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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (P-5)

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)
- Reference Number** : 2011/UNU/WIDER/FTA/RF/12
- 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 Senior Research Fellow will:

1. Design, undertake, and co-ordinate research in one or more areas of the Institute's work programme. Duties entail preparation of project discussion notes, the identification and briefing of contributors to projects, the co-ordination and supervision of their intellectual contributions, writing of research papers, the organization of research meetings, and the editing of books and other material for the UNU-WIDER publications series.

2. Contribute to the management of the Institute's activities, including the identification and development of research projects; the organization of meetings and conferences; and some fund-raising activities.
3. Organize dissemination activities, including the organization of book launches and the preparation of material for the media.
4. Be responsible, as required, for teaching, training, supervision, and other academic activities in the area of her/his specialty within the Institute's approved work programme.
5. Perform any other tasks as assigned by the Director.

Required qualifications:

- PhD in Development Economics, Economics, or a related discipline.
- A minimum of ten years of progressively relevant work experience, including managing research programmes in academic, research or other institutions.
- Teaching and research supervision experience is required.
- Proven track record of high quality academic and policy publications in the field of study.
- Strong background in applied research in an international environment.
- Professional experience in an international organization and familiarity with United Nations systems will be of value.
- Experience in managing and seeking research funding from donors and international funding agencies.
- Fluency in both oral and written English is 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-5 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. Initial appointment will be on fixed term appointment of two 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; and full contact information of three referees; and the application must also indicate the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2011/UNU/WIDER/FTA/RF/12)

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.