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## **INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT (TOKYO, JAPAN)**

### **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMME OFFICER (P4)**

<b>Organizational Unit</b>	: United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)
<b>Reference Number</b>	: 2018/UNU/IAS/FTA/APO/37236
<b>Applications to</b>	: <a href="mailto:ias.recruitment.apo@unu.edu">ias.recruitment.apo@unu.edu</a>
<b>Closing Date</b>	: 28 February 2019

#### **United Nations University Objectives:**

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. Through its postgraduate education programmes UNU-IAS develops future international leaders with the interdisciplinary understanding and skills needed to advance creative solutions to problems of sustainability. 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>

**Responsibilities:**

Under the supervision of the UNU-IAS Director, the Academic Programme Officer will manage a set of academic programmes and projects and develop relevant activities in the institute's three thematic areas: sustainable societies, natural capital and biodiversity, and global change and resilience. Specific responsibilities will include:

- Providing academic oversight and leadership of the UNU-IAS postgraduate degree programmes;
- Developing, planning, organizing, and managing academic and research activities as well as publication and dissemination efforts in the programme area(s);
- Producing original, policy-oriented research and developing policy recommendations on issues relevant to the wider UN community;
- Disseminating research outputs through policy papers, participation in conferences, and media commentary;
- Securing external funding for academic and research activities in the programme areas;
- Planning and organizing scientific meetings and workshops;
- Developing and maintaining collaborative links with the UN system and international organizations, and representing the University in related conferences and meetings;
- Formulating project proposals and assessing external proposals and refining them for implementation by UNU or for submission for external funding;
- Monitoring and evaluating activities and submitting periodic reports, and preparing descriptions of programme activities as required;
- Designing and coordinating courses, delivering lectures, and supervising students as part of the UNU-IAS postgraduate degree programmes; and
- Performing other duties as assigned.

**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- Advanced university degree (Ph.D.) in environmental science, sustainability, or a related field;
- At least seven (7) years of relevant, progressively responsible experience in university-level teaching, research and programme development, or within international organizations or research/training institutions.
- Detailed knowledge of the UN system and of its functions and activities;
- Demonstrated ability and experience in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of research and training programmes;
- A strong international research background, with proven academic achievements in relevant fields and an excellent publication record;
- Knowledge of, and familiarity with, funding sources and a proven ability to raise external funds;
- Ability to work harmoniously in a multicultural environment is required; in this context, a broad range of contacts within the international community of scholars, especially in developing countries, should be demonstrated;
- Proven sensitivity to gender issues;
- English fluency is essential, and so is computer literacy. Working knowledge of other official UN languages is an advantage.

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged.

**Remuneration:**

We offer competitive net salary (tax-exempted) at P-4 level commensurate to level of experience and allowances including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change.

The post carries the standard set of United Nations benefits and entitlements for international positions in the UN Common Systems, including participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant, removal expenses and home leave.

For more information, please visit [http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries\\_allowances/salary.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm).

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

**Duration of Contract:**

This is a full time fixed-term appointment. The period of initial contract would be for a one-year term with the possibility of renewal on a fixed-term appointment basis, subject to satisfactory work performance, with the combined duration of fixed-term appointments not exceeding six (6) years. The mandatory age of retirement for United Nations staff is 65 years.

Staff members of the United Nations University are international civil servants subject to the authority of the Rector and may be assigned to any of the activities or offices of the United Nations University.

**Starting Date:** 1 August 2019 (Negotiable)

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by email (to [ias.recruitment.apo@unu.edu](mailto:ias.recruitment.apo@unu.edu)) and must include the following:

- A cover letter setting out: (1) what are your motivations for applying for the post and (2) how your 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/FTA/APO/37236).

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)