



Postdoctoral Opportunity in Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development. Cancer Surveillance Branch

Location: International Agency for Research on Cancer / World Health Organization, Lyon, France

Deadline for applications: 26 September 2025.

Start date: As soon as possible

Duration: 1 year (renewable).

Stipend: 2,950€ per month (net)

Contact and Required Documents: Applicants should send a **CV** (including list of publications and a description of previous experience in cancer research and cancer registration), a **motivation letter** and the names and addresses of **two academic referees**, by email, with a subject header “IARC Postdoctoral Opportunity 08/2025”, to: Fatiha Louled (louledf@iarc.who.int).

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is a multi-disciplinary research institute based in Lyon, France. It is an independently funded institution, and a specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organisation. The particular focus of IARC is international collaborative research projects spanning a wide range of disciplines including cancer epidemiology, aetiology, genomics, carcinogenesis, early detection, prevention and implementation science.

In the Cancer Surveillance Branch (CSU), we perform systematic and ongoing collection, collation and analysis of global cancer data and its timely dissemination for cancer control action. To support countries in increasing the coverage and quality of the data on cancer burden, IARC launched the Global Initiative on Cancer Registry Development (GICR, <https://gicr.iarc.fr/>) in 2013 in collaboration with multiple international partners. This initiative is structured to provide support to population-based cancer registries (PBCR) in a way that is easy to access and readily available. The primary mechanism of delivery is through targeted actions coordinated by six IARC Regional Hubs, which provide the necessary support, training, research capacity and advocacy. Within the activities of the regional Hub for Northern Africa, Central and Western Asia (Izmir Hub), the GICR program aims to:

- Support development of cancer registration in the IARC Izmir Hub
- Provide training and technical support
- Describe the burden and trends of cancer in utilizing cancer registry data and the IARC databases.

We are actively seeking a highly motivated Postdoctoral Scientist to join our team at IARC in Lyon, France. The successful candidate will contribute to the GICR activities, notably in Central Asia. The postdoctoral scientist will undertake activities with a collaborative team of researchers and contribute to the dissemination of research findings through publications and presentations.

Activities:

The selected candidate will be under the supervision of Dr Ariana Znaor and will closely collaborate with other members of the team to enhance their competencies in the following activities:

- Assisting in coordination and delivering training and technical support to selected cancer registries in Central Asia
- Performing statistical analyses of cancer registry data and/or estimates to describe geographical patterns and temporal trends of cancer incidence and mortality in Central Asia
- Writing scientific manuscripts
- Writing progress reports and grants
- Presenting research findings at internal meetings as well as international conferences, seminars, and symposia.

Your profile:

The successful candidate would ideally have:

- obtained a PhD in epidemiology, medical statistics, health services research or public health or an MD degree, no longer than five years ago.
- Good understanding of cancer registration principles and methods
- Previous experience in working with cancer registry data, population databases and statistical packages, e.g. STATA, R or other packages.
- Strong communication skills, including with international collaborators
- Ability to be independent while participating collaboratively in the activities of a multicultural team with international partners.
- Full oral and written proficiency in English and Russian, and, preferably, fluency in one of the Central Asian languages.

We offer:

The postdoctoral scientist will evolve in an innovative and scientifically stimulating environment and will have opportunities to interact and collaborate with colleagues from IARC and its worldwide networks. The postdoctoral scientist will conduct research activities in a modern and scientifically invigorating environment. The cost of return travel for the successful candidate, and in certain circumstances for dependents, will be covered. If applicable, IARC will pay dependence and health insurance allowances.

IARC postdoctoral scientists are based full-time in Lyon and are expected to be in-person at the office the majority of time, whilst allowing for attractive flexible work arrangements to help promote a healthy work-life balance.

For more information about postdoctoral stays at IARC, please read the [IARC Postdoctoral Charter](#). For more information about IARC/Early Career and Visiting Scientists at IARC, please consult [IARC's Welcome Pack](#) and [ECVS Frequently Asked Questions](#).

We value diversity:

IARC is committed to achieving [gender parity and geographical diversity in its staff](#). Applications from people with disabilities, and nationals of low- and middle-income countries are particularly encouraged. IARC currently has more than 400 personnel members from almost 60 countries. Postdoctoral scientists at IARC (around 70 at any point in time) have access to a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines and to a unique network of collaborators across the world.