VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
PROJECT OFFICER
Water and Human Development Programme
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH)
Reference Number : 2015/UNU/INWEH/PSA/PO/WHD/17
Applications to : vacancy.INWEH@unu.edu

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

United Nations University:
The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate teaching and capacity development and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States. For more information please visit http://unu.edu.

United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH):
The UNU Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) is a unit of the United Nations University based in Canada. It was created in 1996 with its core funding provided by the Government of Canada, and is hosted at the McMaster University, Hamilton. Its vision: A world free of water problems where sustainable human development and environmental health and security are assured for all. Its mission is to help resolve pressing water challenges that are of concern to the United Nations, its Member States, and their people, through knowledge-based synthesis of existing bodies of scientific discovery; through cutting-edge targeted research that identifies emerging policy issues; through application of on-the-ground scalable solutions based on credible research; and, through relevant and targeted public outreach.

UNU-INWEH’s programme structure represents a proactive, selective and longer-term strategy to programme development. Three core functions are: (a) knowledge-based synthesis – derived from applied research and existing bodies of scientific discovery and achieved through research networks ad engagement with communities of practice; (b) research-policy bridging – identifying holistic solutions to water-related challenges and emerging policy issues at national to international scales; and
application and implementation – applying on-the-ground, scalable solutions to enhance the capacity of institutions and individuals in developing countries to better understand and manage their own challenges and respond strategically at the appropriate scale. These core functions are applied to two programme areas, each representing a critical aspect of the global water challenge:

- Water and Ecosystems
- Water and Human Development

The programme on Water and Human Development (WHD) leads the development of a global community of best practice that identifies, synthesizes, evaluates, generalizes, and disseminates practical methods and innovative approaches to accelerate solutions to global and regional challenges at the interface of water and human development. This programme tackles three inter-connected and closely linked challenges: ensuring water-health security; safeguarding and sustaining water availability; and securing food supply for all. For more information on UNU-INWEH and Water and Human Development Programme, please visit [http://inweh.unu.edu/](http://inweh.unu.edu/).

We are looking for an outstanding individual with strong commitment to policy-relevant research and international capacity development to bring a significant contribution to the activities and projects of the UNU-INWEH’s WHD Programme.

**Responsibilities:**

Under the authority of the Director of UNU-INWEH and the direct supervision of the Assistant Director, WHD Programme, the Project Officer will provide timely support to the WHD projects and take responsibility for delivering specific programme elements including, but not limited to the following:

- Serve as an integral member of the UNU-INWEH team;
- Contribute to the development of a dynamic portfolio of projects and initiatives that address global health issues through the focus on water, sanitation, and hygiene services while considering the nexus of water and human development in its broadest sense;
- Contribute to the fundraising exercise for current and new initiatives in the WHD Programme;
- Communicate research findings and project accomplishments at scientific meetings and international fora, and through publications;
- Serve as the [Water Without Borders (WWB)](http://inweh.unu.edu/) Programme Director at UNU-INWEH - the WWB Programme is a collaborative graduate diploma programme between UNU-INWEH and McMaster University that addresses water, environment and health issues across geopolitical and disciplinary borders;
- Supervise a limited number of graduate students in their research work as part of the WWB programme;
- Supervise interns and students involved in WHD Programme projects; and
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the Director of UNU-INWEH and Assistant Director, WHD Programme.
Qualifications and Requirements:

- Ph.D. in the field of public health, geography, environmental science or engineering with a specialization in the nexus of water and health issues;
- At least four (4) years post-Ph.D. work experience related to the nexus of water and human development;
- Strong background in applied research and international capacity development;
- Publications on water, sanitation, and hygiene related aspects are highly desirable;
- Track record of fundraising for international projects is advantageous;
- Experience of working in developing countries and commitment to capacity-building projects and sustainable development are highly valued;
- Result-oriented and self-motivated with the ability to prioritize work and multi-task;
- Excellent team player with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity; and
- Fluent in oral and written English; knowledge of any other UN official languages is advantageous.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will commensurate with qualification and experience. The position carries a salary in the range of USD70,000 to USD80,000 per annum, commensurate with experience. The salary is exempt from Canadian income taxes.

Duration of the Contract:

This is a full time employment on a one (1) year Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract with UNU-INWEH with possibility for contract renewal subject to satisfactory work performance and availability of funds. The combined duration of this appointment is not to exceed six (6) years, as per the UNU Personnel Policy.

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. Suitably qualified women applicants and individuals from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply.

Starting Date: August 2015 or earlier

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by e-mail in the form of an Adobe Acrobat PDF file to vacancy.INWEH@unu.edu. Applications must include the following:

- A separate cover letter setting out how the applicant’s qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- A completed and signed UNU Personal History (P.11) form downloadable from UNU website. Do not use similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations and do not submit your curriculum vitae;
- Full contact information of three (3) referees;
- An indication of the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2015/UNU/INWEH/PSA/PO/WHD/17)

Applications that do not include all of the requested information will not be considered.