Duty station: Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Fellow - P3

Organisational Unit: United Nations University International Institute for Global Health

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Applications to: iighrecruit@unu.edu

Closing Date: 2 August 2021

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 International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

UNU-IIGH is one of 14 research and training Institutes that comprise 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.

UNU-IIGH is hosted in Malaysia, thanks to an endowment by the Malaysian Government. The status of UNU-IIGH in Malaysia is as a resident UN agency. However, its mandate is global, with a focus on global health priorities linked to sustainable development in low- and middle-income countries.

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 capacity building.

Responsibilities

Under its current strategy (2019-2023), UNU-IIGH has prioritized the generation of policy-relevant analyses on gender and health. As part of this work, it is hosting the Gender and Health Hub to provide a platform for collaboration, practice-based learning, and co-production of critical analyses and evidence, as well as broker new partnerships and alliances to extend the sources of evidence and support dissemination and policy translation.
The Research Fellow will lead a programme of research under the Hub on reviewing, generating and translating evidence on effective approaches to promote gender equity in health policies and programmes. Under the leadership of the Director and the Pillar lead, the Research Fellow will:

- Contribute effectively to the Gender and Health Hub of the Institute, and the publication of policy-relevant research outputs
- Provide technical and managerial leadership for the successful implementation of research and policy engagement activities.
- Build and manage partnerships with external researchers and partners.
- Ensure the project produces specified results to the required standard of quality and within the timeline and budget parameters.
- Participate in international research, policy and outreach events.
- Supervise postdoctoral fellows, PhD students, junior researchers, and interns
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Directorate.

**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- PhD in public health or related field;
- A minimum 5 years of progressively responsible professional experience, including the management of research and training programmes;
- Demonstrated ability to carry out and manage research activities in an international environment;
- Evidence of academic and peer-reviewed publications related to gender and health;
- Demonstrated track record in international research and policy engagement in areas related to the Institute’s research programme;
- Evidence of teaching and research supervision experience;
- Excellent verbal and written skills in English across a range of communication formats (academic publications, program reports, policy briefs). Knowledge of another official UN language would be an asset;
- Track record of competitive funding and resource mobilization from national and international funding agencies;
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal 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 see: [https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=SAL](https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=SAL)

**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.

For academic positions, the combined duration of fixed-term appointments with UNU may not exceed six (6) years. The mandatory age of retirement for United Nations staff is 65 years.

**Starting Date:** 1 October 2021
Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their application materials by email to iighrecruit@unu.edu

Applications must include the following:

- A cover letter setting out how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position,
- A completed and signed UN 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 with a list of publications.

You may also refer to the following websites when you are compiling your application:
https://www.humanrightscareers.com/magazine/how-to-prepare-properly-for-a-competency-based-interview-at-the-un/

Assessment

Evaluation of qualified candidates may include an assessment exercise which may be followed by a competency-based interview, background checks and references.

Special notice

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

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. Applications from developing countries, and from women are strongly encouraged. Eligible internal applicants are also encouraged to apply.

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.

Information about UNU rosters

UNU reserves the right to select one or more candidates from this vacancy announcement. We may also retain applications and consider candidates applying to this post for other similar positions with UNU at the same grade level and with similar job description, experience and educational requirements.

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