LOCAL RECRUITMENT  
(Kanazawa, Japan)  

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  

Research Associate  
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)  

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)  
Reference Number : 2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/RA/56  
Applications to : recruitment-ouik@unu.edu  
Closing Date : 9 July 2018  

About United Nations 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 (SDGs), 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.  

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  

United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (UNU-IAS OUIK):  
UNU-IAS OUIK was established in April 2008 with strong support by local governments of Ishikawa Prefecture and Kanazawa City in Japan. OUIK has provided local and regional input into UNU’s sustainable development and international cooperation efforts in collaboration with other organizations, including UN agencies, academic institutes and local partners by implementing research on sustainable utilization of biodiversity and
ecosystem services. OUIK also aims at developing communication and networks with local stakeholders through public outreach and capacity building, while sharing information about international trends.

Responsibilities:

Under the direct guidance and supervision of the Director of UNU-IAS OUIK and in close collaboration with the UNU-IAS staff, the Research Associate shall be responsible for the following duties:

- conduct research on urban sustainability and biocultural diversity by collaborating with local, national and international partners
- organize events such as symposiums, workshops, and meetings to establish platform to contribute to the relevant policies of Kanazawa city including local biodiversity strategy
- issue the publication on the basis of the research outcomes
- contribute to UN process by disseminating the research outcomes
- perform other duties as may be assigned

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- PhD or equivalent in relevant fields of biodiversity, landscape management, landscape architecture, environmental studies or public policy
- familiarity with and interest in current issues on SEPLS, Satoyama and Satoumi, urban sustainability, ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation
- at least two (2) years of work experience at academic or research institution(s), or other relevant organization(s). Project management experience is an asset. Participation in international academic society(ies), or involvement in international research project(s) is desirable
- a proven track record of academic and policy publications
- excellent writing and communication skills in English and Japanese. 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
- excellent analytical skills as well as demonstrated ability to multi-task and to manage own workload and schedule to deliver timely results

Remuneration:

Remuneration will commensurate with qualification and experience, and will range from JPY 350,000 to JPY 400,000 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: As soon as possible (negotiable)
Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email (to recruitment-ouik@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; 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 (2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/RA/56)

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)