



WHO Collaborating Center
for Maternal and Child Health
Trieste Italy

Pre-announcement VACANCY

Researcher in Child and Adolescent Mental Health

WHO Collaborating Centre for Maternal and Child Health, Institute for Maternal and Child Health IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, Trieste, Italy

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Maternal and Child Health (WHO CC MCH) – based at the IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Trieste – is looking for an enthusiastic psychologist/psychiatrist/mental health professional, to work on two projects in the area of **child and adolescent mental health**, in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF. The work will build on lessons learned from ongoing projects and collaborations, and will focus on **evidence synthesis, evidence generation particularly for policy makers, and support to selected EU countries**.

Essential requirements

1. A Degree in a Mental Health related discipline (e.g. Psychology, Cognitive Sciences, Neuroscience), OR a medical degree if with a specialization in Psychiatry or with a post-graduate degree (Master or PhD) in Mental Health related fields.
2. A post-graduate degree (Master or PhD) in related fields, such as: Mental Health, Developmental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Health, Public Mental Health, Health Policies, or other similar fields relevant to the specific topic of this call.
3. Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English.
4. Provable organizational capacity, with previous experience in managing studies/projects.
5. Capacity of working in team and manage multiple tasks according to the timelines.

Preference will be given to candidates with the attributes listed below.

- Previous experience of research in children and adolescent's mental health.
- A good track record of previous publications, preferably in the area of mental health.
- Previous experience of collaboration with WHO/UNICEF/other UN agencies.
- Previous experience with EU funded projects.
- Successful experience in fund-raising for research projects.
- A strong personal motivation for a career in research in maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) and/or international health.
- Other languages, particularly Bulgarian, Romanian, Croatian.

The salary will be based on the candidate profile, as for the current regulations at IRCCS Burlo. The work model may consider remote working, if the candidate has a proven successful experience of remote working.

Candidates are invited to send their CV and expression of interest to:

Prof. Marzia Lazzerini, WHO CC MCH Director marzia.lazzerini@burlo.trieste.it by **December 19, 2025**.

Only shortlisted candidate will be contacted