Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Policy Modeling

The Institute for Technology Assessment at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School has an opening for a postdoctoral fellowship. The primary role would be to conduct health policy analytics and modeling research to inform policies and optimal clinical decisions in at least one of these disease areas: global elimination of hepatitis C, interventions to control coronavirus/COVID-19, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease screening/treatment. There could be opportunities to work with stakeholders such as the World Health Organization, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, and other organizations.

**KEY FUNCTIONS**

- Develop simulation models for decision analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, projection of disease burden, budget impact, and value of information analysis.
- Develop risk prediction models using machine learning methods such as artificial neural networks and other advanced analytic methods.
- Work with the research team on advancement of methods for cost-effectiveness analysis and modeling.
- In coordination with the principal investigator, lead the research team in writing manuscripts and grant applications.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Expertise in agent-based modeling, microsimulation, compartmental modeling, data analytics, and visualization.
- Hands-on experience of some common machine learning methods.
- Working knowledge of general-purpose programming languages such as C++, Java, R, or MATLAB.
- Strong quantitative as well as writing skills.

**EDUCATION**

Doctorate Degree in industrial engineering, operations research, computer science, health services research, or related quantitative field.

**EXPERIENCE**

Required: Hands-on experience of building simulation models (e.g., agent-based, discrete event simulation) using general-purpose programming languages such as C++, Java, Excel VBA, and MATLAB; Prior experience of applying OR to public health and medical decision-making is highly desired; working knowledge of data analytics methods.

**START DATE:** Summer/Fall 2020

**TERMS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

The fellowship is a one-year, full-time commitment, renewable for a second year upon mutual consent. There will be opportunities for the fellow to write and submit his/her individual grant (e.g. NIH career development award (K)) with the support of the PIs and the institution.

Interested candidates should submit their CVs and a detailed cover letter to Prof. Jag Chhatwal, jagChhatwal@mgh.harvard.edu with subject: “Postdoctoral Fellowship Application”

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