

JOB POSTING – LONDON, UK

Research Analyst

ORB International seeks proactive, highly analytical individuals to help us serve our growing portfolio of clients. This is a superb opportunity for ambitious detailed-oriented people with strong interests in research in North and Sub-Saharan Africa with some experience in preparing and delivering information and analytical research products, via mixed methods (quantitative opinion polling, qualitative tools) and project management.

This position offers the opportunity to work on ORB's Africa Business Unit, on a high-growth project that provides analytical assessments across several African countries. The project integrates multiple data streams including opinion research, media monitoring, open-source insights and qualitative research across Africa. Our work covers some of the most important contemporary issues (security, democracy, development, defense etc.); these roles will suit people with interests in international politics and backgrounds in research.

Candidates must possess sound quantitative and qualitative research credentials and demonstrate a high degree of analytical report writing, as the position involves direct responsibility for the delivery of robust and high-quality work. The ability to understand the strategic use of research is key. The position also features foreign travel, and we expect a high comfort level with travel to non-Western countries and cultures; candidates must demonstrate a willingness to travel to a variety of locations across North and Sub-Saharan and Africa. Candidates must be resident in the UK or have the right to live and work in the UK.

The responsibilities for the Research Analyst include, but are not limited to:

- Preparation, data analysis, drafting, dissemination and follow-up of research products on developments across the countries of focus.
- Triangulation of findings from multiple research methods, including quantitative opinion polling, media monitoring and social listening, open-source insights, key informant interviews, satellite imagery, among others.
- Coordinating with the Senior Research Analyst and Assessment Manager to deliver high quality reports.
- Proactively identify gaps in knowledge, design new approaches to tackle these information gaps, and engage with a range of external organisations (suppliers and clients).
- Provide data analysis on primary and/or secondary data, ensuring that meaningful techniques are used to analyse the data collected; and report writing.
- Keeping abreast of relevant news in regions of study.

We will be looking for Research Analyst candidates who possess the following types of experience:

- High comfort level with quantitative data (using Excel/SPSS) and excellent writing skills are necessary.
- Excellent analytical skills, in particular with regards to quantitative data collection, management and analysis.
- **Additional data analysis tools and software experienced (PowerBi, Media Monitoring tools, OSINT skills) are a plus.**
- At least 1 year of research experience in an international setting. **An advanced degree in the social sciences is preferred.**
- **Preference given to candidates with Assessment, M&E, Analysis background;** knowledge of the methods and techniques of monitoring and evaluation, including developing survey questionnaires, drawing a sample, and assessing the quality of resulting data is desirable.
- General knowledge of the politics, economics, and societies of Africa.
- **Foreign language fluency is preferred but not essential;** French, Arabic and Spanish are all helpful.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. ORB International is an independent, privately-owned research agency. Please send a cover letter, CV and writing sample with the subject line 'ORB Job Search [ROLE]' to jmoody@orb-international.com and to mspeed@orb-international.com. The position is based in London, UK.

Depending on the number of applications received, we may not be able to respond to all applications.