International Risk Communications Specialist – Nossal Institute for Global Health

Nossal Institute for Global Health at the University of Melbourne is seeking an experienced Risk Communications Specialist to work on a newly funded ‘One Health’ project by the Asia Development Bank. Under this project, a collaborative approach will be taken to the provision of capacity development and advisory support to assist the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and other Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) countries in preventing outbreaks of emerging infectious diseases, including strengthening planning and implementation capacity for One Health in the future.

The position will develop, assess, and recommend ways to effectively communicate risks related to animal and human diseases; develop communications strategies which engage social media and knowledge management plans including packaging and dissemination of information; and synthesise and review evidence on risk communication approaches relating to One Health applied in the PRC and GMS through the pandemic so far, for the purpose of identifying lessons learned and informing future risk communications efforts.

This is a part-time consultancy position, equivalent of 5 person-months over a two-year period (until June 2022).

Candidates will have demonstrated experience developing and implementing strategic and tactical communications plans, including knowledge and understanding of the concepts and issues relevant to epidemic outbreaks and preferably in the PRC and/or GMS. Proven writing and editing skills, and the ability to convey complex ideas in a clear, direct and lively style is essential; as well as the ability to leverage social media and online communication tools. Demonstrated client orientation and strong interpersonal skills are expected.

Further details can be obtained from the Position Description. For any queries please contact clare.strachan@unimelb.edu.au (please do not send your application to this address).

Candidates are requested to submit a CV (maximum 4 pages) and covering letter to Nossal-HR@unimelb.edu.au with “Application – International Risk Communications Specialist” included in the subject line.

Applications close – 5:00pm Monday 14 September 2020.

Nossal Institute for Global Health is committed to workplace equity and diversity and encourages applications from candidates with diverse cultural backgrounds and people with a disability.

Relevant background checks will be completed prior to the preferred candidate’s employment being confirmed. **Please No Recruitment Agencies**