

CENTER FOR RAPID EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS (ACRES)

Employment opportunity

Title:	Research Scientist
Category:	Contract
Available vacancy:	One
Duration:	One-year
Status:	Full-time
Workstation:	Kampala

Background

Center for Rapid Evidence Synthesis (ACRES) is a research institution in Kampala, Uganda. The Center's core work involves supporting policy and decision-makers at regional, national and sub-national levels in sectors including health, renewable energy, gender and education, to strengthen access to accurate and timely evidence for policies and decisions.

The Center's operational areas include a) an evidence synthesis unit, b) a policy analysis and engagement unit, c) a capacity building unit, and d) a research, evaluation, and innovation unit. The Center has a multidisciplinary team that ensures that it responds appropriately and optimally to decision-makers' needs.

About the position

ACRES seeks a self-motivated individual to join the team as a Research Scientist. The successful candidate shall undertake evidence syntheses, policy analyses, research, and evaluation. The candidate will also engage with policy and decision-makers and the policymaking processes.

This will be a one-year contract renewable, subject to funding.

Qualifications and experience

We are seeking an ideal candidate with the following qualifications and experiences:

- Academic background in Environmental management and environmental science related course.
- Masters' degree (MSc) with a Research component, Environment and Natural Resources, Environment and disaster management.



- Knowledge and experience in evidence synthesis and a track record of scientific writing and publications.
- Prepare and translate scientific communications for different non-scientific audiences.
- Conduct engagements with the public policy actors and environments.

Desired attributes

- Have skills in scientific grant writing.
- Have skills in non-scientific writing and communication, e.g., report writing, blogs, press/ news articles.
- Team management.
- Good communication skills.

Expected roles and responsibilities

The ideal candidate shall work on the Organisation's programs to respond rapidly to national and sub-national policymakers' needs for research evidence. Such work includes:

- i. Working on a rapid response mechanism responding to national and sub-national policymaker needs for evidence.
- ii. Conduct stakeholder engagement activities, including but not limited to policy dialogues and citizen panels.
- iii. Conduct capacity-building activities, both internally within the team and externally, as part of the Organisation's activities.
- iv. Carrying out research according to the Organisation's research agenda and research requested or commissioned by a government department or similar clients.

The candidate will also be involved in leading and mentoring small teams of researchers in the different operational units of the organisation.

- i. The incumbent shall work closely and support the administration team in periodic reporting of activities



Benefits

ACRES offers a competitive benefits package, including commensurate compensation, medical insurance, and 21 days of annual leave.

Reporting

The incumbent shall directly report to the Head-of-Office.

Instructions

- i. Applications should include:
 1. Resume: It should include a list of publications and/or evidence syntheses. The applicant can include policy briefs.
 2. Recommendation letters from two referees: The referees could include a professional and character referee.
 3. Cover letter (one page). Address the cover letter to the Executive Director, Center for Rapid Evidence Synthesis (ACRES). Plot 24, BMK Close, off Wampewo Avenue., Kololo
P. O. Box 110226, Kampala, Uganda.
- ii. The application package should be submitted as one PDF document.
- iii. Applications should be submitted to the email address: info@acres.or.ug. Only online applications shall be received.
- iv. The deadline for submission is December 07, at 5:00 pm EAT.

