LOCAL RECRUITMENT
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Systems Thinking Analysis for Health System Development
Consultant (CTC)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)
Reference Number : 2019/UNU/IIGH/CTC/RA/29
Applications to : recruit.iigh@unu.edu
Closing Date : Open until position is filled

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 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 is one of 14 research and training centres that comprise the UNU system. As a UN think tank, the mission of UNU-IIGH is to build knowledge and capacity for decision-making by UN agencies, programmes and member states about global health issues. The aim is to contribute to the development and strengthening of health services policy frameworks and management actions, particularly for people in developing countries, and to support implementation of promotive and preventive approaches to human health. The UNU-IIGH’s research and capacity building in global health relates specifically to informing the policy debates and directions that ensure that in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) “no one is left behind”.

We are looking for outstanding individuals with a strong commitment to high quality outputs, efficiency and customer service, to bring a significant contribution to the international expansion of the UNU-IIGH’s operations.

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**Brief project description**

Health and development are inextricably linked. Countries require robust health systems to enable the delivery of quality health services and to ensure access to health as a public good while both balancing national budgets and providing protection against individual catastrophic spending on healthcare. Getting this balance right remains a problem for most countries, particularly in resource-poor settings.

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia, UNU-IIGH will be publishing a book using Malaysia as a case study to explore and analyze health systems development in a low- and middle-income country (LMIC) context to draw lessons for other LMICs. The book is part of a larger series that will highlight critical lessons for South-South learning that acknowledge the similarities and differences in the historical, political, social, economic and cultural contexts of countries in Asia and Africa. The project will accomplish this by:

- providing a systematic and in-depth analysis on how health system building blocks, contexts and actors act, react and interact with each other
- identifying bottlenecks, inefficiencies, and design flaws that limit the performance of the health system
- and proposing systems solutions based on emergence to strengthen health systems functioning and to manage undesirable system behavior

**The key tasks of the RA will include:**

1) Research: Conducting literature reviews (including grey literature), assisting in key informant interviews including transcribing interview transcripts and conducting qualitative data analysis.
2) Editorial support: proof-reading reports and copy-editing
3) Meeting coordination: logistical support and minute taking

Additionally, the RA should be a good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Of the working days some will be home/site based.

**Reporting**

The Consultant will present all deliverables to the UNU-IIGH Project Leader.

**Payment method**

The Individual Consultant will be contracted for a maximum of 30 days between April and June 2019 (estimated 10 working days a month - for 3 months), at a daily rate of RM 120.

**Required qualifications and competencies include:**

- degree in a relevant area (public health, community health, etc)
- a demonstrated interest in health systems and/or health policy.
- a strong ability to establish priorities, multi-task and work within tight timelines.
- excellent communication skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English
Starting Date: As soon as possible

Application Procedure:

Information about how to apply is provided below – please read carefully to ensure that any further inquiry relates to information not already provided. We recommend that applicants review the information on how to apply for jobs with the UN to assist with the submission of a competitive application.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications, preferably by e-mail, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae with a completed and signed UN University Personal History form downloadable from UN University website at http://unu.edu/about/hr/employment Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations
- full contact information of three referees and;
- the application shall indicate the reference number xxx of the vacancy announcement

Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications received, only short-listed candidates will be notified.