LOCAL RECRUITMENT
Helsinki, Finland

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
(Personnel Service Agreement – PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)

Reference Number : 2012/UNU/WIDER/PSA/RA-WIID/14

Applications to :

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Closing date : 31 May 2012

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.

United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research (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 visit www.wider.unu.edu.

Responsibilities:
Under the authority and overall supervision of the Director of the Institute, the Research Associate will:

• Assist in design, and co-ordination of research in one or more areas of the Institute’s work programme with a focus on poverty, inequality and income distribution issues; with an interest in further development of the World Income and Inequality Database (WIID). 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,
organization of research meetings, and the editing of books and other material for the UNU-WIDER publications series.

- Assist in development of research projects; organization of meetings and conferences;
- Assist with dissemination activities, including the organization of book launches and the preparation of material for the media.
- Perform any other tasks as assigned by the Director.

Qualifications and Experience Requirements:

- A Master’s or PhD degree or equivalent qualification in Development Economics, Economics, or a related discipline;
- At least three (3) years of progressively responsible relevant postgraduate work experience;
- Experience in management of research programmes is an asset;
- Fluency in both oral and written English is required. Knowledge of other United Nations official 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:

Monthly remuneration of EUR 5,500.00 subject to submission of reports to the Director on the tasks accomplished at the end of each quarter during the contract period at 15 December, 15 March, 15 June and 15 September. It is inclusive of a housing subsidy of EUR 700.00.

Duration of Contract:

This is a full time employment on a one (1) year Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract with the United Nations University, with the possibility of contract renewal subject to requirements and 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: 1 October 2012.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by email, 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 UNU Personal History form downloadable from United Nations University website at [http://unu.edu/about/hr/how-to-apply](http://unu.edu/about/hr/how-to-apply). Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- a full contact information of three (3) referees; and
- the application must also indicate the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2012/UNU/WIDER/PSA/RA-WIID/14).