LOCAL RECRUITMENT  
(Tokyo, Japan)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PROGRAMME ASSISTANT  
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University – Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

Reference Number : 2017/UNU/IAS/PSA/PA/46

Applications to : recruitment-is@unu.edu

Closing Date : 13 August 2017

United Nations University Objectives:

The United Nations University (UNU) brings together an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and the 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.

United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS):

UNU-IAS is a UNU institute based at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo. The mission of UNU-IAS is to serve the international community through policy relevant research and capacity development focused on sustainability, including its social, economic and environmental dimensions. UNU-IAS builds on a strong tradition of UNU research and capacity development in Japan, undertaken in collaboration with a global network of professionals and scholars, particularly in Africa and Asia. For more information please visit http://ias.unu.edu

International Satoyama Initiative (ISI)

The International Satoyama Initiative (ISI) project at UNU-IAS supports the Satoyama Initiative concept through a range of activities, including (a) network building, (b) capacity building, (c) outreach and communication, and (d) research activities. The Satoyama Initiative is a global effort to realize societies in harmony with nature, through promoting the maintenance and rebuilding of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) for the benefit of biodiversity and human wellbeing. ISI also serves as Secretariat of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI).

Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the UNU-IAS Director, and under the direct guidance and supervision of the Project Director of the International Satoyama Initiative (ISI), the Programme Assistant will be responsible for the following duties:

• Assist various administrative matters related to the project, including travel arrangements, contracts, procurements, and related payments.
• Assist in providing logistical support to the organization and follow-up of conferences, meetings and other events.
• Assist the day to day management and operation of programmatic activities such as programme outreach, writing, editing, translation and other tasks.
• Maintain supporting documents and filing system for the project.
• Perform any other duties as may be assigned or required by the Project Director.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

• Diploma, advanced diploma or a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or related fields of study with at least two (2) years of work experience in office administration or related duties, preferably in international environment.
• Knowledge or background in Environmental Science, Development, Social Sciences, Public Policy or a related discipline would be desirable.
• Knowledge and working experience of organization of conferences, logistical and financial arrangements is preferable. Work experience in international organizations or promoting major international initiatives is an asset.
• Excellent communication skills with proficiency in both oral and written English and Japanese.
• Ability to prioritize tasks, to complete them within a limited time frame and to handle multiple concurrent activities.
• A good team player with strong inter-personal skills, demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will commensurate with qualifications and experience, and can range from JPY 300,000 to 330,000 per month. There are no other fringe benefits.

Duration of Contract:

This is a full-time employment on a Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) with UNU-IAS. Initial appointment will be for one (1) year, with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory work performance, with the combined duration of appointments not exceeding six (6) years.

This is a locally recruited post; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor be a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations. UNU does not sponsor a working visa for this position.

Starting Date: September 2017 (negotiable)
Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email (to recruitment-isi@unu.edu), and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae and 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 organizations;
- a brief resume in Japanese;
- an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2017/UNU/IAS/PSA/PA/46).

Please note that applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8)