



Do you want to work in an exciting and stimulating international environment, where the R&D is led by the world authority on dementia prevention, Professor Miia Kivipelto, and contribute to healthy brain aging?

The FINGERS Brain Health Institute (FBHI) is a Stockholm-based, non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of healthy brain aging and the prevention of dementia. We work on multiple fronts, from conducting original research and development, to facilitating collaboration between research institutes, through to rapid implementation in real-world settings. Our work with the WorldWide FINGERS (WW-FINGERS) Network involves hosting the Scientific Helpdesk, staffed with experts across various fields, to communicating with and aiding researchers within the network. We are also implementing a federated database system to facilitate the sharing and joint analysis of data. As part of our original research, we are currently initiating clinical trials into the effects of lifestyle modification on healthy aging. FBHI is also working with external collaborators to translate our research into actionable programs within communities. Alongside all our current work, we are continuing to expand into new projects.

Role

We are looking for an experienced Scientific Coordinator for the project entitled “World-Wide FINGERS - first global network of multidomain dementia prevention trials: Data harmonization and data sharing effort”. This 2-year project is funded by the Alzheimer’s Disease Data Initiative (ADDI) in the US.

Contract type

Full time or part time (100% or 50%) temporary position in Stockholm, Sweden, until September 2023.

Job description

The Scientific Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the WW-FINGERS Scientific Helpdesk and communicating with and supporting the WW-FINGERS network members. As well as ensuring that any pooled data or joint analysis performed complies with ethical and data management/protection requirements. Specific duties will fall into two main categories and include:

Network scientific coordination and expansion

- The coordination and support of WW-FINGERS networks members for tasks such as local RCT protocol and design of interventions, preparation of grant applications, and local adaptations on global initiatives and studies led by FBHI
- Co-leading, together with the Clinical Coordinator, in the planning and preparation of scientific publications related to the WW-FINGERS network, including design of research methodologies, collecting information and data, analysing data, identifying gaps in research, and providing recommendations for data improvement and data collection
- Spearheading scientific activities aimed at engaging new countries in the WW-FINGERS network and adapting to countries' specific settings (e.g., low versus middle-income countries, clinical versus community settings)
- Conducting activities (scientific, ethical, and regulatory aspects) related to the establishment of the WW-FINGERS biorepository

Ethical compliance and data management/protection

- Preparation of ethical applications for joint analysis of WW-FINGER data
- Preparation of data management plans
- Ensuring compliance with data protection and privacy, in line with region-specific regulations

Essential formal requirements

The applicant is required to fulfil the following requirements to be considered eligible for the position:

- Have a professional level knowledge of the English language, both written and oral
- Be eligible to live and work within Sweden, either through citizenship or residency status, at time of application and for the length of work contract

Qualifications/experience

Essential

The following qualifications and experience are considered essential to the role:

- A Master's degree (MSc or PhD) in clinical neuroscience, geriatric epidemiology, or a related field with experience in topics such as healthy aging and dementia (psychology, neurology, life sciences)
- At least 2 years of experience in coordination of large-scale, multinational projects
- Experience of coordinating multidisciplinary teams

Desirable

The following qualifications and experience are considered beneficial to the role, but not essential:

- Understanding of multidomain clinical trials regarding dementia prevention
- Experience of coordinating projects with different stakeholders, such as academia, patient advocacy groups, funding bodies, and industry
- Willingness to travel, if and when required
- Fluency in secondary languages, such as Spanish and Swedish

Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills

The following characteristics and interpersonal skills are deemed most suited for the role:

- A high level of responsibility, independence, and a positive, problem-solving attitude
- Proactive, quality driven and results-orientated
- Strong organisation and planning skills, including good methodologies for planning complex timelines
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English
- Ability to work collaboratively and build strong working relationships across borders
- Excellent understanding of cultural differences and ability to work together with people from different countries and communicate in a culturally sensitive manner

Job offerings

The salary for the position will be based on the candidate's skills and level of experience. The contract length is determined by current 2-year funding but, should future funding become available there may be opportunities for extension, as FBHI is committed to long term research activities. Five weeks of vacation will be provided in addition to standard national holidays. Work outside normal Swedish office hours may be required as a function of the interactions with the global WW-FINGERS network involving more than 40 countries and ADDI in the US.

Equal opportunities

FBHI is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all candidates who fulfil the eligibility and selection criteria. The role may be open to flexible working, if requested and in discussion with the employer.

Are you interested?

If you want to know more about the position, please contact

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Application process

To apply for the position, please send a completed application in pdf or Word format via email to careers@fbhi.se . A completed application should include:

- Current CV, no more than 3 pages
- Covering letter: including how your beliefs align with the FBHI's aims and message, why you believe this position is right for you, and skills and experience that you will bring to the position. Applicants should also indicate their start date availability for the position
- If from an academic background, you may include a publication list if you so choose

Further information may be required at later stages of the application process, this information will be requested when/if relevant. Unfortunately, due to the number of applications, personal feedback will not be provided to all applicants unless requested.