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, 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 Minds, 100 %

Learning is at the heart of what we will do in our 2030 strategy. In our future program focusing on Learning Minds, the Jacobs Foundation will combine rigorous research, social innovation, and entrepreneurship on a global scale. We will identify and nurture an international network of leading experts in child development and learning. We will foster ground-breaking collaboration, idea generation, and solution co-creation among individuals, partner organizations, and the Jacobs Foundation.

Your main responsibilities
• Together with a co-lead, developing the 2030 strategy and implementation plan for the Learning Minds program
• Co-leading the implementation of the Learning Minds program starting in 2021, including management of a dedicated team
• Co-leading key research-focused programs of the Foundation, including the Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program, Jacobs Foundation Conferences, and the Klaus J. Jacobs Awards
• Collaborating closely with the other programs of the Foundation (“Learning Schools” and “Learning Societies”), contributing research and evaluation expertise

Your profile
• Master’s, preferably doctoral degree in education, developmental psychology, or related fields
• 7+ years of postgraduate professional experience in the academic field
• Strong quantitative research skills, expertise in research and evaluation methods
• Practical experience in research funding and management is an asset
Highly organized, strong strategic project management skills
Results-oriented and entrepreneurial attitude with team management experience
Fluency in English; skills in German or French are an advantage
Willingness to travel internationally

We offer
International recognition as a globally leading research funder in the field of education and child development
A dynamic, international, and supportive working environment
Opportunity to play a key role in the further development and implementation of our ambitious 2030 strategy
Working in a small team with attractive working conditions and at a privileged location in our Zurich office

If you meet these criteria and are interested and motivated in working for an internationally active foundation, please send your motivation letter and CV in English to hr@jacobsfoundation.org. Application deadline is 31st of August 2020.