Headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, the Jacobs Foundation is one of the world’s leading foundations in the field of child and youth development. Established by entrepreneur Klaus J. Jacobs and his family in 1989, our current endowment is valued at approximately CHF 7 billion. As an internationally active organization, we commit an average annual budget of CHF 45 million to support research and programs in the fields of learning and child and youth development.

The Jacobs Foundation is looking for a

Co-Lead Global Program on Learning Societies, 80 – 100%

Fostering innovative partnerships to improve policy and practices of key stakeholders in society to deliver quality education.

In our program focusing on learning societies, the Jacobs Foundation will promote evidence-informed decision-making in public policy and corporate practices in selected countries, with a view to supporting children’s learning and societal development in the face of change and uncertainty. While the program is explicitly global, a focus of the work will be on Switzerland, West Africa (Ghana, Ivory Coast), and Latin America (country to be defined).

Your main responsibilities
• Contribute to development and refining of JF’s 2030 strategy and its implementation plan for the Learning Societies program
• Manage multi-stakeholder coalitions for quality education with the public and private sector (e.g. cocoa and chocolate industry) in the targeted countries
• Cooperation and negotiation with government, industry, and key partners across various levels of seniority
• Liaising with and managing relationships with the TRECC Program team in Ivory Coast
• Working closely with and contributing to the other programs of the Jacobs Foundation (research and systems change oriented)
• Overall co-leadership and management responsibilities within the Foundation
Your profile

- Advanced university degree (ideally MBA, MPA, LLM, or Master’s in Economics, Finance, International Relations, Public Policy, or Political Economy)
- 8-10 years of professional experience, including experience in the private/business sector, and at least 5 years’ experience in management
- Experience and know-how in the field of education as well as education policy
- Working practice in one or more of the target geographies of the Foundation: West Africa, Switzerland, Latin America
- Knowledge in managing multi-stakeholder partnerships with the private sector is a major advantage
- Experience in working with evidence, research, and data is a strong asset
- Highly organized person with proven analytical, strategic, project management as well as interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Results-oriented and entrepreneurial attitude with availability and willingness to travel internationally
- Full professional proficiency in English. Fluency in German, French, Spanish or Portuguese is an advantage

We offer

- Opportunity to play an impactful role in the further development and implementation of our ambitious 2030 strategy
- A dynamic, international, and supportive working environment
- Attractive employment conditions
- Working in a small team at a privileged location in our Zurich office

If you meet these criteria and are motivated in working for an internationally active foundation, please send your complete application in English to hr@jacobsfoundation.org.