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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position:	Research Fellow
Organisation:	United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (UNU-IAS OUIK)
Organisational Unit:	Marine Governance/Coastal Management
Duty Station:	Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan
Reference Number:	2009/UNU/IAS/02
Application Deadline:	31 January 2010
Expected Start Date:	March 2010
Type/Duration of Appointment:	1 year (with the possibility of renewal)

Address applications to:

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All applications/nominations will be acknowledged

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About UNU-IAS OUIK:

The United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (OUIK) was established in April 2008 as the first UNU operating unit in Asia and the sixth globally. It is a strategic think tank whose mission is to link local knowledge to global issues.

Responsibilities:

The Research Fellow will be expected to be fully involved in the academic activities of UNU-IAS and OUIK and to develop a strong research programme in the area of marine governance and coastal management. The ongoing UNU-IAS activities in the area of marine and coastal governance encompass issues related to biodiversity and its management of the oceans and coasts, including topics of relevance to climate change and preservation of coastal communities. The incumbent will spend substantial amount of time carrying out research and research supervision, as well as fundraising efforts. The Fellow will report to the Directors of UNU-IAS and UNU-IAS OUIK.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. (no ABDs) in social or environmental sciences or in natural and health sciences who have worked in the policy interface
- Demonstrated research experience in marine and coastal issues
- A sound record or potential for publication in areas related to biodiversity and its management of oceans and coasts
- Research management skills and teaching experience are desirable
- Ability to prepare funding proposals
- Fluency in English is essential and a working knowledge of other UN official languages and/or Japanese is strongly desired

Applications from women and candidates originating from developing countries are encouraged.

Remuneration: This is a full-time position on a contractual basis and a locally recruited post. A monthly stipend can range from JPY 350,000 to 450,000, depending on the candidate's academic qualifications and years of work experience.

Duration of Contract:

Initial contract on a Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) for the first year, with the possibility of renewal based on good performance and subject to requirements.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants are encouraged to electronically send their application materials. The application consists of:

- A cover letter describing how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position. Please include the vacancy reference number in the letter.
- A UN University Personal History Form (P.11) accessible on the UN University website (www.unu.edu/employment)
- Full Curriculum Vitae with 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)
- Two publication samples (single author articles or book chapters)

Please send the above documents by email to amano@ias.unu.edu by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered. Clearly state the reference number in the subject header.