

Job Title:	Director of Research and Evaluation	Reports To:	Chief Research Officer
Location:	Chicago (Remote or Hybrid Position)	Travel Required:	
Level/Salary Range:	DOE	Level/Salary Range:	Exempt
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Job Description:
<p>Position Overview:</p> <p>The Director of Research will be instrumental in strengthening the research infrastructure of AllianceChicago, expanding the project portfolio, and serving the needs of our national network of partnering community health centers (CHCs). This role will have oversight of research submissions, internal operations, stakeholder engagement, and implementation to conduct research in alignment with community health priorities. The Director of Research must possess an ability to think strategically and analytically, work on multiple activities simultaneously, and communicate effectively with community, academic, government, clinical, and public health stakeholders. The Director of Research will also be responsible for the successful pursuit of research funding to sustain and advance the patient centered outcome and health services research and evaluation goals of AllianceChicago. This leadership position will collaborate closely with the Grants and Development, Practice Transformation, Health Information Technology (HIT) Operations, Data, and Informatics Teams for successful procurement and execution of projects.</p> <p>Essential Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plays a leadership role in engaging CHCs, networks, and other stakeholders in research activities • Oversees management of external requests for participation in research activities including external grants and prospecting meetings • Contributes to the growth of the AllianceChicago project portfolio in a manner that reflects local, regional, and national trends impacting CHCs and the articulated priorities of partners in the safety net • Serves on the Leadership Support Team • Oversee Operations leads and Research Scientist roles at AllianceChicago • Evaluates, develops, and promotes the organization's research agenda • Leads the direction of cross-team and cross-organization processes to enhance the operations and outputs of the AllianceChicago Research Team • Pursues relevant public and private research funding opportunities • Oversees quantitative data analyses leveraging AllianceChicago's data infrastructure and other private/public datasets • Pursues opportunities for publications and dissemination activities and represents AllianceChicago at local and national meetings • Leads development of research proposals, including formulating research questions, specific aims, research design and strategy • Serves as the Principal Investigator for research studies and assures appropriate direction and management of complex proposals and projects • Engages in the development and implementation of organizational research policies and procedures • Collaborates closely with the Grants teams to ensure research grants and contract submissions are timely

- Develops and manages the Research Department budget
- Represents AllianceChicago on local and national steering committees, conferences, and meetings

Other Requirements:

- Familiarity with research funding institutions and major peer-reviewed journals
- Demonstrated success in conceptualizing and developing funded research
- Fundamental knowledge and application of statistical analysis required for hypothesis testing and publishing research
- Facility in research project management, implementation, and evaluation
- Knowledge of research budget development and management
- Experience in high-level oversight over multiple complex projects
- Authorship on publications
- Demonstrated ability to work with a wide range of stakeholders
- Ability to apply best practices for management, leadership, conflict resolution, negotiation, and motivation
- Ability to foster a collaborative, customer-oriented working environment
- Excellent organizational, written, and verbal skills

Education:

- A doctoral degree in research or health-related field. Clinical background and prior working in a Community Health Center is preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years of high-level management expertise in research or a related field
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in supervising and mentoring staff
- Eligible for academic appointment in a research position
- Working knowledge of standard desktop computing software packages (word processing, spread sheeting, presentation software, internet browsers, etc.)
- Experience working with electronic health records and HIT preferred

Working Conditions:

- General office setting, extensive telephone and desk work at computer terminal
- May be required to lift, carry, bend, reach and stand with parcels up to 25 lbs.
- Will work in a close multidisciplinary team environment

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Founded by four partner Community Health Centers in 1997, AllianceChicago's three core areas of focus are Health Care Collaboration, Health Information Technology, and Health Research & Education. AllianceChicago supports the use of HIT to improve quality, efficiency, and access to services in a national network of community Safety Net health care organizations. The mission of AllianceChicago is to improve personal, community, and public health through innovative collaboration.

ADA Statement: The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation. It also mandates the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services.

EEO Statement: AllianceChicago believes that all applicants and employees are entitled to equal employment opportunities and maintains a policy of non-discrimination with respect to religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, veteran status, marital status, physical or mental disability, or any other legally protected class in accordance with applicable law, except where a bona fide occupational qualification exists. AllianceChicago will comply with all phases of employment including, but not limited to, hiring practices, transfers, promotions, benefits, discipline, and discharge.

Disclaimer: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees assigned to this position. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel as qualified.