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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RECTOR, UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY TOKYO, JAPAN

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The United Nations University (UNU) is recruiting a Rector.

The Institution: The United Nations University (UNU) brings together an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. UNU serves as a think tank for the United Nations system—it is a platform for new and creative ideas, as well as academic and policy dialogue. In addition to the UNU Headquarters located in Tokyo, UNU has established fifteen institutes and programmes worldwide. For more information please visit <http://unu.edu>.

The Position: The Rector is the chief academic and administrative officer of the University and has overall responsibility for the direction, organization, administration and programmes of the University. The Rector is appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO. The position carries the rank of United Nations Under-Secretary-General and requires extensive overseas travel.

Required qualifications: Advanced university degree, preferably a Ph.D. in a discipline related to the human sciences, or sciences of life, the earth and the biosphere. The successful candidate must have a prominent academic profile with evidence of high quality research work in the course of his/her career. In addition, he/she will demonstrate an understanding of contemporary development and policymaking challenges and will have experience translating research for policy communities. Demonstrated management experience as the head of a university or research centre is required. Fluency in English and a working knowledge of French are essential.

Desirable qualifications and characteristics: Established profile in the international community. Successful track record of fund raising. Knowledge and appreciation of and commitment to the principles and ideals of the United Nations. Capability to maintain close cooperation with individuals, governments and with research and teaching institutions worldwide in order to promote scientific cooperation. Great drive and initiative to achieve the goals of UNU. Some knowledge of other UN official languages is desirable.

Remuneration: Competitive net salary (tax-exempted) and allowances at a senior level (USG) within the UN system, including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change. The post carries the standard set of UN entitlements/benefits, including participation in the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant for eligible children, removal expenses and home leave. For more information please visit:

http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

All applications must include the above reference number, a curriculum vitae, a list of publications, and a completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form, which can be downloaded here <https://unu.edu/about/unu-services/hr/applying-for-a-position#files> please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organisations. Applications must be sent to the UNU Rectorship Nominating Committee at rectorship@unu.edu. Applications may also be accepted by post at the following address:

UNU Rectorship Nominating Committee
United Nations University
5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
150-8925, Japan

Application deadline: 22 April 2017

It is expected that the appointee will take up the position by 1 March 2018. The initial appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of a second term. Applications from women candidates are particularly encouraged.