

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Research Associate
Program:	Program on Global Health and Technology Access, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University
Reports to:	Anthony D. So, MD, MPA, Director, Program on Global Health and Technology Access

This position provides an opportunity to help build the Program on Global Health and Technology Access (GHTA). The Program on Global Health and Technology Access is a program of scholarship, policy convening, and teaching on globalization and health equity, particularly viewed through the lens of innovation and access to health technologies. As part of its work, the Program explores alternative policy models and strategies of R&D that would advance access to essential medicines, especially for those in the developing world; investigates patterns of the ownership and sharing of knowledge to improve innovation of such health technologies; and organizes policy convenings of key stakeholders on these issues. The Program serves as the Strategic Policy Unit of ReAct, a global network committed to combating antibiotic resistance. The Program also oversees two grants from the National Institutes of Health: one on “Building a Technology Trust in Genomics,” which focuses on the collective management of intellectual property rights to better enable innovation and affordable access to technologies and also considers alternative norms of research that would enhance R&D for neglected diseases; and another on the “Political Economy of Tobacco Control in Southeast Asia,” a regional research and capacity building effort that serves to enable those in Southeast Asia to respond more effectively to the challenge of tobacco use for the long term and on their own terms. The Research Associate will be based at Duke University, with the potential for some travel.

Major Responsibilities:

- The Research Associate will support Program activities on access to medicines and how the control of knowledge shapes innovation / globalization and health equity, including research on topics such as:
 - The innovation of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics, especially for resource-poor settings;
 - New approaches for health research and development, such as collaborative research and open science arrangements, and financing and procurement mechanisms; and
 - Intellectual property incentives and disincentives, including humanitarian licensing practices, patent pools, and other strategic ways to manage innovation and intellectual property for the public’s interest.
- Research activities may span both quantitative and qualitative analyses, possibly including such areas as case study interviews, survey development, patent and citation landscaping, social network analysis and research pipeline analysis.
- The Research Associate will develop strategic policy convenings around innovation and access issues, with responsibilities including setting topics for exploration, working closely with participants to create agendas, activities and objectives, and ensuring the successful execution and follow-up to such hosted meetings.

- The Associate will contribute to the various research outputs of the Program, including policy briefs, journal articles, and professional presentations.
- As needed, oversee and manage research and program assistants (both full-time employees and part-time students).
- Additionally, the Associate will support the Director in other Program activities as needed.

Experience and Training:

- PhD, DrPH, MD, or comparable doctoral degree, preferred focus in public health, public policy or other relevant field; or MPH, MPA, or equivalent graduate training in public health, public policy or other relevant field, with equivalent professional experience.
- Background or demonstrated interest in topics surrounding globalization and health, innovation and access to medicines.
- Research experience, particularly with quantitative data, and strong writing and policy analytic skills highly preferred.

Skills and Abilities:

- Prefer experience with data collection and/or analysis for research on innovation and access to health technologies.
- Outstanding initiative and ability to work independently and solve problems creatively.
- Highly organized with excellent ability to set priorities among multiple tasks.
- Strong interpersonal, teamwork, and communication skills essential, preferably with a track record of organizing activities and/or managing staff or projects
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet searches.
- Project management experience preferred

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, *curriculum vitae*, writing sample(s) preferably demonstrating policy analytic skills, and the names of three references to ghta@duke.edu. As we seek to fill this position in the near future, applicants should indicate their interest as soon as possible and their date of availability. If you have any questions regarding the position, please submit them in writing to ghta@duke.edu. **Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled, but to assure fullest consideration, please apply by June 15.**

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