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**INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT
HELSINKI, FINLAND**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH FELLOW (P-2)

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER).
- Reference Number** : 2011/UNU/WIDER/FTA/ARF/13
- Applications to** : ***By Post:***
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- Closing Date** : 19 April 2011

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. For more information please visit www.unu.edu.

About UNU-WIDER:

UNU-WIDER, a research and training centre of the United Nations University located in Helsinki, Finland, is looking for an outstanding individual with strong commitment to conduct research and capacity building in the area of the Institute's work programme. For more information on UNU-WIDER and its work programme, please see www.wider.unu.edu.

Responsibilities:

Under the authority and overall supervision of the Director of the Institute, the Research Fellow will perform the following duties:

Economic research:

- Collects, evaluates, interpret, analyses specified statistics and qualitative socio-economic information obtained from a variety of sources and pertaining to particular sectors, countries, regions or development topics.
- Maintains databases and programmes for database management and organizes non-quantitative information.

- Assists in the design, testing, operation and modification of econometric models.
- Prepares briefing notes, inputs to speeches and similar material on economic or sector issues in a form that is meaningful to non-specialists;
- Prepares first drafts of analytical studies on development issues and policies.
- Assists in the organization and servicing of expert group meetings, seminars, and other events on development issues and helps disseminate research findings.

Technical cooperation and capacity building:

- Supports the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) in Mozambique in carrying out development economics research on priority issues.
- Helps formulate policy proposals on both macro and sector issues and inputs to key planning and strategy documents.
- Supports national staff in the research unit of MPD in their duties.
- Undertakes specific capacity building activities within MPD and at the University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) and helps develop collaborative activities between UNU-WIDER and UEM.

General:

- Undertakes on-the-job and other training activities, both internally and externally.
- Performs any other related duties as required, including a variety of administrative tasks necessary for the effective implementation of UNU-WIDER's mandate.

Required qualifications:

- A post graduate university degree in economics, preferably at the Ph.D. level.
- A minimum of three years of progressively responsible experience in economic research and analysis, policy formulation, application of economic principles in development programmes or related area.
- Candidates with a solid publication record in peer reviewed academic journals will be preferred.
- Teaching and research supervision experience is required.
- Prior work experience for government or research institution in a developing country desirable.
- Professional experience at an international organization and familiarity with United Nations systems will be of value.
- Fluency in both oral and written English and *Portuguese* are required. Knowledge of other official UNU languages is an asset.
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be offered at the initial step at P-2 level of the United Nations salary scale for professional staff. The post carries the standard set of United Nations entitlements/benefits, including participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant for eligible children, removal expenses and home leave. For more information about United Nations salary and entitlement/benefits please visit:

http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm. UNU Rector reserves the right to appoint suitable candidate at a lower level than advertised.

Duration of contract:

This is a full time employment where the successful incumbent will be **based at Maputo, Mozambique**. Initial appointment will be on a fixed-term appointment of 2 years with the possibility of renewal on a rolling fixed-term appointment basis, subject to requirements and satisfactory work performance. The mandatory age of retirement for United Nations staff is 62 years old. Staff members of the United Nations University are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University. Applications from suitably qualified women candidates and those from developing countries are particularly encouraged.

Starting date:

It is expected that the appointee will take up the position by August 2011 or earlier, subject to negotiation.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by email or mail before the application closing date, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae with a completed and signed United Nations University Personal History form (P-11) downloadable from United Nations University website at **www.unu.edu/employment**. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- A list of publications and recent writing samples;
- a full contact information of three referees; and
- the application must also indicate the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2011/UNU/WIDER/FTA/ARF/13)

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted; unsuccessful applications will neither be acknowledged nor returned. Please note that applications received after the closing date will not be considered.