



Position Advertisement

Consultant – Veterinary Epidemiology

- **CDI (permanent position) Full time**
- **Salary range 45,000 € to 55,000 € gross per annum, based on skills and experience**
- **One Health epidemiology consulting company**
- **Position based in Lyon, France. Must be able to work in France.**
- **Excellent English communication skills essential**
- **Epidemiology consulting / Work Package leader**

Ausvet is seeking a veterinary epidemiologist with to join our growing team in our European office based in Lyon. The position is a full-time permanent position, supporting our broad range of consulting activities, as well as leading a work package in a large 5-year international research project.

We work around the globe on enormously varied projects, seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of humans, terrestrial and aquatic animals, and plants, using applied epidemiology combined with complementary disciplines. Our projects include:

- epidemiological data analysis
- disease control and eradication program design, implementation, and evaluation
- animal health policy review and analysis
- epidemiological information system design and implementation
- biosecurity system design
- disease surveillance
- outbreak investigation and response
- design and analysis of trials
- risk analysis
- applied and methodological research
- and much more.

The successful candidate will be working as part of an international team (based in Australia and France, as well as international project offices in Southeast Asia) including about 15 epidemiologists, 7 software developers and system architects, as well as experts in sociology and statistics, and a strong support team.

For more information:


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Capital social : €10 000


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Job Description

Consultant (Veterinary Epidemiologist)

Full-time. CDI (permanent position).
Ausvet Europe — 69001 Lyon

Ausvet Europe is a private epidemiology consulting company based in Lyon, France. We are currently seeking an outstanding early career epidemiologist to join our growing team of consultants. We are seeking a new full-time consultant to be based in our Lyon office to support new and ongoing projects.

The consultant is primarily responsible for using their technical expertise to provide a range of project consultancy services in support of Ausvet's business. This includes contributing to the development of projects, the provision of expert and timely advice to clients and other stakeholders, guidance and support on epidemiological issues, and monitoring and evaluation throughout the project life cycle. Through the application of high-level analytical and conceptual skills, the consultant undertakes complex data management and epidemiological data analysis tasks and contributes to the development of effective processes and systems. The consultant also undertakes tasks relating to delivering training and conducting literature reviews.

In the first instance, the position will also support (approximately 50% time) a large 5-year international research project in Vietnam and Indonesia, leading a work packaged focused on understanding producer attitudes to participating in surveillance and adopting market-driven risk mitigation activities for zoonoses, transboundary animal diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

About Ausvet

Established for 25 years, the Ausvet team has a passion for complex epidemiological challenges, finding innovative solutions and supporting improved health outcomes in low- and middle-income Countries (LMICs) as well as high-income countries. We work around the globe on enormously varied projects, seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of humans, terrestrial and aquatic animals, and plants, using applied epidemiology combined with complementary disciplines. Our projects include:

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This is an opportunity to join our growing European team, working together with the Australian team and counterparts in the project countries.



The successful applicant will:

- Benefit from the stimulation of working with a team of talented, experienced, rigorous and questioning colleagues
- Work in a flexible environment that respects the individual and their role in the team, and thrives on diversity
- Be based in (or be willing and able to visit frequently) the World Heritage city of Lyon and all its advantages.

Position Tasks & Responsibilities

Under the direction of project leaders, undertake project activities to ensure the achievement of project outcomes. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- stakeholder engagement and the provision of insights to clients
- production of high-quality reports
- literature reviews
- undertake complex data management and analysis
- training development and delivery

This position is required to travel both domestically and internationally (when this is possible), sometimes for up to two weeks at a time, sometimes to difficult locations. Travel will typically not exceed 25% of the consultant's time throughout any one year. A valid passport and vaccinations will be necessary.

While consultants will mainly be responsible for implementing project activities, they will also be given progressive opportunities, according to their interest and capacity, to be involved in the following areas:

- leading smaller projects
- identifying business opportunities
- developing project proposals
- managing resource allocation
- managing client relationships

Operational/functional:

Under the direction of the supervisor, the consultant is responsible for the following activities:

- To participate in the design and implementation of epidemiological information systems, including their technical planning and implementation, database design, interface design, data analysis and output report generation.
- Interact effectively and professionally with project stakeholders and users during the planning and implementation phases of the project.
- Develop strong relationships with stakeholders, clients and users.
- To provide quality and timely expert service to Ausvet's clients, encouraging the continuation of professional relationships with these clients.
- To conduct literature reviews and ongoing research to contribute to Ausvet's collective knowledge.



- To undertake training and consulting tasks in epidemiology.
- Produce high-quality reports at key stages of the project, including completion.
- Actively collaborate, communicate and support other consultants on the projects they undertake.

Project management:

- Contribute to the development of project proposals, including cost information and budget preparation, to respond to calls for tenders.
- Contribute to project planning and process development to ensure project results are achieved.
- Monitor the evolution of project budgets and communicate this evolution throughout the project lifecycle.

Administrative:

- Use and improve existing administrative systems and processes to facilitate business operations.
- Collect and provide all the information required for billing purposes.
- Ensure appropriate documentation of all project information, including project results and evaluations.
- Actively share the results of the project, including the results and lessons learned, with the rest of the Ausvet group.

General responsibilities:

- Contribute to identify opportunities to improve existing systems.
- Actively seek out opportunities for projects and activities that benefit Ausvet.
- Adhere to and represent Ausvet's values and ensure that all existing guidelines and procedures are followed.

Competencies:

- High level communication, representational and interpersonal skills.
- High level analytical and conceptual abilities.
- Ability to work effectively within small team environments.
- Personal commitment to ongoing learning.
- Values driven.

Skills and qualifications

Essential

- Possession of an undergraduate degree (Bachelor's level), and either postgraduate qualification/s within relevant field at a level equivalent to Master's degree, or membership by examination of an appropriate professional body. Training in both veterinary science and epidemiology are required.
- Demonstrated contemporary experience and competency in epidemiology and animal health.
- Experience in authoring scientific publications and demonstrated capacity to explain complex scientific concepts to both technical and lay audiences



- Proficiency with standard office systems (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), email, teleconferencing (Slack, Zoom, Skype)
- Demonstrated ability to gain competency with new software packages.
- Competency in statistical software packages (ideally R statistical environment),
- Adaptability, flexibility, willingness to accept changing priorities and experience new and challenging situations.
- Demonstrated contemporary experience working autonomously and as part of a small team.
- Demonstrated contemporary experience managing competing priorities within specific timeframes.
- Willingness to work additional reasonable hours when necessary (e.g. when travelling or when a project deadline requires it).
- Excellent command of spoken and written English
- Excellent communication, and network and relationship building skills
- Excellent organisational skills and time management
- Able to communicate effectively using a variety of digital tools (video-conferencing, phone, WhatsApp, etc) across different time zones
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively in small teams remotely
- Demonstrated ability to adapt to change effectively and to adopt new tools, methods and technologies efficiently

Desirable

Ausvet values diversity of skills and experience. Different consultants may have different skills and areas of special competency.

- A PhD in epidemiology or a related subject. We are particularly interested in engaging PhD graduates who have not previously been employed under a CDI in France. A consultant with a PhD is also likely to be involved in supervision of PhD students.
- Five or more years' experience in veterinary epidemiology
- Skills in allied disciplines such as:
 - Economics
 - Sociology / medical anthropology
 - International development
 - Qualitative research methods
- Software (experience with Ausvet's preferred packages (in brackets) is desirable)
 - Demonstrated skills in GIS and spatial analysis (QGIS, PostGIS)
 - Demonstrated skills in effective data management
 - Demonstrated competency in SQL (preferred system - PostgreSQL)
 - Demonstrated ability to use GIT/Bitbucket efficiently.
 - Familiarity with software development tools including Python, PHP, Linux-based tools, command-line interfaces, cloud computing management (AWS)
- Demonstrated work experience in international environments and low- and middle-income countries



- Previous experience working in a university, government or commercial environment
- Ability to work in one or more languages other than English
- Experience and knowledge of one health and livestock production industries.
- Understanding of project management principles.
- Motor vehicle (car) driver licence.

Attributes

- Well-developed analytical skills, and the ability to think critically
- Can-do, positive problem-solving attitude
- A creative, curious mind
- Passion and energy
- Mental agility allowing you to engage with a variety of different tasks at the same time
- The ability to take the initiative, and seek practical, effective solutions to challenging problems
- When required, have an ability to work to tight deadlines, be disciplined and output-focused

Applications

The deadline for applications is midnight CEST **Sunday 4 July 2021**. Applications should be sent by email to recruitment@ausvet.eu and include:

- A convincing covering letter explaining your motivations and demonstrating how you have the skills, qualifications, and attributes mentioned above
- A detailed and professional curriculum vitae
- Salary expectations, confirmation of your eligibility to be employed in France, and a realistic indicative date when you might be available to start.

Short-listed candidates will be required to supply the names and contact details of at least 2 referees who can attest to their recent performance in a professional setting.

COVID-19 considerations

We work collaboratively, use communication tools to their fullest and maintain close contact with all our consultants even while we work remotely. Due to the current sanitary restrictions in France, we anticipate that much of the recruitment process will be conducted remotely.