

Research Manager – GiveDirectly

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Company: Jobspaddy

Location: Yaounde

Category: other-general

Responsibilities :

Support GD Fundraising and Field Operations teams funding bids through engagement with research partners (where relevant) and project funders and supporting the development of appropriate project monitoring and evaluation plans for instance, choice of indicators, sampling techniques, and evaluation design.

Design quantitative surveys and qualitative interview guides in collaboration with the data and country teams and perform cognitive testing and piloting of data collection instruments.

Work with Field Operations to develop and support ongoing monitoring and evaluation and initiate evaluations of non-experimental GD projects.

Perform data quality checks for ongoing GD internal research and project evaluations.

Conducting primary data analysis for internal and externally funded non-RCT projects and providing statistical and analytical support to Field Operations teams.

Write high quality reports and support internal and external stakeholders by critically reviewing reports.

Conducting literature reviews as requested and keeping abreast of findings from relevant research.

Support the current Research Manager in preparing, maintaining, and updating GD's research knowledge databases.

Undertake other administrative duties related to GDs research projects, such as participating in internal meetings, arranging and facilitating research brown-bag sessions, coordinating dissemination of internal research and country program reports, and maintaining research documents.

Core competencies and experiences

At least a Masters degree in Economics is required with graduate-level coursework on econometrics, impact evaluation, and economic development.

At least 3 years of experience in research and development work, preferably in countries where GiveDirectly works.

A strong understanding of economic development and the drivers of poverty reduction;

Demonstrated experience in quantitative research methods and data analysis. Demonstrated expertise with relevant software tools (R, Stata, SurveyCTO). Experience in experimental / quasi-experimental research studies (e.g. RCT, RDD, PSM designs) would be an advantage but is not essential.

Demonstrated experience in qualitative research – competent in qualitative research design, interview guide development, undertaking interviews / Focus group discussion. Expertise in qualitative analysis, integration of qual and quant in design and analysis would be an advantage but is not essential.

Communication – be equally comfortable having a technical conversation with program specialists and Field Operations teams as you are describing an evaluation in straightforward terms to a donor who has neither program nor contextual knowledge. Experience communicating project evaluation in a clear and compelling manner with a range of internal and external audiences — both verbally and in writing is crucial in this role.

Research stakeholder management – speak the language of researcher and project management specialists to design and conduct high quality evaluations, predict and over risks and deliver on time and to budget.

Project management – experience in multiple large-scale projects, project risk management, stakeholder communications, and maintaining project tracking systems.

Knowledge synthesis – experience conducting literature searches (e.g. through Google Scholar alerts, research circulars, Twitter) and summarizing complex academic papers and non-academic reports into key findings / talking points in straightforward, non-technical language.

Alignment with and active demonstration of our core competencies: emotional intelligence, problem solving, project management, follow-through, and fostering inclusivity. We welcome and strongly encourage applications from candidates who have personal or professional experience in the low-income and/or historically marginalized communities that we serve.

Compensation:

GiveDirectly offers a competitive salary and benefits package, commensurate with experience.

At GiveDirectly, we strive to pay our employees generously and equitably. We use an accredited third party salary aggregator to ensure that staff's total compensation package (base compensation + bonus) falls within the 75th percentile of similar roles, at similar organizations. We also have a no negotiation policy to ensure we are paying staff equitably across roles.

The **United States** base salary for this role is \$81,400.

The **UK** base salary for this role is £55,600

The **Kenya** base salary for this role is \$48,000.

This role is fully remote, so if you are not based in the US, UK or Kenya, we will share an estimated salary benchmark for the country you are based in during the hiring process.

Read more about our ongoing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and about our decision to move our central support teams to remote first .

About the hiring process

Format: The hiring process follows the same general outline for all open roles:

First interview (30 mins)

Take home skills assignment (~2 hours)

Second interview (1 hour)*

Third interview (1 hour)*

Final interview (1 hour)

Reference checks (30 mins each)

*For some roles, second & third interviews are combined into a panel interview. If there are adjustments or variations on this process, those changes will be communicated during the first interview.

Venue: We conduct interviews over Google Meet with camera on (unless communicated otherwise).

Accessibility: Closed captioning is available during all Google Meet interviews, and interviewers will also post interview questions in the chat box throughout the call. If you need assistance accessing either of these features, please let your interviewer know at the start of your interview!

GD is committed to observing all local, national and international laws that protect children, vulnerable adults, and basic human rights of all. GD is committed to a policy of “zero tolerance for sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (SEAH)” and expects anyone who works for GD to uphold the protection and safeguarding of our recipients as a priority.

More Information

Salary Offer \$50.000 ~ \$100.000

Academic degree Masters

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