for the postdoctoral scientist, and in certain circumstances for dependents, will be met. Dependence and health insurance allowances will be paid, if applicable. IARC postdoctoral scientists are based full-time in Lyon and are expected to be in-person at the office the majority of time, whilst allowing for attractive flexible work arrangements to help promote a healthy work-life balance.

For more information about postdoctoral stays at IARC, please read the [Postdoctoral charter](#). For more information about IARC/Early Career and Visiting Scientists at IARC, please consult IARC's Welcome Pack and [ECVS Frequently Asked Questions](#).

We value diversity:

IARC is committed to achieving [gender parity and geographical diversity in its members of Personnel](#). Applications from people with disabilities, and nationals of low- and middle-income countries are particularly encouraged. IARC currently has more than 400 personnel members from almost 60 countries. Postdoctoral scientists at IARC (about 70, at any point in time) have access to a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines and to a unique network of collaborators across the world.