Duty station: Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

Organisational Unit : United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

Reference Number : 2020/UNU/IIGH/PSA/PFP/02

Applications to : iighrecruit@unu.edu

Closing Date : 4pm, 17 February 2020 (UTC+8)

About UN University

For the past four decades, UNU has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on the pressing global problems of human survival, conflict prevention, development, and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 13 countries, UNU’s work spans the full breadth of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, generating policy-relevant knowledge to effect positive global change. UNU maintains more than 200 collaborations with UN agencies and leading universities and research institutions across the globe.

About UNU-IIGH

UNU-IIGH is one of 14 research and training Institutes that comprise the think tanks in the UNU system. UNU-IIGH was established in 2005 with the mission to advance evidence-based policy on key issues related to sustainable development and global health. UNU-IIGH aims to build knowledge and capacity for decision making by UN agencies, UN programmes and Member states towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. As a neutral convener, and leveraging its position within the UN, UNU-IIGH works with a network of academic, policy, and civil society experts to serve as a platform for critical thinking and exchange of knowledge and tools for policy influence and consensus building.

Responsibilities

Postdoctoral Fellows at UNU-IIGH are within 5 years of graduation with a PhD or Professional Doctorate. The Postdoctoral Fellowship provides the opportunity to expand their career beyond the academic research environment to engage with policy application, translation and dissemination. UNU-IIGH offers an excellent multicultural environment for interaction with scholars from different countries and diverse academic backgrounds.

To that end, we are looking for post-doctoral researchers who will work with UNU-IIGH research fellows, UN partners and relevant stakeholders to advance our agenda.
The Fellowship is open to candidates who demonstrate that they can contribute to the ongoing research, policy translation and capacity building projects in the Institute.

Fellows will: (i) work on projects assigned by the host research fellow, and (ii) participate in other academic activities of the institute, including regular in-house discussions and seminars.

The fellowship is based at the UNU-IIGH office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Required Qualifications and Experience:**
- Applicants must be within 5 years of completion of a PhD in public health or a related discipline
- Professional experience in public health research, policy, or programming is essential
- Experience in research design is essential
- Excellent communication skills in English is essential
- Excellent time management skills is essential

**Other specific skills:**
- Applicants should possess an analytical approach to defining policy relevant research questions
- Experience with broad-based and cross-disciplinary knowledge acquisition is desirable
- Demonstrated ability in conducting data analysis and interpretation
- Proven experience with quantitative and/or qualitative research techniques
- Familiarity with searching and evaluating scientific literature is desirable
- Experience in writing manuscripts, white papers, and progress reports is desirable
- Familiarity with gender-responsive research and programming

UNU is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply and become part of the organization.

UNU has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNU, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.

We recommend that applicants review the information on how to apply for jobs with the UN to assist with the submission of a competitive application.

**Remuneration:**

Remuneration will commensurate with qualifications and experience according to suitability of candidates.

**Duration of Contract:**

This is full time employment. The period of initial contract will be for 12 months, which can be extended for an additional 12-month period.

**Starting Date:** As soon as possible

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications online using iighrecruit@unu.edu and must upload the following:

- Completed and signed UNU P-11 form;
- Cover letter outlining your interests and motivation to work at UNU-IIGH;
• An abstract from your current PhD research/dissertation;
• A recent publication sample (in English)
• Two letters of recommendation to support your application, one must come from one of your PhD supervisors
• Scanned copy of your passport details page
• Please quote Reference number 2020/UNU/IIGH/PSA/PFP/02 and state UNU-IIGH Postdoctoral Fellowship 2020 in the section ‘What post are you applying for?’

Please state Postdoctoral Fellowship 2020 with your name in the subject of the email. For non-Malaysian citizens or residents, assistance with visa formalities will be provided by UNU-IIGH. Note that only completed applications received by the deadline will be considered. We will acknowledge receipt of your application via email.