

Job Title	Senior Researcher
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Work Location	Utrecht, The Netherlands (Hybrid)
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Organization and overall purpose:

The Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNI) is a not-for-profit organization based in the Netherlands.

ATNI shapes markets so they deliver more nutritious, affordable foods for all. Through accountability tools and strategies, ATNI empowers key actors in the food system – starting with industry – to accelerate sustainable access to nutritious and affordable foods. We catalyse change through effective collaboration with companies, investors, policymakers, consumer representatives and civic leaders.

Remaining independent and free of any undue influence, ATNI scrutinizes the performance of the world's food and beverage companies, benchmarking industry leaders on a range of nutrition-related topics and indicators. We provide companies, investors and policymakers with the data, analyses and intel they need to drive sustainable change.

For more information on ATNI, please visit our website www.accesstonutrition.org.

The role:

To strengthen and deliver ATNI's new strategy (2023-2028) — and in particular its “Action Research” workstream — ATNI seeks a Senior Researcher to join its research team that comprises five junior and mid-level Researchers, one Senior Researcher and the Research Director. Together with the ATNI team and external researchers and consultants, the Senior Researcher will play a role in driving forward Action Research at ATNI. This will include specific analysis on nutrient profile models and translating data into analysis that can be actioned by investors (e.g. nutrition as part of ESG investing), policymakers and food companies.

Day-to-day research activities include data collection, analysis, report writing, dissemination of results, planning of research processes and ensuring the quality of research (e.g. through peer reviews), and contributing to defining the research agenda for ATNI. A key aspect of this role is representing ATNI in key external meetings and conferences and communications with stakeholders feeding into global nutrition debates. The Senior Researcher will be the lead on the Action Research workstream that includes a new project that aims to bring greater alignment among investors and business on nutrient profiling good practice. In addition, together with the Research Director and in consultation with external expert groups consisting of leading experts in the nutrition field, the Senior Researcher will play a key role in developing new/proved methodologies and analytical frameworks for existing tools as well as new programs. The role of the Researcher is tightly integrated within ATNI as part of a matrix structure.

The Senior Researcher will be reporting directly to the Research Director.

This is a unique opportunity to have a substantial positive impact on improving global health by helping to fundamentally shape the nutrition standards and practices of the food industry and the data being used by stakeholders including investors.

Duties & responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Action research: leading operational research on important sector-wide strategies that look to ensure markets deliver more nutritious foods. This may include: helping ATNI and partners better define what is a healthy food product; understanding what fiscal policies help incentivize the manufacturing of affordable healthy foods; etc.
- Data collection and research: together with the research team, research the policies, commitments, practices and disclosure of major F&B companies for the ATNI Global Indexes, Spotlight Indexes and other initiatives at ATNI under development.
- Reporting and writing: translate data and research findings into ATNI publications and reports (in close collaboration and alignment with the Research Director and Partnership Managers (responsible for partnership outreach and engagement)).
- Representing ATNI in external platforms, networks and alliances: participate in relevant nutrition related for and/or lead dialogues/processes towards harmonization of nutrition standards and their application.
- Analytical/methodological framework development: contribute to and take the lead in one or more major ATNI research programs in methodology development.
- Data-platform management: leading on further developing and overseeing the online data collection platform of ATNI (in collaboration with ATNI's external data platform developers).
- Organizational development: contribute to improving efficient data collection and analysis, data management and quality management processes in the team and organization.

Job requirements:

Minimum requirements:

- PhD or Master's degree in a relevant discipline (public health, nutrition, business, development, sustainability/CSR).
- At least 5 years of work experience in ESG/sustainability research or in-depth research into companies' business and nutrition practices.
- Affiliation / Knowledge of nutrition issues as they apply to the F&B sector.
- Experience in leading projects and project research teams.

Skills required:

- Excellent understanding of nutrient profiling systems
- Strong understanding of ESG investing principles and the sector
- Proven research and data analysis skills, with attention to detail and consistency.
- Experience with benchmarking approaches is an advantage.
- The ability to analyze written information (e.g. company policies, reports etc.).
- Proven ability to write clear and consistent reports based on research findings.
- Excellent written and spoken English.
- Good planning, management/coaching and self-organization skills.

- Good communication skills to facilitate internal and external communication related to the ATNI research process. Experience in research interaction with commercial parties is an advantage.
- Good IT skills including use of data-management platforms and Microsoft products (Excel, PowerPoint and Word) to present information.

Qualities required:

- Highly motivated, self-directed and adaptable. Able to work on multiple projects in parallel.
- Strongly committed to addressing the world's nutrition challenges and an interest and willingness to (further) develop expertise in relevant areas of nutrition.
- Team-player: able to work as part of a growing team, collaboratively and flexibly.
- Understand the challenges/limitations of working for a small NGO.

Candidate should be eligible to work in The Netherlands. Existing necessary permits and approvals to work in the EU are required (although remote working may be possible in exceptional circumstances).

Application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing date: 24 January 2023• How to apply: Send a cover letter and max 2-page CV to Weronika Patyk weronika.patyk@accesstonutrition.org . For enquiries, please contact Research Director Mark Wijne: mark.wijne@accesstonutrition.org.• Interviews will be conducted over Microsoft Teams.
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