

## Join Our Team:

### PHD OPPORTUNITY IN POLICY ANALYSIS AND INTEGRATED KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

*Are you passionate about undertaking policy research, and interested in the intersection of plastic pollution, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and climate change?*

The Heidelberg Institute of Global Health (HIGH) is seeking an outstanding, highly-motivated **PhD student** to join the [Design and Implementation Research Group](#) as soon as possible. This opportunity is part of the [TULIP Project](#), an EU-Horizon-funded initiative that explores the socio-ecological dynamics of plastic pollution, AMR, and climate change—aiming to generate transformative, sustainable, evidence-based solutions.

## YOUR TASKS

The successful candidate will undertake research exploring existing policies that address plastic pollution and antimicrobial resistance in the Philippines and Italy. The candidate is expected to publish findings in high-impact journals, organize and facilitate innovative knowledge translation methods to disseminate findings to key stakeholders, and be involved in grant writing. When feasible, there will also be opportunities to participate in other policy and knowledge translation research projects within the Design and Implementation Research Group. If desired, the student can mentor master's students, and develop or deliver lectures on ethical and rigorous applications of IKT in global health. This role offers an exciting opportunity to work with a broad array of experts across the TULIP program from fields including citizen science, microbiology, medicine, mathematical modelling and applied global health research.

## POSITION DETAILS

- Location: Heidelberg Institute of Global Health in Heidelberg, Germany
- Start Date: Spring 2025 (April/May)
- Duration: Up to 36 months
- Funding: Funded for 3 years in accordance with DFG standards of TV-L 13 (65%)
- Applications rolling until the position is filled

## WHY THIS PHD?

From plastic bottle return programs to antibiotic stewardship in health facilities, policies addressing plastic pollution and AMR have often been shaped by top-down, Global North-

derived approaches. This approach misses opportunities to understand how actors at local levels conceptualize and address such challenges. Through Integrated Knowledge Translation (IKT), this PhD will investigate how local knowledge can inform and reshape national policies, fostering bidirectional learning between scientists and decision-makers. You will explore and guide IKT strategies in the Philippines and Italy, helping to bridge the gap between research and policy.

## YOUR PROFILE

### Essential:

- Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g., global health, health policy, social sciences).
- Experience in policy analysis and integrated knowledge translation.
- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Proficiency in English (additional languages of the Philippines or Italy are an asset).

### Desirable:

- Publications in the field of policy analysis or qualitative research.
- Previous experience leading workshops with policymakers.

## TO APPLY

- Submit your CV, cover letter (outlining your research interests and experience), contact details, and two academic references as a single PDF file to this email: [HIGH-design@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:HIGH-design@uni-heidelberg.de) with the subject header: "PhD Tulip".
- We will begin reviewing applications starting March 31, 2025; the position will remain open until filled.
- For inquiries, contact Dr. Mark Donald Reñosa at [mark.renosa@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:mark.renosa@uni-heidelberg.de).

At the Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, we are committed to fostering diversity and inclusion. We therefore encourage applications from women, non-binary individuals, and those from underrepresented communities. We look forward to receiving your application!