

Amend Job Availability

Research Manager

Context

Worldwide, over 1.35 million people die in road-traffic injuries (RTI) every year. RTI is the leading cause of death and disability for children over age five worldwide, and Africa has the world's highest RTI rates.

Amend's work includes population-based scientific studies and evaluations, road safety assessments, infrastructure provision, road safety education, media campaigns, advocacy, custom-designed safety campaigns for businesses and governments, and more. All of our work is evaluated for efficacy and impact.

Our wide-ranging road safety programs all have two things in common: a clear focus on preventing RTI among Africa's highest-risk populations, and a scientific basis. Amend has program offices in Ghana, Tanzania, and Mozambique and we run programs in more than a dozen countries across sub-Saharan Africa.

Amend's culture is energetic, entrepreneurial, and committed to reducing the incidence of RTI in Africa via evidence-based solutions, be they public health, engineering, education, or advocacy.



Position

- Job title:** Research Manager (RM)
- When:** Start date: Q1 2020
Duration: 3-month probation period followed by year to year contracts.
- Location:** Based in Johannesburg, South Africa (note that we do not run projects in South Africa, but do maintain a small office there), but regular travel (potentially up to and beyond 50% of the time) to be expected.
- Reporting:** To Amend's Executive Director and Research Director for strategy and study design. To Program Directors for program-related issues.

Amend undertakes a variety of research related to RTI, ranging from small surveys of road safety knowledge, to the monitoring and evaluation of our programs, to producing content for advocacy reports, to large, multi-site population-based scientific studies for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

The RM will be the primary person in charge of all of Amend's in-country field and desk-based research and project monitoring and evaluation. The RM will be involved in everything from overseeing data collection and analysis, to strategizing with Amend's senior management, to writing reports, to the development of study protocols, to representing Amend at international conferences. The role will involve time in the office, in the field, and traveling.

The RM's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

- Contribution to design of studies, ranging from simple to complex,
- Management of study teams,
- Project management, including study-related budgets, logistics and human resources,

- Coordination with program staff on studies related to our RTI prevention programs and program monitoring and evaluation,
- Management of data entry and analysis,
- Literature reviews and research, and
- Report writing.

Qualifications:

Essential:

- The ability to work independently and think critically to complete agreed upon tasks,
- Fluent written and spoken English,
- PhD and/or Master of Public Health,
- Work experience in sub-Saharan Africa,
- General project management experience,
- An ability to interact with people of diverse cultural backgrounds and to operate in challenging environments,
- Fluency with basic computing (internet and Office programs – and their cloud-based equivalents),
- Knowledge of SPSS, STATA and/or similar programs, and
- Experience writing up studies for publication in journals.

Plusses, but not essential:

- French, and
- Successful grant research and grant writing.

Examples of tasks that the RM might be responsible for include:

- Design of monitoring and evaluation measures for a school-area infrastructure improvement project. Management of collection of data and of data collection teams. Data analysis and writing of relevant sections for project reports.
- A literature review of motorcycle related information in sub-Saharan Africa (from both academic and non-academic sources) that includes RTI data as well as commercial information.
- Leading on writing findings from a study into a paper suitable for submission to a journal for publication.

Information

To apply for the RM position, please send an email of interest to:

amendjobs@amend.org

This email must include the following information:

- Your CV in Word or PDF format
- 500 words or less explaining why you are interested in, and qualified for, the position
- How you heard about the position

The deadline for sending the email of interest is 31 October 2019 at midnight GMT.

Short-listed applicants will be contacted with further information.

This job opportunity is open to applicants of all nationalities.