Research & Data Science Associate – Role Profile

Start date: July 2020

1 year contract

**ORGANISATION**

The Global Disinformation Index (GDI) is a global not for profit organisation dedicated to reducing online disinformation by identifying and labelling domains with a “risk of disinforming” rating. Our goal is to create a world where we can trust what we see in the media.

**3 PILLARS**

GDI built on 3 pillars (see 3 Pillars document for more detail):

- **Independent**: The GDI is not for profit and diversely funded. It exists solely to assess online publishers’ risk of disinforming their readers
- **Neutral**: The GDI is apolitical, global, and evidence-based.
- **Transparent**: The GDI’s rating criteria, index methodology, and detailed assessments will all be public, auditable, and disputable.

**BEHAVIOURS**

We continually strive to model the following behaviors in our interactions with others:

- **Positivity**: Be a problem solver, not a problem raiser.
- **Responsibility**: Make it your problem - if it’s not right, fix it.
- **Trustworthy**: Make sure others can depend on you – If you say you are going to do it, do it.
- **Respect**: Treat everyone, especially those with whom we disagree, with courtesy and respect.

**MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

As GDI expands its work globally, we are searching for additional support in the areas of research, data science and statistical analysis for the organization. This role will work across teams - index, intelligence and policy insights. The individual will provide support where needed to ensure that the organization is keeping abreast of real time developments in disinformation campaigns and delivering on longer-term strategic work. In this role, the individual will:

- Contribute to data science and statistical analysis efforts, including the design of models, data analysis and visualizations.
- Support the rollout of the index through research, data quality checks and data analysis.
- Provide on-demand support on intelligence and policy work related to disinformation campaigns and effective responses.
- Contribute to the work of the technology team, including the review of disinformation sites.
- Provide ad hoc research support across teams where needed.

This full-time role is envisioned as a fixed-term appointment for 1 year (12 months) beginning July 2020, with possibility for extension. Working hours and location are flexible.
EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The following skills are required for this role:

- Data and statistical analysis.
- Proven ability to synthesize data from multiple sources.
- Proficiency with statistical software (R, Stata, SPSS, etc.)
- Prior research experience that includes index development and content analysis.
- Basic knowledge of disinformation and policy responses.
- Fluency in English.
- Master’s degree in a relevant discipline (communication, information science, media studies, political science, sociology, etc.)
- Past experience working as part of a remote/virtual team.

Preferred:

- Knowledge of survey design and analysis and causal inference.
- Proficiency with Python and the Pandas library.
- Familiarity with the landscape of digital, tech and/or online advertising actors.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Fluency in a second language (Spanish, Portuguese, French, Arabic).
- Background in public policy - including a focus on media, digital and/or online advertising.
- Strong writing and communication skills.
- Experience with data visualisation and infographics.

LOCATION

This is a remote role although applicants based in Berlin, London, New York or San Francisco would be preferred.

REPORTING TO

This role will be reporting to the senior research manager.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a CV and cover letter to info@disinformationindex.org.