

New York, NY, USA

Vacancy Announcement

Outreach and Impact Officer – Modern Slavery Programme Personnel Service Agreement (PSA)

Organizational Unit: United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research

Reference Number: 2019/UNU/CPR/PSA/OIO/50
Applications to: ms-outreach-impact@unu.edu

Closing date: 8 July 2019

About UN University

For the past four decades, United Nations University (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.

UN University's Centre for Policy Research in New York is an independent think tank within the United Nations system. We combine research excellence with deep knowledge of the multilateral system to generate innovative solutions to current and future global public policy challenges. For more information on UNU-CPR and its work, please visit http://cpr.unu.edu.

For the last four years, UN University has worked on a variety of policy issues around the fight against modern slavery, notably data with the creation of <u>Delta 8.7</u>, the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform; international law and <u>international criminal justice</u>; and the financial sector with the creation of the <u>Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking</u>. UN University's thought leadership in this field has led it to become a centre of excellence for policy-relevant research questions related to anti-slavery and anti-trafficking efforts.

Position overview

The Modern Slavery Programme generates innovative research into global anti-slavery policy. Our projects include:

- <u>Delta 8.7</u> the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform;
- <u>Code 8.7</u> an initiative bringing together computational scientists and the anti-slavery movement;

- <u>Develop 8.7</u> a project focused on the role of the global development sector in fighting modern slavery;
- And research into the costs and policies for ending modern slavery.

This position offers a unique opportunity to contribute to policy-oriented research projects at the UN by joining a young and dynamic think tank, which in just a few years has established itself as a key source of policy-relevant research, ideas and advice on pressing challenges facing the UN and the multilateral system. The Outreach and Impact Officer will be responsible for managing the Modern Slavery Programme's external stakeholder relationships, including with donors, academia and research institutes and, centrally, policy actors. As part of that role, s/he shall perform all M&E related to the Programme and its projects.

About you

You are an avid communicator with a demonstrated commitment to understanding and influencing policy processes. Your career demonstrates your interest in social issues in developing countries, and your facility with online advocacy, communications or marketing. You are disciplined, thorough and can manage strict deadlines as well as a fast-paced work environment. You work well autonomously without constant supervision but have a record of working as part of multi-partner project teams. You thrive in multi-cultural and multi-lingual settings, enjoy innovative thinking and are committed to gender equality.

Responsibilities and Deliverables

The Outreach and Impact Officer will report to the Modern Slavery Programme Lead and the UNU-CPR Communications Manager and will:

- Act as the focal point for all existing and new Modern Slavery Programme external stakeholders, cultivating strong relationships with relevant groups, especially policy actors in the developing world and global research partners;
- Research and establish new strategic partnerships and opportunities to ensure impact;
- Be responsible for all M&E related to Modern Slavery Programme projects and the Programme itself;
- Be responsible for meeting programme goals relating to online and offline engagement by stakeholders: and
- Provide broad communications support to the Programme and other projects, under the supervision of the UNU-CPR Communications Manager.

Required qualifications and experience

- Minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience;
- A master's degree in communications, policy affairs or a relevant field;
- Strong communications and outreach skills with substantial previous experience in writing for diverse audiences and forms;
- Demonstrated commitment to working with policy-oriented stakeholders in the developing world;
- Proven track record in successfully managing stakeholder relations and donor relations;
- Proven track record performing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) duties;
- An innovative approach to outreach and project management with a broad knowledge of relevant digital platforms;
- Superior analytical and conceptual thinking skills;
- Solid understanding of statistics, data analysis and research methodologies;

- Familiarity with issues surrounding modern slavery, human trafficking, child labour and forced labour is desirable;
- Excellent English-language oral and written communication skills; knowledge of other official UN languages is desirable;
- Strong ability to establish priorities and multi-task within tight timelines;
- Ability to work independently and report work activities in a timely and proactive manner; and
- Solid interpersonal and problem-solving skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity and gender parity.

Remuneration

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualification and experience of the successful candidate.

Duration of contract

The successful candidate shall work under an initial 1-year PSA contract, with the possibility of renewal subject to satisfactory performance.

Applications from suitably qualified woman candidates and those from developing countries are particularly encouraged. The successful candidate will not hold international civil servant status nor be a "staff member" as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants should submit their applications by e-mail to ms-outreach-impact@unu.edu by Monday, 8 July 2019 and 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 <u>UNU Personal History (P.11)</u> downloadable from the UNU website at <u>http://unu.edu/about/hr</u>. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- Full contact information of three (3) referees;
- An indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement 2019/UNU/CPR/PSA/OIO/50.