



Consultancy – call for proposals

Digital innovation, technologies and the right to health

1. Introduction

While new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) could positively transform health systems in low-resource settings, human rights experts have highlighted real threats to privacy, equality, and autonomy. These risks are greater for youth and for marginalised, criminalised groups, who rarely have input into the policy decisions that shape what kinds of data are gathered about them, by whom, or how that data is managed and used.

To support the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health, the Global Health Centre will provide high-level research and technical assistance in drafting a research report on Digital Innovation, Technology and the Right to Health, and will also support the Special Rapporteur's consultation with a broad range of stakeholders.

2. Scope and objectives of the assignment

The consultant will undertake and deliver on the following deliverables throughout the duration of the project:

- a. Conduct a literature review on the topic of the report, and develop an outline and bibliography for review by the Special Rapporteur and the staff working on the mandate at UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR);
- b. Develop a questionnaire for all stakeholders;
- c. Analyze submissions received in response to the questionnaire, identifying key findings and trends;
- d. Produce a draft research paper, revise and finalize it based on input by the senior researcher, the Special Rapporteur and staff working on the mandate at OHCHR;
- e. Work with a graduate student assistant and staff working on the mandate at OHCHR to organize two Special Rapporteur-led consultations to inform her analysis, one in the initial research phase and one in the finalisation phase;
- f. Share the draft research paper with the Special Rapporteur and staff working on the mandate at OHCHR as she develops her final thematic report for submission to the UN Human Rights Council in 2023.

3. Required knowledge, skills and competencies

The consultant should be an individual with a graduate degree in law or social sciences who can demonstrate relevant knowledge of the human rights framework with an intersectional approach. Strong research, analytical and writing skills are essential. Experience writing for international, regional or national human rights entities, and knowledge or experience in either global health or digital governance, are a plus.



The consultant must have strong organizational and information management skills, ability to adhere to deadlines, flexibility, and ability to integrate input and feedback from diverse sources. Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of French or Spanish would be appreciated.

At the contracting stage, the Graduate Institute will require evidence of self-employment, such as a certificate or similar document certifying the consultant pays their own social charges. Individuals employed in the European Union may alternatively be paid through their regular employer.

4. Timeframe

A total of 20-30 working days between 1st of September 2022 and 28 February 2023. All work must be completed by 28 February 2023.

5. Location Home-based

6. Reporting to: Senior researcher, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute.

7. To respond to the call for proposals:

Those interested are invited to submit a **maximum of 5 pages** via e-mail (no extra attachments), including:

1. Cover letter, 1 page
2. Curriculum vitae, 2 pages
3. A proposal of no more than 2 pages, including:
 - Proposed work plan and methods
 - Relevant experience and expertise
 - Proposed budget and daily rate

Please submit the proposal via email to: globalhealth@graduateinstitute.ch.

Questions for clarification only may be sent to sara.davis@graduateinstitute.ch, though responses will be delayed until after 18 June.

8. Deadline: All proposals must be received **no later than 11:59pm CET, 30 June 2022.**

Only proposals that meet the specifications will be considered. Only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.