Job Vacancy: Research Associate

Role	: Research Associate
Start Date	: September 1, 2021 (or sooner)
Location	: Remote (min. 4-5 hour overlap with Central European Time)
Application Deadline	: July 31, 2021
To apply	: https://forms.gle/1jGUnc35r1tR4hye9

About Ripple Research

Ripple Research is a non-profit advisory firm that works at the intersection of data science, behaviour change and social impact to deliver large-scale qualitative insights on evolving global narratives and perceptions. Through active listening and engagement, our mission is to help universities, corporates, philanthropies and policy makers understand and interact with international audiences on complex social and environmental issues.

We use state-of-the-art AI and natural language processing algorithms to delve deeper and to understand how people are reacting to a fast-changing world. These insights help organisations design and rebuild their strategies in real time to generate lasting social impact. Our clients and partners include universities, international organizations, government agencies, corporates and philanthropies. Learn more: here.

About the role

If you are interested in finding answers to global issues like:

- What are the factors driving vaccine hesitancy? How can we boost public health outcomes globally?
- What are the contours of online disinformation campaigns? How do these narratives evolve and shift over time?
- What is the public perception around alternate protein sources and plant-based milk? How can we use these insights to activate climate-friendly supply chains and production systems?
- What are the practical consequences of political polarization and how can we understand and mitigate affective polarization and partisan hatred and hostility?

This is the role for you!

This is an exciting opportunity to join our fully remote team spread across four continents at an important stage of our growth. The Research Associate will play a key role in supporting senior leadership on research projects to meet our client needs across topics such as sustainability, public health and international democracy. The right candidate has the ability to synthesise large volumes of data and information into actionable insights and recommendations. The candidate should be comfortable with quantitative and qualitative data analysis methods and has the ability to analyse and communicate complex information into concise and digestible formats. Excellent communication and presentation skills are essential.

Main responsibilities

- Produce critical analysis from big data sets to inform the direction of studies. Identify and develop differentiated data-driven insights.
- Produce high quality research case studies and analytical insights to support client projects.
- Explain and present complex quantitative and qualitative findings to internal and external stakeholders in a clear and concise manner.
- Project management and meeting project milestones. Liaising with relevant stakeholders to enhance impact of research.
- Answer ad-hoc research requests from the team.
- Identify new avenues of research that can support Ripple Research's mission

Candidate requirements

- Post-graduate degree in Economics, International Development or related field with a strong component of qualitative data analysis and presentation
- 2-5 years relevant work experience in a research analyst or management consulting position
- Proven experience in designing and delivering high quality analytical outputs
- Analytical mindset and intellectual curiosity for solutions that help to solve environmental and social challenges
- Excellent communication skills to share research findings in written and visual formats
- A proactive mindset with the ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced small business environment
- Strong attention to detail, diligence and accuracy in terms of data analysis and written reporting
- Capacity to identify new areas of research aligned to Ripple Research's mission
- Fluent in English; proficiency in additional languages a bonus
- Bonus: a passion for sustainability, creating social impact and using technology for good as well as a comprehensive understanding of global political/socio-economic issues

What we offer

- This is a highly competitive position. We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience.
- Opportunity to contribute to a mission-driven organisation at an exciting stage of growth
- Experience to work alongside the world's leading academic institutions and organisations
- A culture of continuous learning and management consulting style professional development and performance reviews
- Ability to work remotely from your preferred location.

Ripple Research is an equal opportunity employer.

How to apply

- To apply for this position, please submit your details alongside a CV and a motivation letter and 2 samples of prior work via this online form https://forms.gle/1jGUnc35r1tR4hye9
- Applications close on July 31, 2021
- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply ASAP.
- Successful candidates will be contacted with information regarding the next steps.