



## TECHNICAL ADVISOR, RESEARCH

### Vital Strategies

Vital Strategies, headquartered in New York City, is an international public health organization. Our programs strengthen public health systems and address the world's leading causes of illness, injury and death. We currently work in 73 countries, supporting data-driven decision making in government, advancing evidence-based public health policies and mounting strategic communication campaigns. Vital Strategies' priorities are driven by the greatest potential to improve and save lives. They include non-communicable disease prevention, cardiovascular health promotion, tobacco control, road safety, obesity prevention, epidemic prevention, environmental health, vital statistics systems building and Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis treatment research. Our programs are concentrated in low- and middle-income countries and cities in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Please visit our website at [www.vitalstrategies.org](http://www.vitalstrategies.org) to find out more about our work.

### The Position

Vital Strategies is looking for a qualified candidate for the position of a Technical Advisor, Research. This position supports the China CDC Tobacco Control Office and the Tobacco Control Program Team at Vital Strategies China Office in enhancing existing research projects, identifying new research topics and establishing research programs to advance tobacco control policies in China, including interpretation of data for health policy, NCD and beyond. S/he will work closely with the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union); the leading partner on this program. The position is based in Beijing and the incumbent will report to the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of the Vital China Office.

### Specific Duties

- Assist the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of the Vital China Office in drafting policy recommendations based on policy analyses and support the Tobacco Control Department at the Union in producing relevant position papers in the China context;
- Monitor activities of the tobacco control agencies and tobacco industry in China daily. Conduct interviews with key stakeholders, as needed, to collect information and regularly share intelligence with The Tobacco Control Department at the Union and discuss any actions needed;
- Work closely with The Tobacco Control Department at the Union in planning of activities to strengthen implementation of tobacco control policies, including those that strengthen implementation of local laws and those that counter industry movements and strategies;
- Coordinate with Bloomberg partners in the planning and implementation of tobacco control activities particularly related to strengthening policy implementation and countering industry movements in China, including disseminating and adapting relevant materials for China;
- Play a leading role within the full research cycle of the program from initiating new research ideas, reviewing literature, designing research and developing proposals, identify funding opportunities, applying for grants, performing data collection and data analysis, and writing and publishing papers in collaboration with the Tobacco Control Department at the Union;
- Liaise with local and international researchers in forging new collaborations;
- Other duties as assigned.



### **Qualities and Qualifications**

- Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g. public health, public policy, economics, sociology, political science and law) with a minimum of eight years of relevant work experience
- Good research and analytic skills and strong interest in public health research; prior experience in conducting investigative research, including desk research/gray literature reviews and synthesis, particularly related to countering corporate influences is a plus
- Demonstrated research and investigation capabilities. Prior publishing record is a plus
- Quantitative analytical skills are required
- Competency in academic writing in both English and Chinese
- Up to 20% of domestic and international travel is required
- Competent compensation commensurate with education and experience will be provided

### **How to Apply**

Please send CV and a cover letter, including salary expectations to [chinarecruitment@vitalstrategies.org](mailto:chinarecruitment@vitalstrategies.org) indicating the position applied for in the subject line. Closing date for applications is **October 11, 2019**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.