



## **CENTRE FOR EVALUATION**

### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR – OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline: 16 January 2023**

#### **Description of Centre for Evaluation**

The Centre for Evaluation aims to improve the design and conduct of evaluations of complex public health interventions through the development, application, and dissemination of rigorous methods, and facilitate the use of robust evidence to inform policy and practice decisions. The Centre engages actively with a large group of internal and external members. It is organised around three themes: quantifying impact, process evaluation and evidence synthesis. The Centre has an active student group, coordinated by six RD and MSc student liaison officers, and runs an engaging series of internal and external events throughout the year.

The Centre is managed by two co-Directors and three Deputy Directors, supported by three co-leads for each theme. Our team is looking for an enthusiastic LSHTM academic staff member for the role of Centre Deputy Director. We anticipate a term of 3 years.

#### **Qualifications/skills**

- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor, from all Faculties or MRC Units to maintain cross-faculty balance. We are currently seeking to further integrate our activities with the priorities of the MRC Units and other LSHTM global collaborative centres, and particularly encourage applications from LSHTM staff located outside of the UK.
- Experience of evaluating health interventions, with expertise in quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods approaches to evaluation, and an interest in novel pragmatic approaches to evaluation.
- Excellent organisational and communication skills, ability to help others connect both inside and outside LSHTM, and to promote the research of Centre members, with particular focus on diversity and enabling early/mid-career staff and research degree students.

#### **Responsibilities\***

- Co-lead strategic direction of the Centre in partnership with the Centre for Evaluation management team and Steering Committee (currently chaired by Professor Kara Hanson).
- Contribute to the Centre strategic direction and prioritisation of activities, including contributing to the triennial Centres report (next due 2024).
- Support the directors to mobilise, prioritise and track allocation of the Centres finances and resources.
- Participate in Centre for Evaluation management team meetings monthly, Steering Committee meetings and Centre Forum meetings each term and annual general meetings and retreats.
- Support the appointment of the Centre for Evaluation theme leads, provide strategic direction and support their work.
- Support the selection of the Centre for Evaluation student liaison officers (SLOs), provide strategic direction and support their work.
- Support collaboration and joint event planning with other LSHTM Centres.

- Actively facilitate school-wide engagement, with a particular focus on engagement with MRC Units and other LSHTM global collaborating centres.
- Identify opportunities for, and organise, internal and public events throughout the year, specifically focusing on methodological advancements in evaluation.
- Lead, facilitate and/or chair Centre for Evaluation events i.e. webinars and study design workshops
- Work with the Centres Support team to deliver on the Centre's strategic communications including occasionally contributing to, editing and/or approving Centre newsletters and blogs.
- Represent the Centre at occasional LSHTM internal/external meetings e.g., with potential funders or partners.
- Facilitate opportunities for collaboration and joint grant-seeking/competitive bids with external academic, consultancy, and technical support institutions and respond to ideas from The Development & Alumni Relations Office (DARO) for funding and to connect to key people in the Centre.
- Develop and enable new ideas, involve wider membership, and mobilise the Centre to continuously improve.

\*Specific splits in responsibilities between Deputy Directors will be discussed on appointment.

If you are interested, or want more information, please contact the co-Directors: Mitzy Gafos ([Mitzy.Gafos@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Mitzy.Gafos@lshtm.ac.uk)) or Brian Rice ([Brian.Rice@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Brian.Rice@lshtm.ac.uk)), or Deputy Directors: Ona McCarthy ([Ona.McCarthy@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Ona.McCarthy@lshtm.ac.uk)) or Siddharudha Shivalli ([Siddharudha.Shivalli@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Siddharudha.Shivalli@lshtm.ac.uk)).

If you are interested in applying for the post please send an expression of interest to [evaluation@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:evaluation@lshtm.ac.uk) by **16 January 2023** attaching your CV and a brief descriptions of the reasons your interested in the post and your visions for the Centre for Evaluation over the next year.