

Technical Advisor to the C/Can Accelerator Hub

Job Announcement

Job title: Technical Advisor to the C/Can Accelerator Hub

Reports to: Director, Accelerator Hub

Location: Worldwide – Remote

Contract type: Part-time (up to maximum 50%), open-ended

Travel: Up to 25% international travel

About City Cancer Challenge

City Cancer Challenge Foundation (C/Can) supports cities around the world as they work to improve access to equitable, quality cancer care. C/Can leads a city-based partnership initiative that aims to improve access to quality cancer care in cities around the world by transforming the way stakeholders from the public and private sectors collectively design, plan, and implement cancer solutions.

Currently active in cities across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America, the approach is built on the core principle that cities can drive impact at national level by crafting data-driven solutions with the support of a network of global, regional, and local partners that reflect an understanding of the unique local context.

C/Can is a fast-paced and entrepreneurial environment for professionals willing to make an impact in Global Health and believing in the power of collaboration, transparency, inclusivity and agility.

Summary of Position

The Accelerator Hub is C/Can's engine for translating the organisation's city-implementation experience into replicable, high-impact approaches that can be deployed across new geographies. The team works at the frontier of C/Can's strategic development, operating with speed and rigour across business development, programme design, and organisational growth.

The Technical advisor brings senior clinical and health system expertise to that work. Working directly with the Director of the Accelerator Hub and its team, the role combines hands-on technical contribution to country and city engagements with ownership of the technical methodology, standards, and quality of the Hub's outputs.

This is a deliberately senior, part-time role for a professional who has planned and delivered cancer care services in a low- or middle-income setting, and who can translate that lived operational experience into approaches that others can replicate.

In addition to professional background in one of the main cancer care specialties (preferable the three main treatment modalities) the Technical Advisor should have strong experience in interacting with the rest of the cancer care specialties, particularly in planning cancer care in different areas.

The role is suited to someone who is comfortable moving between the details of subnational project implementation and the design of strategic plans and global methodologies, and who is energised by working in a lean team moving fast.

Key Responsibilities

1. Technical Leadership in Country and City Engagements

- Provide senior technical leadership across C/Can Horizon engagements with implementation partners, from situational analysis and needs assessment through to the design and implementation of cancer care improvement projects.
- Advise national and municipal health authorities, hospital leadership, and clinical networks on the planning, organisation, and sequencing of cancer services — spanning early detection, and mainly diagnostics, treatment, survivorship, and palliative care.
- Facilitate multi-stakeholder technical processes — working groups, prioritisation exercises, and validation workshops — that convert local evidence into plans local actors will own and act on.
- Provide technical review and sign-off on deliverables produced by C/Can teams, city partners, and consultants, safeguarding clinical and health system credibility.

2. Liaison with Technical Cooperation & Capacity Development Team on Technical Methodology, Standards and Quality

- Maintain ongoing coordination with the Technical Cooperation & Capacity Development (TCCD) team, ensuring alignment on technical standards and methodologies (developed internally and/or by partners) and sharing field-level learnings from city engagements.
- Continuously recommend improvements to the standard technical methodologies available through C/Can Horizon, ensuring approaches are evidence-based, aligned with WHO and international guidance, and realistic for resource-constrained settings.
- Codify what works in practice into tools, protocols, and technical guidance in collaboration with the technical team members in charge of the thematic area.

3. Cross-Disease Integration and Scale

- Provide technical recommendations to C/Can's work on more integrated, less disease-siloed approaches to health system strengthening, assessing where cancer-derived approaches transfer to other NCDs and chronic conditions.
- Contribute technical substance to strategic proposals and country partnership opportunities, translating clinical and health system realities into programme architectures that are both fundable and operationally sound.

Qualifications

- Medical degree with specialisation in oncology (medical, radiation, or cancer surgery) or a closely related clinical discipline; an advanced degree in public health, health systems, or health policy with a demonstrable cancer focus will be desirable.
- Minimum 10 years of experience in cancer care planning at national or local level — including the design, organisation, or reform of cancer services or equivalent.
- Demonstrated on-the-ground professional experience in at least one low- or middle-income country — this is a firm requirement, not satisfied by remote or advisory engagement alone.

- Experience in international technical cooperation (WHO, IARC, IAEA, UICC, bilateral or multilateral agencies, or international NGOs) is preferred but not mandatory.

Skills

- Deep working knowledge of cancer care delivery in resource-constrained settings, across the full continuum of care.
- Strong grasp of health system strengthening; familiarity with other NCDs management is highly desirable.
- Proven ability to translate technical evidence into practical, implementable plans that health authorities will adopt and sustain.
- Credibility and diplomacy with senior counterparts — ministry officials, hospital directors, clinical leaders, funders, and civil society.
- Skilled facilitator of technical and multi-stakeholder processes in politically complex environments.
- Clear, concise writing for both technical and non-technical audiences; able to produce stakeholder-ready material without extensive support.

Personal Attributes

- Mission-driven, with genuine commitment to equitable health outcomes and an understanding of the dynamics of the non-profit and global health sectors.
- Pragmatic — able to distinguish what is technically ideal from what is achievable in a given context, and to make that call quickly.
- Comfortable operating as a senior individual contributor in a small, fast-moving team, without a supporting structure beneath the role.
- Highly agile — energised by variety, able to context-switch rapidly and engage new topics with rigour.
- Originating from or with significant lived or professional experience in Low- and Middle-Income Countries — this is a firm requirement.

Languages

- Full professional proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Professional proficiency in Spanish is highly desirable given C/Can's significant presence in Latin America.

How to apply

Qualified candidates may submit their application, including a Curriculum Vitae and Cover Letter to: recruitment@citycancerchallenge.org. Please ensure that all documents are sent as PDF documents with the titles “your name cover letter” and “your name CV”. Please put “Technical Advisor” in the email subject line. Applications will be received until a suitable candidate is identified. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.