VACANCY NOTICE: Program Officer - Public Health

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Project Name: Centre of Excellence -Nutrition; PMU-PM POSHAN

Position Code: IIPHG/REC/2025-26/26

Position Title: Program Officer -Public Health

No. of Posts: 01 (One)

Location: IIPH Gandhinagar

Duration of Position: 11 Months

Brief on the Organization:

Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar (IIPHG) is a University established under IIPHG Act, 2015 of Gujarat State. It offers courses in the field of Public Health. It also undertakes various research projects in the field of Public Health. The university is established by Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) with support from the Government of Gujarat, Department of Health & Family Welfare.

Project Brief

Gujarat State Center of Excellence for Nutrition (CoE-Nutrition) at IIPHG is supporting the state government in planning, implementing, and monitoring health and nutrition programs. CoE-Nutrition will develop a Program Management Unit (PMU) at Education department for Pradhan Mantri-Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) Scheme, a flagship initiative aimed at improving the nutritional status of children aged 6-14 years in 32,332 schools across Gujarat. The PMU will provide technical assistance, policy development, capacity building, and rigorous monitoring to ensure balanced diets, enhance educational outcomes, promote social equality, and maintain high hygiene and safety standards, contributing to the holistic development of children in Gujarat.

Deliverables:

- Provide expert guidance on nutrition-related issues and best practices for the PM-POSHAN Scheme.
- Develop monitoring frameworks, track progress, evaluate outcomes, and prepare reports.
- Support and mentor stakeholders in the PM-POSHAN Scheme, including district, block and field-level staff and coordination among relevant departments.
- Develop and update guidelines/policies, and training materials for various initiatives under the PM-POSHAN like Kuposhan Mukt Shala Abhiyan, Revised the Menu for mid-day meals, Dudh Sanjeevani Yojana; etc.

- Assist in conducting assessments and surveys to gather data and identify areas for improvement in the scheme.
- Stay updated on emerging trends and best practices in public health nutrition by participating in relevant forums, conferences, and working groups.
- Any other activities as assigned by the PI or supervisor

Qualification:

 Master's in Public health or Degree in Public Health with work experience in the field of Nutrition

Experience:

• At least 2 to 3 years of experience of working in field of implementation in Public Health and/or Public Health Nutrition.

Last Date of Receipt of Applications: 5th August, 2025. Remarks:

- Interested and eligible candidates are requested to apply online at https://iiphg.edu.in/work-with-us/.
- Please highlight the Name of the Post "Program Officer -Public Health" & Position Code (IIPHG-REC-2025-26-26) in the subject.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview.
- Mere eligibility will not entitle any candidate being called for interview.
- Candidates applying for more than one post are required to submit separate application for each post.
- Call letters to the shortlisted applicants shall be sent by email. No postal communication shall be made.
- Incomplete applications, shall be summarily rejected and no communication in this regard shall be entertained.
- No TA / DA will be paid to attend the selection process, if called for.
- Persons employed in Government/Semi-Government Organization or Educational Institutions in India must apply through proper channel.
- IIPHG reserves the right to fill or not to fill any or all available positions.
- The requirements of minimum qualification and/or experience may be relaxed in the case of candidates with outstanding credentials.
- No correspondence will be entertained from candidates regarding any delays, conduct & result of interview and reasons for not being called for interview.
- Women are encouraged to apply.