

# RESEARCH SCIENTIST

## Organization Summary

The Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN) is a non-profit research and evaluation organization providing scientific expertise and partnership in the key public health areas of healthy eating active living, food insecurity, policy advocacy and health equity. GSCN specializes in the development and implementation of mixed-methods approaches, which are primarily focused on measuring changes that occur through policy, systems, and environmental interventions. GSCN works nationally by providing research and evaluation services to communities, non-profits, academic and government institutions, and policy makers. For more information about the Center, please visit [www.centerfornutrition.org](http://www.centerfornutrition.org).

## Job Summary

The Research Scientist leads and/or provides oversight for all scientific aspects of research and evaluation projects including proposal development and research design, defining target population, identifying data needed, measurement tool development, data collection, data analysis, and deliverable development. The Research Scientist will also be involved in scientific and academic activities such as conceiving and developing manuscripts and conference presentations.

## Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead and/or provide oversight for all scientific aspects of research and evaluation projects.
- Generate new projects by developing and submitting grant applications and RFP proposals.
- Initiate and maintain partner relationships, including relationships with funders and clients.
- Develop project workplans that include research designs, participants, data elements, measurement tools, and deliverables.
- Review comprehensive project plans to ensure alignment with workplans.
- Oversee the development of measurement tools by participating in planning sessions, reviewing tools, and providing final sign-off.
- Ensure the integrity of sampling and data collection efforts.
- Support the collection of qualitative data by conducting key informant interviews or focus groups when needed.
- Support the analysis of data by conducting analyses and reviewing all qualitative and quantitative output for accuracy.
- Oversee the development of project deliverables by participating in storyboarding sessions, creating outlines, and reviewing drafts.
- Provide guidance and feedback to workteam members on project plans, measurement tools, data analysis, and deliverables.
- Contribute to scientific knowledge by developing, submitting, and delivering conference presentations and publishing manuscripts.
- Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in nutrition-related fields.
- Participate in Scientific Advisory Committee meetings, Scientist Retreats, and other appropriate meetings.
- Serve in advisory roles for UNMC's College of Public Health students.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Doctoral degree in nutrition, public health or similar health-related field.
- Completion of a postdoctoral fellowship and at or above the comparable level of Assistant Professor; preferably focused on behavioral nutrition or public health.
- Skilled in program evaluation; experience evaluating nutrition-related programs.
- Strong interpersonal skills; experience collaborating and communicating with clients and funders.
- Proficient in quantitative and qualitative research methods and data analysis.
- Strong leadership skills; experience leading projects or people.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; history of scientific presentations and peer-reviewed publications.
- Proficient in data collection and analysis tools such as SurveyMonkey, Qualtrics, NVivo, SPSS, and SAS.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint).

## Salary

Commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits package provided.

## Job Type

This is a full-time position.

## Travel

This position will include local and national travel for client visits, conference attendance, and other research and academic activities.

## How to Apply

To apply, please send a research statement, CV, contact information for three references, and one sample publication to Dr. Amy Yaroch, Executive Director at [ayaroch@centerfornutrition.org](mailto:ayaroch@centerfornutrition.org). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.