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UNIVERSIDAD PERUANA CAYETANO HEREDIA

CRONICAS CONCYTEC Post-Doctoral Fellowship

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Overview

- Have you finished your Ph.D. in one of the following specialities and are looking for a post-doctoral fellowship in...
 1. Health Economics or Behavioural Economics?
 2. Biostatistics?
 3. Global Mental Health?
 4. Health Communications?
 5. Health Systems?
- Is your interest in research related to non-communicable diseases?
- Are you interested in living in Peru during the Fellowship?

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Then you are in the right place!

CRONICAS Centre of Excellence in Chronic Diseases is recruiting one post-doctoral fellow fully supported by CONCYTEC, Peru's National Council for Science and Technology.

Here you will find information about us, about our projects and about this post-doctoral opportunity.

The CRONICAS Team



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1. Our group

The CRONICAS Centre of Excellence in Chronic Diseases is based at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), one of the most important South American academic institutions dedicated to medical/science research and the most prestigious research institute in Peru according to SCImago Institutions Rankings.

The establishment of CRONICAS, supported by US National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Global Health Initiative to Combat Chronic Diseases in Developing Countries, provided international recognition to UPCH. Through CRONICAS, UPCH is well positioned to provide relevant local answers and develop initiatives to tackle chronic non communicable diseases in Peru and other similar settings.

CRONICAS has actively participated, over the last five years and through several projects, in attracting approximately USD 16 million in grants to conduct and implement several research projects.

A range of professionals with expertise in different areas are currently working at CRONICAS, including anthropologists, physicians, biostatisticians, communicators and journalists, economists, epidemiologists, health administrators, nutritionists, psychologists, and public health specialists. CRONICAS' core values are Quality, Cooperation, Integrity, and Innovation.

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2. What is keeping us busy?

Our research projects are funded by institutes dedicated to reduce the negative impact of non-communicable diseases in developing countries.

CRONICAS has a number of **recently completed and ongoing research projects**:

1. Launching a salt substitute to reduce blood pressure at the population level in Peru
Duration: 2012 – 2017
Funding Agency: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health
2. Addressing Geographical Variation in the Progression of Non-Communicable Diseases in Peru.
Duration: 2009-2014
Funding Agency: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health



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3. Tackling the elephant in the room: Integration of mental health into quotidian routine practices of primary health care services
Duration: 2013 – 2015
Funding Agency: Grand Challenges Canada
4. Cooking for health: Capitalizing on Comedores Populares to Deliver Healthy Diets to Low-Income Families in Peru for the Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases
Duration: 2012 – 2014
Funding Agency: International Development Research Centre
5. Latin America Treatment & Innovation Network in Mental Health LANTIN-MH
Duration: 2013 – 2014 (planning to continue until 2017)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health
6. Identifying barriers to access to non-communicable disease care and medicines in Peru and developing an appropriate health system and policy response
Duration: 2012 – 2014
Funding Agency: Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, World Health Organization

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Among many others projects.

3. What have we published?

We invite you to publish with us by maximizing all the opportunities and data available in our Centre.

We have arranged our individual and group publications into collections. See the links below to our PubMed records:

Antonio Bernabe-Ortiz, MD, MPH <http://ow.ly/uGq9O>

Francisco Diez-Canseco, BA, MPH <http://ow.ly/uGpMA>

German Malaga, MD, MSc <http://ow.ly/uGq1O>

Jaime Miranda, MD, MSc, PhD <http://ow.ly/uGqiz>

Other scientific outputs are the publications derived from international collaborations and those led by our students and junior investigators.



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Network collaborations <http://ow.ly/uGqCL>

CRONICAS junior & trainees <http://ow.ly/uGqID>

4. What kind of profile are we looking for?

We are looking for an individual who has recently obtained a Ph.D. and finds in our group an opportunity to invest time, energy and enthusiasm so that we can grow together.

You will be a full-member of our team and this will allow us to learn from each other and provide us with an opportunity to generate more knowledge that can be used worldwide. In return, we expect that this experience will serve you in strengthening your international profile with hands-on experience.

We welcome post-doctoral candidates from all over the world, from any nationality, that meet the following requirements:

Essentials:

- Commit to a two-year full-time post-doctoral fellowship based in Lima, Peru.
- Earned a PhD degree in any top non-Peruvian university, no more than 4 years ago, in one of the following programs: (a) Health Economics or Behavioural Economics, (b) Biostatistics, (c) Global Mental Health, d) Health Communications or e) Health Systems.
- Have at least 4 publications and 2 as first or group author in international peer reviewed journals.
- Currently not living in Peru or have moved to Peru no more than 1 year ago. This is a CONCYTEC requirement as the fellowship aims to attract foreign-trained fellows to Peru.
- Firmly align with CRONICAS values: Quality, Cooperation, Integrity, and Innovation.
- Commitment with the tasks and responsibilities described beneath.

Desirable:

- Be able to identify potential and practical ways to integrate into CRONICAS' day-to-day operations.
- Be proactive, independent, and resilient. Not be afraid of proposing new or alternative ways of doing things. At CRONICAS every member has a voice and this allows us to learn from each other.



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- Fluency in Spanish. This is desirable for us, but perhaps essential for you, to augment the return of the time invested in Peru in terms of independent projects.

5. Tasks and Responsibilities

- Participate in current projects of CRONICAS carrying out different research activities, including the design, implementation and analysis of studies or interventions, depending on your area of interest and expertise (see table below).
- Deliver a minimum of two scientific papers published within a two-year period starting from the beginning of the fellowship period. These publications must use data from one or several CRONICAS studies.
- Generate and lead, working with CRONICAS team, two grant submissions over the two year fellowship period.
- Participate in mentorship activities across different ongoing projects.
- Firmly align with CRONICAS values: Quality, Cooperation, Integrity, and Innovation.

In the following table we present examples of the potential tasks for each area of expertise:

Speciality	An example of what we are expecting of you ...
Health Economics or Behavioural Economics	To contribute in the development of a model to predict the costs and outcomes of the project “Launching a salt substitute ...” using information from the baseline and the first follow-up assessment.
Biostatistics	To design innovative models for the analysis of risk factors and future cardiovascular complications with the CRONICAS cohort database.
Global Mental Health	To contribute in the design of newer approaches for improving mental health in low- and middle-income settings. Some of the potential areas of interest are mental health in population studies and interventional approaches, primordially the comorbidities between mental health disorders and non-communicable diseases.
Health Communications	To contribute with the design and implementation of behavioural change interventions for people affected by non-communicable diseases and other areas of interest to CRONICAS.



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Health Systems	To generate evidence in the area of health systems research with a particular focus on non-communicable diseases and mental health.
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6. Benefits

We expect you are committed to your research and trying to get the most out of your experience here. You will form part of our research team and have access to our office spaces. Furthermore, you can take advantage of the discussions and collaboration with our investigators and providing support to each other or, if appropriate, participate in one of our research projects.

The selected fellow will be offered:

- A fellowship salary based on CONCYTEC pay levels. This has been set to PEN 72.000 Nuevos Soles per year (tax exempted).
- Healthcare insurance, for up to PEN 3,000 Nuevos Soles per year.
- One round trip airfare, for up to a maximum of USD 1,800 dollars.
- Research project allowances for up to PEN 30,000 Nuevos Soles per year.
- Genuine opportunities for your career.

We expect to remove barriers and generate a good incentive package for Fellows to be able to devote themselves fully to their research and maximise productivity.

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7. Application procedure

The application procedure will include two stages.

First, send an e-mail to cronicas@oficinas-upch.pe cc. Jaime.Miranda@upch.pe , Maria.Cardenas.G@upch.pe following these instructions:

1. E-mail subject “CONCYTEC Post Doc | PhD in ... | Last name, First name”
2. Please, in the e-mail body include only a link to a video uploaded to Youtube or any other webpage related, in which you need to respond some questions in maximum 4 minutes. The format or formality of the video is not important; we only want to hear you clearly. You can even record the video with your cell phone. Our questions to you are:
 - **First question:** Who are you? Describe yourself for someone who does not know you.
 - **Second question:** How will your profile contribute to CRONICAS?



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- **Third question:** Be upfront. In the whole research cycle, from idea generation to grant/proposal writing, to study implementation, to scientific reporting and write-up, where do you see your strengths and weaknesses? Do not worry, we just want to know where you feel you operate most comfortably.
 - **Fourth question:** Why should we select you among many other candidates?
3. Attach the following documents in PDF format:
- a. The application form.
 - b. The full texts of your four publications.
 - c. Three letters of recommendation. We want people who really know you to tell us about your research, your teamwork abilities, your potential to deliver and your adaptability to different environments and situations. We want genuine letters to introduce you to the CRONICAS team.
 - d. [*Optional*] An outline of a proposed research project written or led by you, as a demonstration of grant-writing skills. Do mention which collaborators were involved in the application.
 - e. [*Optional*] A one-page outline of a proposed grant idea and/or a secondary analysis project using CRONICAS data.

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Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Second, shortlisted candidates will be invited to a more formal and structured interview using Skype or Google Video. Dates and times will be announced, depending on the location of potential applicants.

A committee composed of national and international researchers, a member of CONCYTEC (to be confirmed) and CRONICAS staff, will select fellows.

8. Dates

Launch of call:	April 25, 2014
Deadline to apply:	May 30, 2014 (18hrs Lima time)
Selection of candidates:	June 20, 2014
Interviews to selected candidates:	June 23, 2014 – June 25, 2014
Notification to selected fellow:	June 30, 2014



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9. Beginning of fellowship

Within 6 weeks of acceptance we expect the selected Fellow to be at their post, meaning by July or August 2014, as per CONCYTEC requirements.

10. Contact information

For further information, please contact cronicas@oficinas-upch.pe

