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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position:	Research Fellow or Senior Research Fellow
Organization:	United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)
Organizational Unit:	Environmental Sustainability and Governance Programme
Duty Station:	Yokohama, Japan
Reference Number:	2011/UNU/IAS/PSA/RF/33
Application Deadline:	30 August 2011
Expected Start Date:	As soon as possible
Type/Duration of Appointment:	Two years (with the possibility of renewal)

Address applications to:

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

UNU Mission:

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UNU-IAS Objectives:

UNU-IAS was inaugurated in April 1996. It conducts research, postgraduate education and capacity development, both in-house and in co-operation with an interactive network of academic institutions and international organizations. The thematic direction of UNU-IAS concerns the interactions of social and natural systems. The current research agenda focuses on strategic paths to sustainable development and under this broad theme projects focus on biodiversity, sustainable development governance, urban ecosystems, science and technology policy options for developing and least developed countries, and sustainable development education. More information on UNU-IAS, its programme of activities and academic community is available at www.ias.unu.edu.

Responsibilities:

The Research Fellow or Senior Research Fellow will be expected to be fully involved in the academic activities of UNU-IAS in the area of environmental governance with a focus on biodiversity, including teaching in the new master's programme in biodiversity. The incumbent is expected to spend a substantial amount of time in carrying out research and research supervision of postdoctoral and doctoral fellows and graduate students at UNU-IAS. The Fellow will be involved in other academic and advisory functions and fundraising efforts of the Institute. The Fellow will report directly to the Director of UNU-IAS.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. (no ABDs), preferably in the areas of social/environmental sciences or international environmental law/international relations, though doctoral graduates from the natural sciences, who have worked with international agreements or regimes are also encouraged to apply;
- To be considered as a Research Fellow, at least 2 years of research experience after the completion of the Ph.D. is required. To be considered as a Senior Research Fellow, at least 6 years of research experience after the completion of the Ph.D. is required;
- Demonstrated research experience in the area of biodiversity, international agreements or regimes, particularly their relations with development and environmental issues;
- A sound record of or potential for publication in the area of international agreements and international regimes related to biodiversity governance;
- Research management skills, research supervision and teaching experience are required;
- Ability to prepare funding proposals;
- Fluency in English and working knowledge of other UN official languages are desired;
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration: This is a full-time position on a contractual basis and a locally recruited post. A monthly stipend can range from JPY 450,000 to 650,000, depending on the candidate's academic qualifications and years of work experience. Applications from women and candidates originating from developing countries are encouraged.

Duration of contract: Initial contract on a Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) for two years, with the possibility of renewal based on satisfactory performance and subject to requirements.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should send their application materials electronically, and must include the following:

- a cover letter describing how their qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position. Please include the vacancy reference number in the header of the letter;
- a United Nations University Personal History Form (P.11) downloadable from the UNU website (www.unu.edu/employment);
- full Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications and names and contacts, including email addresses, of three referees (the referees will be contacted directly by UNU-IAS in the event that the candidate is shortlisted); and
- two publication samples (single author articles or book chapters).

Please send the above documents by email to recruitment@ias.unu.edu before the deadline. Late applications will not be considered. Unsuccessful applications will neither be acknowledged nor returned.