#### Overview

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### **Position Summary**

The International Survey Methodologist works directly with the Associate Director of International Research Methods and the International Methods team in shaping Pew Research Center's approach to cross-national survey projects, implementing methodological experiments and providing methodological guidance to survey and non-survey projects in a wide range of countries. The survey component of International Methods includes optimizing recruitment strategies, refining quality-control assessments, harmonizing standards and protocols across countries and exploring more efficient modes of data collection (face-to-face, phone and online) without compromising data quality.

Survey Methodologists are involved in all aspects of the survey research process on the Center's international projects including proposal reviews and vendor evaluations, sample designs, questionnaire development, and quality control. For all these tasks, attention to detail and individual judgment are critical.

The advertised position reports to the Associate Director of International Research Methods and works closely with colleagues across the Center to ensure that all international projects utilize the latest methods and uphold Pew Research Center's standards for transparency, rigor and accuracy.

# Responsibilities

- Serving as a methodological consultant to international research teams across the Center to provide
  best practice advice at various stages in the research process, including overall study design, sampling,
  questionnaire development, data collection, sample performance, analysis and reporting
- Assisting with the development and execution of an international methodological research agenda for the organization
- Managing methodological projects from the background research and framing of the project to the specific design, implementation and analysis
- Reporting results from methodological research in publications and presenting analyses to internal and external audiences
- Working with project managers to identify field houses and vendors, draft Requests for Information and Requests for Proposals, select vendors and draft Statements of Work
- Data analysis
- Assisting with writing methodology sections for reports and maintaining methodology-related materials on the website
- Maintaining familiarity with the latest developments in international survey methodology
- Developing a reputation for expertise in one or more methodological areas
- Sharing information effectively and collegially with colleagues across research teams and throughout the Center

### Education/Training/Experience

- Required: Master's degree in survey methods or relevant discipline
- Required: 3 years survey research experience in applied setting

- Required: Background in data management and analysis
- Required: Experience with SPSS, Stata, R or other statistical software
- Preferred: international survey research experience
- Preferred: Proven track record of successful methodological instruction, collaboration and innovation
- Preferred: Project management experience

## **Qualifications**

- Background in social science research, especially survey and other social science methods
- Strong quantitative and statistical skills, including strong facility with SPSS, Stata, R or other statistical tools
- Experience in using advanced statistical analysis techniques, such as logistic regression, hierarchical linear models and experimental design
- Experience in designing first- and second-stage weights for complex samples strongly preferred
- Experience in cross-national survey design a plus
- Detail oriented with exacting standards to maintain accuracy and impartiality in all work products
- Ability to work well in a team setting and to provide leadership in technical areas and for small-team efforts
- Clear capacity to train and develop skills in others
- Ability to carry out projects from start to finish
- Proven ability to communicate research methodology and survey results clearly and concisely
- Ability to balance numerous tasks simultaneously and meet tight deadlines

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