Job Description: Research Assistant, Research to Practice

CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training (www.cpwr.com) is the non-profit 501(c)3 research, development and training arm of the North America’s Building Trades Unions, located in downtown Silver Spring, MD, conveniently located near Washington, DC with easy access to public transportation (including Metro and MARC) and public parking. CPWR partners with key federal, industry, academic, and workers’ organizations nationwide to reduce occupational injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the construction industry. One of CPWR’s main functions is to serve as the National Construction Center for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). In this role, CPWR supports construction safety and health research and drives efforts to put research findings into practice on job sites. We are seeking a full time research assistant to join the Research to Practice (r2p) program. The position reports to the r2p Program Director.

CPWR’s research to practice (r2p) team is responsible for developing a body of research on effective translation, dissemination, and implementation research, as well as producing tools, resources and strategies to advance the use of evidenced-based safety and health interventions to reduce occupational injuries and illnesses in the construction industry.

Responsibilities:
Duties may include, but are not limited to:

• Conducting translation research, including identifying, developing, testing, and evaluating new types of translational products and dissemination strategies to advance the use of construction research findings and interventions.
• Assisting with process and impact evaluations of r2p initiatives and contributing to evaluation research.
• Participating in the planning and implementation of national-level safety and health campaigns, including working with stakeholders and government agencies, creating campaign-related materials, and assisting with related evaluation activities.
• Supporting the work of internal and external partnerships to promote research findings and products, identify opportunities to participate in new research and/or r2p efforts, and track progress.
• Contributing to the development and expansion of r2p tools and resources to aid researchers in dissemination and evaluation of their research findings.
• Assisting with the development and implementation of Center-funded researchers’ dissemination plans (r2p Roadmaps).
• Assisting with the prioritization and dissemination of completed research.
• Assisting with planning for, and participating in, the Center’s annual r2p seminar and partnership workshop.
• Preparing and presenting results of r2p initiatives at government, industry, and research meetings.
• Drafting and publishing reports and articles in industry publications and peer-reviewed journals.
• Assisting with the preparation of progress reports and grant applications.

Limited national and local travel required.
**Qualifications:**
Preferred candidates will have:

- At least 2 years of experience in research translation, dissemination, evaluation and/or health-related communications.
- A minimum of a master’s degree in public health, marketing, or health communications.
- Experience in research design and evaluation methods as well as developing monitoring and evaluations systems.
- Experience using both qualitative and quantitative research methods including developing and administering surveys, conducting focus groups and phone interviews, and analyzing collected data using analytic software programs.
- Ability to absorb detailed research results and produce clear, accurate information for general audiences.
- Ability to think critically and strategically, and to engage with internal and external stakeholders to identify and achieve common goals.
- Experience in writing reports and peer-reviewed journal articles.
- Excellent attention to detail and adherence to project timelines, deliverables, administrative duties, and reporting requirements.
- Flexibility in assigned duties and tasks, ability to show initiative and take on new responsibilities as needed.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of the construction industry and/or experience translating research to practice a plus.

**Compensation Package:**
Salary is based on qualifications and prior experience.

Exceptional benefits package including:

- Employer paid health/dental/vision insurance for employee and all dependents.
- Employer paid defined benefit pension (vesting after 3 years).
- Paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays.
- 401K Plan with an Employer match.
- Relaxed work environment.


**To Apply:**
Email resume, cover letter, and two recent writing samples to jobpostings@cpwr.com. Include R2P Research Assistant and applicant name in the subject line. The cover letter should describe your experiences relevant to the job description outlined above and any previous construction-related research experience. No phone calls please. CPWR will contact eligible applicants.