



Job title	ISARIC - Administration & Finance Assistant
Division	Medical Sciences
Department	Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health
Location	Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics, Old Road Campus, Oxford OX2 7BN
Grade and salary	Grade 5 £25,482 to £30,395 per annum
Hours	Full time (part time may be considered)
Contract type	Fixed-term (5 years in the first instance)
Reporting to	Programme Manager
Vacancy reference	139192

# The role

The International Severe Acute Respiratory and emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC) is a global federation of clinical research networks whose aim is to prevent illness and deaths from infectious diseases outbreaks. The ISARIC Global Support Centre, currently based in Oxford, and the ISARIC membership provide technical and operational support to other ISARIC members and stakeholders wishing to conduct research in preparation for or in response to outbreaks.

Following a restructuring, we are looking for someone to provide administrative expertise to assist the smooth operation of the Global Support Centre (GSC). You will manage day-to-day administrative activities, including responsibility for a range of processes. This will involve working closely with GSC team to support projects and with the Tropical Medicine administration team on financial and contractual matters. There will also be extensive external interaction with the ISARIC membership and stakeholders.







# Key responsibilities

- Organise the arrangements for meetings and seminars including venue booking, video/teleconference facilities, catering, complex travel, visas and accommodation for attendees
- Coordinate Board meetings, including preparing agendas, compiling and formatting supporting documentation, drafting minutes and ensuring business is dealt with in a timely manner. Identify actions and ensure they are effectively communicated
- Working with the NDM Finance Processing Centre and Centre for Tropical Medicine Finance Manager, ensure all purchasing is carried out in accordance with University and external financial regulations, including supporting with the collation of tendering documents, collating and submitting departmental credit card information and preparing and submitting expense claims for payment
- Working closely with the Centre for Tropical Medicine Grants team and Finance Manager produce, monitor and disseminate project budgets providing variance narrative and revised forecasts where necessary.
- Develop and maintain a record of ISARIC outputs and achievements
- Administer membership, including maintaining databases and updating records, checking for errors and omissions, and collating and circulating appropriate data
- Assist in producing and maintaining a number of sources of information on the ISARIC website and in ISARIC publications
- Devise and implement office administrative systems and procedures
- Respond to enquiries, regularly providing advice on policies and procedures, interpreting internal and external regulations as appropriate, on behalf of the Senior Management team
- Manage the diaries of the Senior Management team, using initiative to make considered judgements when juggling the demands placed on the schedule

## **Essential selection criteria**

- Experience of working with a wide range of stakeholders
- Proven ability to manage and prioritise a varied and busy workload, frequently with competing demands and tight deadlines
- Adept in drafting documents (including audio transcriptions) and producing well-presented reports
- Attention to detail and a high level of accuracy, including proficiency in proofreading
- Skilled in diary management, including making complex travel arrangements
- Highly numerate with the ability to manage finances
- Excellent computer skills, including the Microsoft Office suite











• Exceptional command of written and spoken English

# **Desirable selection criteria**

- Experience of events organisation
- Familiarity with servicing committees
- Skilled in working on confidential matters, using tact and discretion
- Knowledge of University finance and information systems (e.g. Oracle Financials)

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# Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine (NDM)

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NDM has significant financial turnover and complexity, resulting from its diverse research portfolio, its geographical spread and its close links with NHS funding and strategic teams involved in the development and delivery of increasingly integrated clinical research platforms.

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## **Tropical Medicine and Global Health**

The Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health is a world leading Centre within the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, University of Oxford, comprised of research groups who are permanently based in Africa and Asia as well as across two sites in Oxford. Our research ranges from clinical studies to behavioral sciences, with capacity building integral to all of our activities.

Our research is conducted at three Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programmes in Kenya, Thailand and Viet Nam as well as a growing Centre in Oxford. The Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health also brings together a number of sister groups in Laos, Tanzania, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Cambodia and Nepal, as well as multiple collaborators around the world.









Tackling infectious diseases, which kill many millions of people every year, is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century. We are researching solutions to the increasingly urgent problems these diseases cause.

The Centre's annual turnover is in excess of £48m per annum with over 100 externally funded research grants and donations.

For more information please visit: <u>http://www.tropicalmedicine.ox.ac.uk/home</u>

## How to apply

Before submitting an application, you may find it helpful to read the 'Tips on applying for a job at the University of Oxford' document, at <u>www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/supportandtechnical/</u>.

If you consider that you meet the selection criteria, click on the **Apply Now** button on the 'Job Details' page and follow the on-screen instructions to register as a user. You will then be required to complete a number of screens with your application details, relating to your skills and experience. When prompted, please provide details of two referees and indicate whether we can contact them at this stage. You will also be required to upload a CV and a supporting statement which explains how you meet the selection criteria for the post. The supporting statement should explain your relevant experience which may have been gained in employment, education, or you may have taken time away from these activities in order to raise a family, care for a dependant, or travel for example.

Your application will be judged solely on the basis of how you demonstrate that that you meet the selection criteria outlined above and we are happy to consider evidence of transferable skills or experience which you may have gained outside the context of paid employment or education.

Please save all uploaded documents to show your name and the document type.

All applications must be received by **midday** on the closing date stated in the online advertisement.

### Information for priority candidates

A priority candidate is a University employee who is seeking redeployment because they have been advised that they are at risk of redundancy, or on grounds of ill-health/disability. Priority candidates are issued with a redeployment letter by their employing departments.

If you are a priority candidate, please ensure that you attach your redeployment letter to your application (or email it to the contact address on the advert if the application form used for the vacancy does not allow attachments)











Should you experience any difficulties using the online application system, please email <u>recruitment.support@admin.ox.ac.uk</u>. Further help and support is available from <u>www.ox.ac.uk/about the university/jobs/support/</u>. To return to the online application at any stage, please go to: <u>www.recruit.ox.ac.uk</u>.

Please note that you will be notified of the progress of your application by automatic emails from our e-recruitment system. **Please check your spam/junk mail** regularly to ensure that you receive all emails.

# Important information for candidates

### Pre-employment screening

Please note that the appointment of the successful candidate will be subject to standard preemployment screening, as applicable to the post. This will include right-to-work, proof of identity and references. We advise all applicants to read the candidate notes on the University's preemployment screening procedures, found at:

www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/preemploymentscreening/.

### Data Privacy

Please note that any personal data submitted to the University as part of the job application process will be processed in accordance with the GDPR and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the University's Privacy Notice for Job Applicants at: <a href="http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/privacynotices/job/">www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/privacynotices/job/</a>. The University's Policy on Data Protection is available at: <a href="http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/universitypolicyondataprotection/">www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/compliance/gdpr/privacynotices/job/</a>. The University's Policy

### The University's policy on retirement

The University operates an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) for all academic posts and some academic-related posts. From 1 October 2017, the University has adopted an EJRA of 30 September before the 69<sup>th</sup> birthday for all academic and academic-related staff in posts at **grade 8 and above**. The justification for this is explained at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/end/retirement/acrelretire8+/.

For **existing** employees, any employment beyond the retirement age is subject to approval through the procedures: <u>www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/end/retirement/acrelretire8+/</u>.

From 1 October 2017, there is no normal or fixed age at which staff in posts at **grades 1–7** have to retire. Staff at these grades may elect to retire in accordance with the rules of the applicable pension scheme, as may be amended from time to time.











## **Equality of Opportunity**

Entry into employment with the University and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. No applicant or member of staff shall be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.











## Benefits of working at the University

#### University Club and sports facilities

The University Club provides social, sporting and hospitality facilities. It incorporates a bar, café and sporting facilities, including a gym. Staff can also use the University Sports Centre on Iffley Road at discounted rates, including a fitness centre, powerlifting room, and swimming pool. See: <a href="https://www.club.ox.ac.uk">www.club.ox.ac.uk</a> and <a href="https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/oxford-university-sports-facilities">www.club.ox.ac.uk</a> and <a href="https://www.sport.ox.ac.uk/oxford-university-sports-facilities">www.sport.ox.ac.uk/oxford-university-sports-facilities</a>.

### Information for international staff (or those relocating from another part of the UK)

If you are relocating to Oxfordshire from overseas, or elsewhere in the UK, the University's International Staff website includes practical information related to moving to and settling in Oxford such as advice on immigration, relocation, accommodation, or registering with a doctor. See: www.internationalstaffwelcome.admin.ox.ac.uk/

#### The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club

The University of Oxford Newcomers' Club is an organisation run by volunteers that aims to assist the partners of new staff to settle into Oxford and to provide them with an opportunity to meet people in the area. See <a href="https://www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/">www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk/</a>

#### Childcare

The University has excellent childcare services with five University nurseries, as well as University-supported places at many other private nurseries.

# For full details including how to apply and the costs, see <u>www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare</u>.

#### Family-friendly benefits

The University subscribes to My Family Care (<u>www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits/family/mfc/</u>) and staff are eligible to register for emergency back-up childcare and adultcare services, a 'speak to an expert' phone line and a wide range of guides and webinars through a website called the Work + Family space.

#### **Disabled staff**

We are committed to supporting members of staff with disabilities or long-term health conditions. Please visit <u>www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab/staff</u> for further details including information about how to make contact, in confidence, with the University's Staff Disability Advisor.

#### Staff networks

The University has a number of staff networks including the Oxford Research Staff Society, BME staff network, LGBT+ staff network and a disabled staff network. You can find more information at <u>www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/networks/</u>

#### Other benefits











Staff can enjoy a range of other benefits such as free visitor access to the University's colleges and the Botanic Gardens as well as a range of discounts. See <a href="http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits">www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/benefits</a>





