

OPEN POSITION

Program Manager

Project Prakash is a US-based non-profit organization with a dual-mission: To provide eye care and surgeries to children with curable blindness, and also further our understanding of brain plasticity and learning.

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Several students, professors, healthcare workers and philanthropists have contributed to the scientific and humanitarian goals of Project Prakash. Over the past 15 years, the project has screened 45,000 children, provided sight surgeries to over 500 and non-surgical eye care to another 1,500 children. The corresponding scientific findings have been featured in prominent venues like Nature, Science, the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

Building on this experience, Project Prakash now seeks to expand its operations, reach and impact. We propose to do so by creating a 'Prakash Care Network', which will comprise several existing medical facilities in India and beyond, linked in a 'hub and spokes' model. The hub will coordinate activities across all nodes and also serve as an advanced clinical and research facility. To realize these ambitious plans, while also maintaining ongoing operations, we seek to appoint a Program Manager based in Boston.

Primary responsibilities:

- *Program definition:* Give precise form to the high-level vision for Project Prakash's future. This will involve formulating a plan, with an analysis of its strengths and risks, and a timeline for its implementation.
- *Fundraising:* Develop and implement a fundraising plan, incorporating the need for maintaining ongoing activities, as well as a capital campaign for program expansion.
- *Project oversight:* Track and manage ongoing project goals for the outreach, scientific and educational components of the effort; communicate goals to team and ensure timely implementation of programs.
- *Administrative and legal compliance:* Maintain financial and other regulatory records.

The ideal candidate will have strong commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the mission of Project Prakash as a humanitarian and science-focused organization. Additionally, we seek:

- Experience working in a fundraising/operations role in a nonprofit, preferably one focused on healthcare, development, policy, research, or social services; familiarity with budgeting, program implementation, evaluation, and data management
- Exceptional written and verbal communications skills to communicate program significance to potential supporters, and also serve as a bridge between the U.S. and India operations
- Familiarity with government, humanitarian and research grant processes.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Applicants should send a cover letter and resumé to Dr. Pawan Sinha (psinha@mit.edu). Names of three references will be requested following initial review.

For more information on Project Prakash: www.ProjectPrakash.org
A TED talk describing the work: https://www.ted.com/speakers/pawan_sinha