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HELSINKI, FINLAND**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
(PSA - Personnel Service Agreement)**

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)
- Reference Number** : 2011/UNU/WIDER/PSA/RA/14
- Applications to** : ***By Post:***
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- Closing Date** : 1 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 Associate will:

1. Assist in design, and co-ordination of research in one or more areas of the Institute's work programme. Duties entail assistance in: preparation of project discussion notes, 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. Assist in development of research projects; organization of meetings and conferences;
3. Assist with dissemination activities, including the organization of book launches and the preparation of material for the media.
4. Perform any other tasks as assigned by the Director.

Required qualifications:

- Master's or PhD or equivalent qualification in publication in Development Economics, Economics, or a related discipline.
- At least three (3) years of progressively responsible relevant post graduate work experience.
- Experience in management of research programmes 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.
- Fluency in both oral and written English is required. Knowledge of other official UNU languages is an asset.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will commensurate with qualifications and years of work experience.

Duration of contract:

This is a full time employment on one (1) year Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract with the United Nations University, with possibility for contract renewal subject to satisfactory work performance.

This is a locally recruited post and no relocation allowance applies. Suitably qualified women applicants are particularly encouraged to apply.

Starting date: May / June 2011

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by email or mail, 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 full contact information of three referees; and
- the application must also indicate the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2011/UNU/WIDER/PSA/RA/14)

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted; unsuccessful applications will neither be acknowledged nor returned.