



Amazon Researcher & Program Associate

Position Description

Health In Harmony is a planetary health non-profit poised to continue to grow and expand internationally and domestically. We are a team of passionate individuals excited about working together and committed to supporting each other as we pursue our vision to create a healthy planet with healthy people.

Title: Amazon Researcher & Program Associate

Department: Programs

Reports to: Program Director

Status: Full-Time (40 hours/week), Contract

Location: Portland, OR, or Brazil

Salary & Benefits: A competitive monthly contract will be provided with potential to extend

BACKGROUND

Health In Harmony provides communities with the resources needed to design solutions to live in harmony with their environment. Founded in 2005, we've been working with our cornerstone partner, ASRI, in Indonesian Borneo to reduce illegal logging in Gunung Palung National Park, an ecological treasure with approximately 2,500 of the world's remaining, endangered, Bornean Orangutans. To be able to cease logging the Park, communities designed an intervention encompassing high-quality health care and training in alternative livelihoods and, with those resources, have now reduced logging households by 88% while increasing health outcomes and income. Health In Harmony has now expanded to a second site in Borneo and is actively scouting new sites around the world and working with grantors to fund significant expansion. One of the most precious and important rainforests, the Amazon, is HIH's next hopeful site for expansion

The Amazon Researcher & Program Associate will conduct comprehensive desktop research to support HIH in these expansion efforts. The researcher will also have the opportunity to support a site assessment in August 2019 under an expanded contract opportunity. Research will involve a comprehensive understanding of the Planetary Health landscape, shifting political policies trends and impacts, conservation trends and challenges in the Brazilian Amazon. Collectively, this research will inform our in-country assessment and partnership-based approach to Planetary Health, which will launch in 2019. The intricacies of these programs will continually evolve and expand and your input and support in these efforts will be key to our overall ambition to scale globally.

POSITION DUTIES

Desktop Research (80%)



- Develop literature reviews
- Conduct historic and current analysis of news, articles, and incorporate voices from the community (local indigenous knowledge)
- Collect and analyze data as needed on Amazon forest cover and communities
- Prepare materials for submission to granting agencies and foundations
- Maintain accurate records of interviews, safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects, as necessary
- Provide ready access to all research and data for the HIH Program Director
- Manage and respond to project related email
- Attend program meetings and host bi-weekly updates on research findings
- Attend area seminars and other meetings as necessary
- Summarize research results
- Prepare progress reports
- Travel to field sites to collect and record information as appropriate to the specific objectives of the research
- Conduct and record face-to-face and/or telephone meetings with potential conservation and health partners, in accordance with predetermined interview protocol and documentation standards
- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned
- Write and contribute to potential publications
- Assist with preparation of all educational and training workshops and evaluation strategies
- Support development of radical listening, assessment and evaluation tools

Partnership Cultivation (20%)

- Engage conservation, health and planetary health community partners in research
- Engage communities and local leaders to support accurate assessment and cultivate connection for assessment trip in August 2019
- Develop collaborations with local researchers and supporters to further the program research, assessment, and launch

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- 3-5 years of relevant research and program coordination experience
- Masters or PhD degree in relevant field (conservation, public health)
- Experience living, studying, teaching and/or working with indigenous communities and/or rural communities
- Self-starter with ability to take initiative and drive projects independently
- Excellent oral, written, and cross-cultural communication skills required
- Strong administrative and organizational skills, meticulous attention to detail, and ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously



- Excitement for working in a fast-paced culture with a high tolerance for ambiguity and the flexibility
- Must have strong problem-solving skills and interest in streamlining and improving research processes
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Experience building relationships across fields
- Bring creativity and enthusiasm to our shared mission and vision
- Expert English language and writing skills

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with the aim to start as soon as possible. Please send a resume and cover letter detailing your relevant experience and interest in the role and organization to ashley@healthinharmony.org.