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Tokyo, Japan

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Visiting Research Fellow (CONTRACT ON TECHNICAL CONSULTANT-CTC)

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University - Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)
- Reference Number** : 2017/UNU/IAS/CTC/VRF/75
- Applications to** : ias.recruitment@unu.edu *(All applications/nominations will be acknowledged. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.)*
- Closing Date** : 26 September 2017

United Nations University Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate teaching and capacity development and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States.

UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

UNU-IAS is a UNU institute based at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo. The mission of UNU-IAS is to serve the international community through policy-relevant research and capacity development focused on sustainability, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions. UNU-IAS builds on a strong tradition of UNU research and capacity development in Japan, undertaken in collaboration with a global network of professionals and scholars, particularly in Africa and Asia. For more information please visit <http://ias.unu.edu>.

Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Director of UNU-IAS and within the framework of the Institute's trans-disciplinary and multi-thematic programme activities, the successful candidate will be entrusted to associate with the Institute based on mutual interests of UNU-IAS and the candidate as specified:

- To visit the Institute for short durations to work on mutually agreed research projects or to organise research workshops or any other relevant academic pursuits
- To provide academic advice on the Institute's research programmes within the identified thematic areas and the Visiting Research Fellow's specific expertise
- To contribute to on-site seminars and symposia on issues and topics within the context of the Institute's thematic programmes
- To provide academic advice and counsel to the UNU-IAS doctoral and post-doctoral fellows in support of their individual research activities
- To contribute to UNU-IAS working papers and/or reports, for possible publication by the Institute reflecting the outcome of research conducted under the aegis of the Institute's programmes. The successful candidate has also to include UNU-IAS as his/her affiliation, besides his/her other affiliations, in any publication funded by or resulted from his/her collaboration with UNU-IAS
- To carry out other functions or duties assigned by the Director of UNU-IAS on terms and conditions agreed on by both parties

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- advanced university degree or equivalent in environmental science or a related field;
- at least seven (7) years of relevant, progressively responsible experience in university-level teaching, research, and programme development, or within government organizations, international organisations or research/training institutions
- demonstrated ability and experience in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of research and/or programme development
- detailed knowledge of the UN system and of its functions and activities
- ability to work harmoniously in a multicultural environment is required; in this context, a broad range of contacts within the international community of scholars, especially in developing countries, should be demonstrated
- English fluency is essential, and so is computer literacy; working knowledge of other official UN languages is an advantage

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Duration of Contract:

The successful candidate shall work under the Consultant Contract (CTC) at a rate of one day per week. No consultant shall provide services for more than twenty-four (24) months in a thirty-six (36) month period. Initial appointment will be for six (6) months, with possibility of renewal.

This is a locally recruited post and no relocation allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor is he/she a "staff member" as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Starting Date:

1 October 2017 (Negotiable)

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by e-mail (ias.recruitment@unu.edu), and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae and a completed and signed [UNU Personal History \(P.11\) form](#) downloadable from the [UNU website](#). Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2017/UNU/IAS/CTC/VRF/75).

Please note that applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8)