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Research Lead - Global Health Futures (P-4)

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

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Applications to: recruit.iigh@unu.edu

Closing Date: 7 June 2021

About United Nations University
The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars engaged in policy-oriented research, 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 the past four decades, UNU has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on human survival, conflict prevention, sustainable development, and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 12 countries, UNU's work spans the 17 Sustainable Development Goals' full breadth, 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. For more information, please visit http://unu.edu.

About United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health (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 2007 to advance evidence-based policy on key issues related to sustainable development and global health. UNU-IIGH aims to build knowledge and capacity in global health for decision making by UN agencies, UN programmes and Member states towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The aim is to contribute to the development and strengthening of health policy frameworks and management actions, particularly for people in developing countries, and support the implementation of promotive and preventive approaches to
human health. The UNU-IIGH’s research and capacity building in global health relates specifically to informing the policy debates and directions that ensure, in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), that "no one is left behind".

As a neutral convener and leveraging its position within the UN, UNU-IIGH works with a network of academic, policy, and civil society experts, drawing particularly on groups in the Global South, to serve as a platform for critical thinking and exchange of knowledge and tools for policy influence.

Research Leads at UNU-IIGH are expected to develop and lead programmes of research and capacity building, focusing on generating knowledge and informing critical policy debates across UN agencies and member states.

The position
UNU-IIGH seeks to appoint a Research Lead to develop a program of work on "Global Health Futures", building on its function as a neutral convener and think tank within the United Nations system. The world faces significant challenges and is largely off-track towards the achievements for the 2030 agenda. Current paradigms in global health, despite protestations of multidisciplinarity, are ill-equipped to provide the approaches and tools for sustainable, contextually relevant solutions within countries. The program will need to reflect an emergent global health agenda that reflects country needs given the COVID-19 pandemic, current and future roles of the multilateral system, advances in health technologies, growing inequalities and challenges in addresses intersecting disparities related to gender, migration, ethnicity, indigeneity, etc. Critically, the program will need to be grounded in perspectives from the "Global South," demonstrate a strong ethos of country-led approaches, and engage with ethics, equity, social justice, and human rights principles.

Responsibilities:
Under the leadership of the Director, the Research Lead will:

- Develop and lead the Programme on Global Health Futures;
- Working with the team of research fellows, post-docs and interns, lead the research pillar on "Translating Evidence to Policy" within the UNU-IIGH strategy;
- Contribute effectively to other pillars within the UNU-IIGH strategic plan and the publication of policy-relevant research outputs;
- Continue ongoing and create new opportunities for collaborations within the institute related to training, research, and evidence dissemination;
- Build strategic partnerships and mobilise external resources for the activities of the Programme, paying particular attention to partnerships with networks and institutions in the Global South;
- Manage research projects with external researchers and partners;
- Participate in local and international research, policy and outreach events;
- Oversee the preparation and implementation of conferences, communications and meeting activities within the remit of UNU-IIGH;
- Carry out teaching, training and supervision within the capacity building programmes of the Institute, including direct supervision of interns, junior researchers, PhD students, and post-doctoral fellows;
- Produce research and management reports;
- Engage with members of the UN Country Team and other regional agencies in providing support towards the achievement of the SDGs;
- Prepare and present seminars for specialist and non-specialist audiences; and
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Director.
Required Qualifications and Experience:

- PhD (or equivalent in demonstration of scholarship) in public health, social or political sciences, policy analysis or related field with a particular focus on health;
- A minimum of 10 years of progressively senior professional work experience in a health related field, including the management of research and/or training programmes;
- Demonstrated ability to carry out and manage development of new areas of scholarship and research in an international environment;
- Evidence of academic and peer-reviewed publications related to the programme area outlined above;
- Familiarity with foresight methodological approaches;
- Demonstrated track record in the international research and policy agenda in areas related to the Institute’s research programme;
- Demonstrable excellent verbal and written skills in English across a range of communication formats (speaking roles, academic publications, program reports, policy briefs) knowledge of other official UN languages would be an asset;
- Strong track record of competitive funding and resource mobilisation from national and international funding agencies; and
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal and mentoring skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

UNU offers an attractive, tax exempt compensation package including an annual net salary and post adjustment, which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance).

Other benefits include: 30 days annual leave, dependency benefits, pension plan and health insurance scheme. Benefits for internationally recruited staff may include home leave, travel and removal expenses on appointment and separation, education grant for dependent children, assignment grant and rental subsidy.

For more information, please visit [https://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/index.html](https://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/index.html)

The Rector reserves the right to appoint a candidate at a level below that advertised.

Duration of contract:

This is a full-time fixed-term appointment. The initial appointment will be for one (1) year with the possibility of renewal on a fixed-term appointment basis, subject to satisfactory work performance, with the combined duration of fixed-term appointments not exceeding six (6) years. The mandatory age of retirement for United Nations staff is 65 years.

Staff members of the United Nations University are international civil servants subject to the Rector’s authority. They may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University.

UNU-IIGH 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. Applications from low- and middle-income countries, and from women are strongly encouraged.

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.

**Starting Date:** July 2021

**Application Procedure:**
Interested applicants should email their applications to recruit.iigh@unu.edu and include “Research Lead, Global Health Futures (P-4)” in the subject line. The application must submit the following supporting documents:

- A covering letter setting out: (1) what are the motivations for applying for the post and (2) how the candidate’s qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- A completed and signed **UNU Personal History (P.11) form** downloadable from the UNU website. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organisations and
- A full CV.

Candidates will be contacted only if they are under serious consideration. Shortlisted candidates will be required to complete a recruitment assignment as a part of the interview process.