Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Position title:	Researcher
Organisation:	Mo Ibrahim Foundation (MIF)
Location:	Marylebone, London
Reporting to:	Senior Researchers
Hours:	Full time
Start date:	From mid-August 2026
Deadline:	Rolling application
Salary:	Commensurate with experience and in line with the sector

Please note: All applicants must have the right to work in the UK

Job summary

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation is seeking a Researcher to join its small research team. The role supports the Foundation's key initiatives – the **Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG)** and the **Ibrahim Forum Report** – through data analysis, research production, and content dissemination. It is ideal for someone passionate about governance, policy, and development in Africa.

Key responsibilities

- Conduct desk-based research, including data collection, analysis, and visualisation.
- Draft literature reviews and various forms of research pieces from varied sources on numerous topics – examples include climate, development finance, security, democracy, migration and the rule of law.
- Contribute to the production of reports, briefs, and presentations.
- Support the calculation, development and thematic analysis of the IIAG.
- Identify potential new data sources and governance indicators.
- Monitor relevant media, reports, and events.
- Help connect research with MIF's advocacy priorities.
- Assist with dissemination efforts and represent the Foundation at events.
- Provide editing, fact-checking, and logistical support as needed (including for the biennial Ibrahim Governance Weekend).

Qualifications & experience

- Postgraduate degree in a relevant field.
- 2-4 years research or analysis experience (internships count).
- Knowledge of African governance, development, or public policy.
- Experience with data analysis, management, and visualisation.
- Proven ability to write, edit and present research findings clearly.

Skills & competencies

- Excellent written and verbal communication in English.
- Proficient in Excel and MS Office. Familiarity with processing large datasets.
- Strong numerical skills; able to interpret and communicate data effectively.
- Fluency in French, Arabic or Portuguese is desirable.
- Detail-oriented with strong editing and proofreading skills.
- Organised, adaptable, and able to meet deadlines.
- Eager to learn, with a collaborative attitude.
- Knowledge of statistical software such as Python, R, or Tableau is an asset.
- Professional and diplomatic in multicultural settings.

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Application procedure

Interested candidates should send:

- A single-page cover letter outlining your interest in the role and relevant experience.
- A CV, clearly detailing qualifications and prior experience.
- Your salary expectations and notice period.

Please email your application to research@moibrahimfoundation.org, using your name and "Researcher application" as the subject line.

Please note that flexible working hours and international travel may be required for this role. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.