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## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Position:** Research Fellow in Science and Technology for Sustainable Societies  
**Organisation:** United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)  
**Duty Station:** Yokohama City, Japan  
**Reference Number:** 2011/UNU/IAS/01  
**Application Deadline:** 31 March 2011  
**Expected Start Date:** As soon as possible  
**Type/Duration of Appointment:** 1 year (with the possibility of renewal)  
**Address confidential applications to:**  
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**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

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### **UNU Mission:**

The UNU is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training, and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of the 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. Key goals are to serve as an international community of scholars; a bridge between the United Nations and the international academic community; and as a think-tank for the United Nations system; to contribute to capacity building, particularly in developing countries; and to serve as a platform for new and creative ideas.

### **UNU-IAS Objectives:**

UNU-IAS was inaugurated in April 1996. It conducts research, postgraduate education, and capacity development, both in-house and in cooperation with an interactive network of academic institutions and international organisations. The thematic direction of UNU-IAS concerns the interactions of social and natural systems. The current research agenda focuses on strategic paths to sustainable development and under this broad theme; programmes focus on science and technology for sustainable societies, biodiversity, climate change, sustainable development governance, education for sustainable development, sustainable urban futures, and socio-ecological production landscapes. More information on UNU-IAS, its programme of activities and academic community, is available at [www.ias.unu.edu](http://www.ias.unu.edu).

**The Position and Responsibilities:**

The Institute is recruiting a Research Fellow for the Science and Technology for Sustainable Societies (STSS) Programme. Under the general supervision of the Director of UNU-IAS and the Head of the STSS Programme, the Research Fellow will be expected to be fully involved in the research activities of STSS to develop and actively support research projects in the broad area of science and technology for sustainable innovation so as to transition to a low carbon sustainable economic future. The major research focus of STSS is to develop policies, position papers and academic publications on mainstreaming green development through science, technology and innovation. We are interested in developing a knowledge platform and a global epistemic community for implementing the Bali Action Plan and Cancun Agreements on clean and low carbon technologies for sustainable development. Exploring global knowledge commons/platform for free circulation of knowledge and capabilities that can best deliver green/clean technologies for developing countries without being constrained by intellectual property restrictions is a prime intellectual motivation of the STSS Programme.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. (no ABDs) in natural sciences, engineering, social sciences or science & technology studies with a strong interdisciplinary focus on policy research;
- Demonstrated research experience in the broad area of science and technology for sustainable societies and excellent knowledge and awareness of global sustainable development discourse;
- Knowledge of the United Nations System with particular focus on global climate discourse and intergovernmental processes like UNFCCC and UNCBD;
- A sound record of or potential for publication in areas related to science and technology for sustainable societies;
- Research management and coordination skills;
- Teaching experience is highly desirable;
- Ability to prepare funding proposals;
- Fluency in English is essential. A working knowledge of other UN official languages is an advantage.

**Remuneration:**

This is a full-time position but not an official UN position. A monthly stipend can range from JPY 425,000 to 600,000 depending on the candidate's qualifications and years of work experience.

**Duration of Contract:**

Initial contract on a Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) for the first year including a three-month probationary period, with the possibility of renewal based on good performance and subject to requirements.

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants are encouraged to send their application materials electronically. The application consists of:

- A cover letter describing how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position. Please include the vacancy reference number in the letter.
- A UN University Personal History Form (P.11) accessible on the UN University website ([www.unu.edu/employment](http://www.unu.edu/employment))
- Full Curriculum Vitae with list of publications and names and contacts, including email addresses of three referees (the referees will be contacted directly by UNU-IAS in the event that the candidate is shortlisted)
- Two publication samples (articles or book chapters)

Please send the above documents by email to [recruitment@ias.unu.edu](mailto:recruitment@ias.unu.edu) by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered. Clearly state the reference number in the subject header. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.