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Hamilton, Canada**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXTERN: Bottled Water

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)

Reference Number : 2020/UNU/INWEH/EXTERN/BW/66

Applications to : intern.at.inweh@unu.edu

Closing Date : 21 September 2020

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United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH):

The UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health (<http://inweh.unu.edu/>) is a member of the UNU family of organizations. Its vision is a world free of water problems where sustainable human development and environmental health and security are assured for all. Its mission is to help resolve pressing water challenges that are of concern to the United Nations, its Member States, and their people. UNU-INWEH pursues its mission through critical analysis and synthesis of existing bodies of scientific discovery; targeted research that identifies emerging policy issues; application of on-the-ground scalable science-based solutions to water issues; and global outreach. UNU-INWEH is the only entirely-water focused Institute within the UNU System, and the only entirely water-related UN entity in Canada. UNU-INWEH is supported by the Government of Canada and hosted by McMaster University.

UNU-INWEH works on four broadly defined, interconnected thematic areas: i) accelerating the implementation of water-related SDGs ii) activating a technology revolution for water security in the Global South; iii) advancing gender equality for effective water management and iv) managing water- and climate-related risks for improved water security [UNU-INWEH-Strategic-Plan](#) The institute focuses primarily on global water issues and their implications for developing countries.

Background:

With the increase in water scarcity and water quality deterioration across the world, the bottled water industry and related entrepreneur are also increasing. Estimates suggest that the related businesses generate approximately US\$ 215 billion in revenue annually. Bottled drinking water is interconnected with the 2030 Global Sustainable Agenda and particularly SDG 6 and water related targets embedded in other SDGs.

At UNU-INWEH, we intend to initiate the process of data and literature collection and synthesis to develop a state-of-the-art review to make an unbiased comprehensive analysis of the state of bottled water industry globally, primarily its environmental and social impacts and associated benefits. In addition, we intend to develop a policy brief on this topic.

We are looking for an extern who can work remotely to assist in data and literature collection and synthesis, prepare draft of the review, and contribute to the policy brief.

Responsibilities (*List of Tasks*):

- Collect and synthesize data on different aspects of bottled water data.
- Search and arrange literature on environmental and social impacts and associated benefits of bottled water, among others.
- Prepare draft of the state-of-the-art review and policy brief on the status of bottled water.
- Undertake additional tasks as assigned by the supervisor.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Eligibility requirements as available at: [externship-programme](#)
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent degree in an area relevant to UNU-INWEH's field of work.
- Familiarity in undertaking research and literature reviews.
- Excellent computer skills particularly use of Excel.
- Ability to prioritize work and multi-task; focus on delivery; self-motivation.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
- Fluency in oral and written English; knowledge of any other UN official languages is an advantage.

Expected Products (*Outputs*):

- Datasets and literature on the status of different aspects of bottled water data.
- Policy brief and state-of-the-art review on bottled water data.
- Externship report submitted to UNU-INWEH, as per requirement of UNU-INWEH externship programme.

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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.

Duration and Start Date:

The duration of externship is between 3 and 4 months with an expected start date of 1 October 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter.

In case of substantial time difference between extern's location and UNU-INWEH's location (Hamilton, Canada), the extern and supervisor will discuss and agree on a daily schedule for the extern to ensure consistent support to extern from the supervisor.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should apply before 21 September 2020 by e-mail in the form of an Adobe Acrobat PDF file to intern.at.inweh@unu.edu following the application procedure available under [application form](#)

Applications **must** include the following:

- 1) An indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement
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Only short-listed candidates will be notified. Applications that do not include all the requested information will not be considered.