Communications Advisor at Bergen Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting in Health (BCEPS)

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Communications Advisor
We want to be at the forefront of contemporary science communication - are you the one to help us get there?

At the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, a full-time permanent position as Communications Advisor is available at Bergen Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting in Health (BCEPS). BCEPS has been awarded Centre of Excellence (CoE/SFF) status as from 1 September 2023.

Norwegian Centres of Excellence are funded by the Research Council of Norway and aim to give Norway’s best researchers the opportunity to achieve ambitious scientific objectives through collaboration. The research conducted at the centres must be innovative and have the potential to generate ground-breaking results that advance the international research frontier. BCEPS has existed since 2019 and is already involved in a wide range of national and international applied research activities (see BCEPS PROJECTS). As a Centre of Excellence, it will build upon this base with the aim of becoming a world-leading research environment capable of developing a new ethical framework for achieving fair priorities in health.

Bergen-based staff members at BCEPS include professors, senior researchers, postdoctoral and PhD research fellows. BCEPS also has an extensive network of collaborative partners that include universities (e.g. Addis Ababa, Harvard, LSE, Muhimbili, Oslo, Washington, York), international organisations (e.g. Africa CDC, WHO, World Bank) and national ministries of health (e.g. Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Nepal, Norway, Tanzania, Zanzibar).

The Communications Advisor will be responsible for communications and outreach to support the work of BCEPS researchers both nationally and internationally. This will require extensive interaction with the research community, health professionals and organisations in the health sector, as well as national/international media. The main working language at BCEPS is English.

The Communications Advisor will report to and work closely with the BCEPS administrative lead in Bergen. The position will be based in Bergen where the Communications Advisor will become an integrated member of the BCEPS community and have close proximity to BCEPS researchers and project activities.

The primary work tasks of the Communications Advisor will include:

- Communications strategy and action plan (development and implementation).
- Outreach and dissemination (national and international) of research activities and results (e.g. press releases, media contact, web, social media, podcasts, blogs, and other relevant channels).
- Promotion and support of internal and external events (local/national/international).
- Coordination of content production (written/audio/visual), including for teaching purposes.
- Support in the preparation of reports, applications and similar.
- Operational responsibility for existing and new channels of communication.
- Collaboration with the UiB communications community at all organisational levels.
- Other tasks in agreement with BCEPS centre leadership

Qualifications and personal qualities
Requirements for the position:

- Higher education in a relevant field, minimum bachelor’s degree. Extensive, relevant practice combined with relevant continuing and further education may compensate for a lack of formal education.
Knowledge and experience in a relevant field (e.g., research dissemination, science communication, journalism, web communications, event promotion, professional editing).
High level of digital competence, including practical experience from content production.
Excellent English and Norwegian language skills, written and spoken.

Desirable skills for the position include:
- Technical knowledge and experience from video and/or podcast production, incl. editing skills.
- Previous experience from areas of research and/or policy relevant to BCEPS project activities (e.g., ethics, health economics, Universal Health Coverage, climate and health, medical interventions).
- Experience with Adobe software (e.g. Premiere Pro, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator).

The ideal candidate for this position will have the following personal qualities:
- Positive to working in an international and multi-cultural environment.
- Creative and solution oriented. • Unafraid of taking on challenging/complex assignments and learning new skills.
- Happy to have a "hands on" approach in a fast-moving, international environment.
- Good collaborative and communication skills, able to adapt to different audiences.
- Ability to work independently in a structured and targeted manner.
- Flexible and willing to step in to support a wide range of centre-related tasks.

The assessment of the applicants will place a high emphasis on the applicant’s personal qualities.

We offer:
- A positive and professionally challenging working environment.
- Opportunities to travel in Norway and internationally in connection with project-related activities.
- Salary at pay grade 63-68 (code 1434) in the state salary scale, currently annual salary of NOK 615 700 - 667 700,- gross p.a. before tax. A higher salary may be considered for particularly well qualified applicants.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- Good welfare benefits.

General information:
Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting BCEPS administrative lead, Maria Sollohub (email: maria.sollohub@uib.no; tlf. 91585623).
The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

For further information about the recruitment process, click here.

About the university:
The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are five departments and eight centres at the Faculty of Medicine.

Read more about the faculty and departments.

Jobbnorge ID: 250229, Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2023