



The Brighton Collaboration

General Coordinator

The Brighton Collaboration (<http://www.brightoncollaboration.org>) is an international voluntary collaboration to facilitate the development, evaluation, and dissemination of high quality information about the safety of human vaccines. The Brighton Collaboration aims to develop widely disseminated and globally accepted standardized case definitions for 50-100 AEFI as well as guidelines for standardized case determination, recording and data presentation to enable comparability of vaccine safety data. The work of the Brighton Collaboration is based on a large number of volunteers worldwide. It obtained its first funding in 1999. The Brighton Collaboration is presently supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the University Children's Hospital, Basel, Switzerland. Definitions are published for six adverse events following immunization: persistent crying, fever, hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode, intussusception, nodule at injection site and generalized convulsive seizure. Twenty additional documents are currently in various stages of development.

WHO:

We are seeking an experienced scientist with a background in immunization safety, international public health, epidemiology, immunology, or a related field to provide scientific guidance. This person will either be the U.S.-based (Atlanta, Georgia) or Europe-based (Basel, Switzerland) General Coordinator, and one of four members of the Secretariat, which is responsible for the overall coordination and management of all Brighton Collaboration activities.

We are looking for a candidate/volunteer with the following profile:

1. The applicant must have a medical or doctoral degree in one of the areas of study.
2. Knowledge of vaccine trials, vaccine safety, epidemiology, immunology or public health will be an advantage but not required.
3. Fluency in spoken and written English
4. Fluency in German (of advantage but not required for the Basel position only)
5. Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills.
6. Ability to lead multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural, voluntary scientific working group.
7. Ability to work in a team environment with volunteers and Brighton Collaboration staff.
8. Ability and desire to work in a dynamic and rapidly developing collaboration.

9. Ability and desire to travel internationally to scientific meetings to present the Collaboration's activities and network with scientists in the field of immunization safety.

WHAT:

1. Secretariat and Steering Committee
 - a. Develop and revise strategic documents
 - b. provide Steering Committee with information for decision-making
 - c. Develop, implement and revise policies, processes, organizational structure, Standard Operating Procedures
 - d. Evaluate and promote annual performance of the Collaboration
 - e. Develop and revise funding documents and budgets
 - f. Develop and submit funding proposals, prepare contracts with donors and contractors, write progress reports for donors
 - g. Prepare, conduct, and moderate regular conference calls and yearly in-person meetings with Steering Committee
 - h. Participate in Secretariat activities, supervise General Manager & any students/interns
 - i. Contribute to listserv, public website, and intranet site management including content and technical assistance
 - j. Identification, recruiting and administration of Brighton Collaboration staff
 - k. Develop and implement plans to distribute information about the Collaboration
 - l. Network with other professionals, present at scientific conferences and meetings
2. Working Groups
 - a. Identify WG coordinators for new Working Groups, negotiate contract
 - b. Instruct and supervise WG coordinators on progress and process of deliverables
 - c. Develop and implement work plans for WG coordinators and Working Groups
 - d. Develop, implement and revise strategies to increase global participation in Working Groups
3. Implementation & Evaluation
 - a. Identify, negotiate and arrange for submission of draft documents to peer-reviewed journals after appropriate medical editing.
 - b. Discuss applicability of Brighton documents with users in the respective settings, negotiate ongoing incorporation of documents as they are being developed
 - c. Identify evaluation settings and methodologies to assess applicability, reliability, sensitivity and specificity of case definitions, and applicability and usefulness of guidelines in clinical pre- and post-licensure vaccine safety trials, post-marketing surveillance systems, and retrospective epidemiological studies
 - d. Conduct evaluation study, or supervise or collaborate with principal investigator
 - e. Monitor and assess impact of standardization of Case definitions & guidelines

WHEN:

Ideally a candidate would be able to start in the Basel position from May/June 2006, or in the Atlanta position as soon as possible. The positions are open-ended and we would like to ask for a commitment of no less than 2 years.

WHY:**Benefits:**

- The General Coordinator will undergo a unique learning experience in the field of public health by coordinating a collaboration of internationally renowned subject matter experts. He/She will gain insight into immunization safety activities in both developed and developing countries and work with professionals from different disciplines such as academia, industry, regulatory authorities, government agencies and private professional organizations.
- The General Coordinator may be listed as an author according to our publication guidelines in publications arising from the work.
- The General Coordinator will be named on the Brighton Collaboration website in their role as a member of the Secretariat.
- As a major voice of the Collaboration, the General Coordinator has the opportunity to network with hundreds of scientists from around the world.

Funding:

It is anticipated that the general coordinators will spend 100% of their time on this project. These positions will be funded as full time positions at the University Children's Hospital Basel and at CDC in Atlanta respectively.

HOW:

If interested, please send the information below together with curriculum vitae (including the information of 2 references with contact details) to the Brighton Collaboration Secretariat. We will then contact you to schedule a telephone interview with one of the Basel or CDC Brighton Collaboration staff.

- Name of applicant
- Contact information
- Institution and address
- Reasons for interest in the Brighton Collaboration
- Possible start date and at which preferred location

Contact Us: Please e-mail us at secretariat@brightoncollaboration.org if you, or someone you know, might be interested. Please use the subject line 'Brighton Collaboration General Coordinator'.

For further details, you can also contact :

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