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New York, USA**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Legal Research Assistant (Consultant Contract - CTC) – 2 positions

- 1. Children and Violent Extremism**
- 2. UN Sanctions and human rights**

Organisational Unit : United Nations University – Office at the United Nations in New York (UNU-ONY)

Applications to : ***By Email:*** cockayne@unu.edu

Closing Date : 31 March 2017

United Nations University Objectives:

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 solutions to the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States. For more information please visit <http://unu.edu>.

Responsibilities

These 2 part-time Legal Research Assistants will both work closely with the Head of Office and other team members between March and November 2017. Working arrangements are flexible, and could accommodate established professionals, graduates, or a candidate due to finish a graduate law degree (including LLM) in May 2017, with an expectation of full-time or close-to-full-time duties over the summer of 2017.

The first Legal Research Assistant will work on a project exploring international human rights law, IHL, rights of the child and national security law constraints on handling children in the context of counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) programming. The Legal Research Assistant will conduct background research and drafting in preparation for a major workshop in early September 2017, and contribute towards resulting analytical and programming products.

The second Legal Research Assistant will work in UNU's project, undertaken in close cooperation with UNICEF and DPKO, to analyze the compatibility of UN sanctions regimes with international human rights law, also culminating in an expert workshop in September 2017, and developing policy and legislative recommendations.

The Legal Research Assistants should demonstrate:

- a detailed knowledge of relevant legal regimes;
- some familiarity with the UN peace and security regime;
- strong legal research skills;
- superior English-language writing skills;
- where possible, some conference/meeting organization and facilitation experience; and
- experience working in a project team.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- Minimum qualification: Graduate law degree (completed or pending) with demonstrated proficiency in human rights law research, and graduate coursework relating to the UN peace and security regime;
- Relevant experience in a legal research, clinical, legal professional, diplomatic, civil service, academic or relevant humanitarian or field role;
- Demonstrated application of legal research skills to policy problems;
- Excellent communication and drafting skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English;
- Experience designing and running meetings; and
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the successful candidate, and will be paid on an hourly basis.

The consultancy allows for flexibility in terms of working hours, but the successful candidate will be expected to be available, at a minimum, part-time for April-May, and full-time June-August 2017.

Duration of Contract:

This is a part-time employment on a Consultant Contract (CTC) with UNU-ONY. Initial appointment will be for between three (3) and nine (9) months. No consultant shall provide services for more than twenty-four (24) months in a thirty- six (36) –month period.

This is a locally recruited post; no relocation expenses or allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor be a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Starting Date: April 2017.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to cockayne@unu.edu, and must include the following:

- a cover letter setting out how qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a writing sample.

UNU is committed to achieving diversity within its workforce, and encourages all qualified applicants, irrespective of gender, nationality, disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, religious and ethnic backgrounds to apply.