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Barcelona, Spain

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Contract for Individual Contractor - CIC)

<b>Organizational Unit</b>	:	United Nations University – Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM)
<b>Position</b>	:	Contract for Individual Contractor
<b>Reference Number</b>	:	2017/UNU/GCM/CIC/RA/40
<b>Applications to</b>	:	<a href="mailto:hr.gcm@unu.edu">hr.gcm@unu.edu</a>
<b>Closing Date</b>	:	29 May 2017
<b>Time zone</b>	:	UTC+2

#### 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 furtherance of 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.

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) is one of several research and training institutes of the UNU. Based in Barcelona, it works to contribute to good governance, cultural diversity, democracy and human rights through a better understanding of cultural mobility and diversity in the context of globalization, focusing especially on the major cultural and social phenomena of migration and media. The institute fosters cutting-edge research in these areas at global and local levels.

## **Responsibilities**

This Research Assistant will work closely with the Senior Research Officer of UNU-GCM on identifying new research niches as well as designing and implementing a resource mobilization strategy.

We seek expressions of interest from graduates with proven experience of in-depth research and writing proposals skills.

The Research Assistant should demonstrate:

- Capacity to identify fundraising opportunities for the Institute's current research agenda;
- Capacity to identify emerging research niches in the areas of globalization, culture and mobility;
- Skills to draft proposals for a variety of donors;
- Willingness to support day-to-day activities;
- Strong qualitative and/or quantitative social science research skills;
- Excellent English-language writing skills; knowledge of Spanish is highly desirable

## **Required qualifications and experience**

Required qualifications and experience include:

- Minimum qualification: graduate degree in international development, political science, economics, public administration, or related field;
- Demonstrated application of social science research skills to policy problems;
- Excellent communication and drafting skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English;
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-gender environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

## **Remuneration**

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The successful candidate will be responsible for paying all taxes and any other fiscal obligations.

The individual contractor is expected to be based in Barcelona.

## **Duration of contract**

This is full-time employment on a Contract for Individual Contractor (CIC) with UNU-GCM. The appointment will be for three (3) consecutive months. No individual contractor shall provide services for more than nine (9) calendar months within a twelve (12) consecutive month period. UNU does not sponsor a working visa for this position.

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:** June 2017

## **Application procedure**

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to [hr.gcm@unu.edu](mailto:hr.gcm@unu.edu) and must include the following:

- A cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- A curriculum vitae;
- A copy of the highest educational degree obtained;
- A completed and signed [UNU Personal History \(P.11\)](#) form downloadable from the [UNU website](#). Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- An indication of the vacancy announcement reference number : 2017/UNU/GCM/CIC/RA/40.

Please note that only the candidates who are shortlisted will be contacted.

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8)

**N.B: The working language of UNU is English.**