



UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY

**LOCAL RECRUITMENT
Bonn, Germany**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**STUDENT ASSISTANT (12hr/week)
(Consultant Contract – CTC)**

Organizational Unit : Environmental Vulnerability & Ecosystem Services - EVES
Reference Number : 2012/UNU/EHS/CTC/StudAsstWAS/27
Applications to : hrbonn@vie.unu.edu
Closing date : 13 February 2012
Starting date : 1 March 2012

UNU Mission:

The United Nations University (UNU) is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training 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 www.unu.edu.

The UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) in Bonn has been conceived and created to assess the vulnerability and coping capacity of societies facing natural and human-induced hazards in a changing environment. Within the scope of this mandate, UNU-EHS is engaged in policy relevant research and capacity building. For more information about UNU-EHS, please visit www.ehs.unu.edu.

Environmental Vulnerability & Ecosystem Services Section – EVES

EVES explores environmental deterioration processes such as water and land degradation. The section particularly looks at remedial measures, resources availability and robustness of ecosystem services, all within the context of socio-ecological systems affected by environmental hazards.

The WASCAL Project: “West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use”

With climate change being one of the most severe challenges to rural Africa in the 21st century, West Africa is facing an urgent need to develop effective adaptation and mitigation measures. WASCAL is a large-scale research-focused program initiated to address these challenges. Its overall objective is to enhance the resilience of social-ecological systems to the impacts of climate change and increased climate variability. For more information about WASCAL, please visit www.wascal.org

Within the realm of the WASCAL project, UNU-EHS offers a position for a Student Assistant.

Responsibilities:

Under the authority of the Director of UNU-EHS and the Head of the EVES section, the successful candidate will be entrusted with the following tasks:

- Search for suitable secondary data from various sources, data collection and mining;
- Assist in data entry, cleaning, and analysis;
- Assist in connecting socio-economic and GIS-based data;
- Develop and support data management;
- Contribute to the analysis of literature and desk study;
- Conduct background literature searches and literature reviews that contribute to the elaboration of a conceptual approach and a methodological framework;
- Assist in the preparation of project reports, publications, where needed;
- Any other duties as may be assigned or required.

Required Qualifications:

- Environmental Sciences, Geography, Agricultural Sciences major (or equivalent);
- Very good knowledge of GIS;
- Excellent command of oral and written English is required; command of French would be desirable;
- Experience with data collection and management;
- Excellent research skills; experience in West Africa would be an asset;
- Practical experience using quantitative and qualitative methodologies would be desirable;
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.

Remuneration:

Part-time salary of 500 EUR per month; not subject to social security provisions in Germany

Duration of Contract:

The successful candidate will be based at UNU-EHS in Bonn on a part-time (12 hour per week) basis under the Consultant Contract (CTC) category until December 2012.

The successful candidate will not hold civil servant status nor be a "staff member" as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations. This is a locally recruited position; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. Suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Starting date:

1 March 2012

Application Procedure :

Interested applicants should submit their application, preferably by e-mail to hrbonn@vie.unu.edu, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how their qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a completed and signed UNU Personal History form (P.11) downloadable from UNU website at <http://www.bonn.unu.edu/article/read/job-vacancies>. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- the application must also indicate the reference number of the vacancy announcement.

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position; only short-listed candidates will be contacted; unsuccessful applications can neither be acknowledged nor returned.