LOCAL RECRUITMENT  
(Tokyo, Japan)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Fellow  
International Satoyama Initiative  
(Personnel Service Agreement – PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)
Reference Number : 2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/RF/75
Applications to : recruitmentisi@unu.edu
Closing Date : 31 October 2018

About United Nations University:
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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.

The International Satoyama Initiative (ISI) Project
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 ISI Project Director, the Research Fellow shall perform the following tasks:

• design and coordinate research and knowledge management activities in the area related to the Satoyama Initiative and socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes, and for the further development of the Satoyama Initiative and the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI). This will include:
  o develop relevant publications throughout the process from call for papers to publishing
  o organize and/or contribute to research-related meetings and workshops
  o undertake and/or support knowledge facilitation activities of IPSI Secretariat
  o collect information on the progress and discussion related to IPBES, and where appropriate, involve in its activities
• for the aforementioned duties, work with partners within and outside the institute, including the member organizations of IPSI
• publish academic papers, policy-oriented documents, and promotion-oriented materials in relationship with the aforementioned activities
• contribute to activities of the UNU-IAS post graduate programme including by giving lectures, and to other education and training courses when requested
• support various activities of IPSI Secretariat when requested
• perform any other duties as may be assigned or required by the Project Director

Required Qualifications and Experience:

• a PhD degree in the area of biodiversity conservation, ecosystem assessment, natural resource management, development or other related discipline
• sound record of or potential for publication of the above mentioned research areas with focus on policy, planning and/or practice
• knowledgeable about international policy and/or science mechanisms or agreements on relevant areas including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
• working experience in international organizations is an asset
• a minimum of eight years of progressively responsible relevant work experience
• teaching experience is desirable
• experience in management of research programmes is an asset
• excellent communication skills with proficiency in 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 qualification and experience and will range from JPY 550,000 to 650,000 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.

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged.

**Starting Date:** January 2019 (negotiable)

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email (to recruitment-is@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
- an indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2018/UNU/IAS/PSA/RF/75)

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)