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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RESEARCH FELLOW
(P-4)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

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Applications to : recruit.iigh@unu.edu

Closing Date : 31 March 2019

About UN 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 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. For more information, please visit http://unu.edu.

United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH):

UNU-IIGH is one of 14 research and training centres that comprise the think tanks in the UNU system. UNU-IIGH was established in 2005 with the mission to advance evidence-based policy on key issues related to sustainable development and global health. As a member of the UN family, UNU-IIGH brings an interdisciplinary and intersectoral approach to problem-solving. Given the critical role of gender in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal for health, and the fact that progress has remained extremely limited despite bold commitments, UNU-IIGH is focusing its efforts and resources for generating policy-relevant analysis on gender and health. The aim is to support the work of UN agencies, UN programmes and Member states towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Fellows at UNU-IIGH work with relevant partners and stakeholders to develop and lead innovative interdisciplinary programmes that advance knowledge and contribute to debates towards the development of transformative interventions to advance global health. Recognizing the complex intersections of gender and other determinants of health, and the imperative to work towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals, we are looking for an outstanding individual with a track record in health policy and gender analysis and a strong methodological background in qualitative or quantitative data analysis. For more information about specific research areas, visit https://iigh.unu.edu/ or contact michelle.remme@unu.edu.
Responsibilities:

Under the leadership of the Director, the Research Fellow will:

- Contribute effectively to the IIGH research programme, and the publication of policy-relevant research outputs;
- Mobilise external resources for the establishment of research projects and programmes for capacity building in the IIGH areas of focus
- Manage research projects with external researchers and partners;
- Participate in local and international research, policy and outreach events;
- Assist in preparing and implementing conference, communications and meeting activities within the remit of UNU-IIGH;
- Carry out teaching, training and supervision within the capacity building programmes of the Institute, including direct supervision of interns, junior researchers, PhD students, and post-doctoral fellows;
- Write research and management reports;
- Engage with members of the UN Country Team and other regional agencies in providing support towards the achievement of the SDGs
- Prepare presentations and speeches for specialist and non-specialist audiences;
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Directorate.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- PhD in public health or related field;
- A minimum 10 years of progressively senior professional work experience, including the management of research and training programmes;
- Demonstrated ability to carry out and manage development research activities in an international environment;
- Evidence of academic and peer-reviewed publications related to the programme areas outlined above;
- Demonstrated track record in the international research and policy agenda in areas related to the Institute’s research programme;
- Evidence of teaching and research supervision experience;
- Excellent verbal and written skills in English across a range of communication formats (academic publications, program reports, policy briefs) Knowledge of other official UN languages would be an asset;
- Strong track record of competitive funding and resource mobilization from national and international funding agencies;
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

The post offers a competitive net salary (tax-exempted) at P-4 level and the standard set of United Nations benefits and entitlements for international positions in the UN Common Systems. This includes a post adjustment for positions based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and 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. Note that post adjustments are regularly assessed and are subject to change. For more information, please visit http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/salaries_allowances/salary.htm

Duration of contract:

This is a full time fixed-term appointment. The initial appointment will be for a period of one (1) year 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.
UNU-IIGH is an equal opportunities and diversity employer and is committed to a workplace that reflects the values of diversity and inclusivity embodied by the United Nations. Applications from developing countries and from women are strongly encouraged.

**Starting Date:** September 2019

**Application Procedure:**

Information about how to apply is provided below – please read carefully to ensure that your inquiry relates to information not already provided. We recommend that applicants review the information on [how to apply for jobs with the UN](http://unu.edu/about/hr) to assist with the submission of a competitive application.

Interested applicants should submit their applications online using [recruit.iigh@unu.edu](mailto:recruit.iigh@unu.edu) and must upload the following:

- A letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- A completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form downloadable from United Nations University website at [http://unu.edu/about/hr](http://unu.edu/about/hr). Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations Organizations; and
- A list of publications.

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