



**UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY**

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT - TOKYO, JAPAN

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RECTOR

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University
- Reference Number** : 2011/UNU/HQ/FTA/RO/08
- By Mail only to** : UNU Rectorship Nominating Committee
United Nations University,
53-70, Jingumae 5-chome,
Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925, JAPAN.
- Closing Date** : 15 June 2011

United Nations University Objectives:

The UNU is the academic arm of the United Nations system. Its mission is to contribute through collaborative research and postgraduate education, dissemination of knowledge and advisory services, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. The University functions as a think tank for the United Nations system and for UN Member States providing knowledge-based policy advice.

The Position:

The Rector is the chief academic and administrative officer of the University and has overall responsibility for the direction, organization, administration and programmes of the University. The position carries the rank of United Nations Under-Secretary-General. The Rector is appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with Director-General of UNESCO. The position requires extensive overseas travel. The continuing development and activities of the UNU places ever-increasing demands on the incumbent.

Required and desirable qualifications and characteristics:

- Candidates for the Rector should have an advanced university degree, preferably a Ph.D. in a discipline related to the human sciences, sciences of life, the earth and the biosphere.
- Possess prominent academic profile with evidence of high quality research work in the course of his/her career.
- Demonstrated management experience as the head of a university or research centre is required.
- Fluency in English and a working knowledge of French are essential. Some knowledge of other UN official languages is desirable.
- Experience in academic world and with international scientific cooperation.

- Established profile in the international community and successful track record of fund raising.
- Knowledge and appreciation of and commitment to the principles and ideals of the United Nations and a wide grasp of the problems of the modern world.
- Capability to maintain close cooperation with individuals, governments and with research and teaching institutions worldwide.
- Great drive and initiative to achieve the goals of UNU.

Remuneration:

Competitive net salary (tax-exempted) and allowances at a senior level (USG) within the United Nations system, including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change. 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 please visit: http://sas.undp.org/portal/alias_SAS/lang_en-GB/tabID_3379/DesktopDefault.aspx.

Duration of contract:

This is a fixed-term appointment. The period of initial contract would be for a five-year term with the possibility of renewal for a second term.

Starting date:

It is expected that the appointee will take up the post by September 2012.

Application Procedure:

Nominations or letters of application, including full curriculum vitae and list of publications should clearly indicate the above reference number. Applications must be sent by post to the above address. No emails or fax applications will be accepted.