VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Student Assistant: Supporting Climate Risk Analyses in Several Countries

Description and context:

Storms, floods, droughts and other extreme weather events can threaten cities, regions and entire nations. Losses from natural catastrophes are rising, as wealth accumulates in the world’s most exposed regions and our climate continues to change. MCII seeks to hire a short-term student assistant (April to September 2020) who will assist in the implementation of several climate risk analyses including long-term perspectives for identifying and financing targeted adaptation measures. These analyses are being conducted in several countries with differing geographical reach while targeting context specific climate hazards. The results and knowledge gained are intended to be shared in order to support the (further) development of developing countries’ long-term adaptation strategies while taking several aspects of cost-benefit analyses, vulnerability assessments, as well as impact assessments into account.

Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII): MCII was initiated as a charitable organisation by representatives of insurers, research institutes and NGOs in April 2005 in response to the growing realization that insurance solutions can play a role in adaptation to climate change, as suggested in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. This initiative is hosted at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS). As a leading think tank on climate change and insurance, MCII is focused on developing solutions for the risks posed by climate change for the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. www.climate-insurance.org

Tasks:

- Support the project team in their daily duties, e.g.
  - desk research on project relevant issues,
  - assisting in the organisation and documentation of team meetings,
- Contribute where necessary, especially in the implementation of the outreach strategy, e.g.
  - drafting and revision of publications, reports, brochures, etc.,
  - supporting the implementation of an online presence, including a section for active stakeholder engagement and exchange
  - assisting in the development of audio-visual content (webinars, videos, etc.),
- Assist in preparation of side events and workshops abroad.
Desired profile:

- Currently enrolled in a Master’s degree programme
- Experience in Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Risk Management, International Cooperation, and/or Communications and Public Relations are an asset (e.g. proven through previous work experience/ internships or studies)
- English language skills (at least B2 level), additional language skills (French, Spanish, German) are welcome
- Proven skills in (digital) content creation are an asset
- Proven skills in event management are an asset

Contract modalities:

- Start date: 01 April 2020 or earlier; End date: 30 September 2020
- 20 hrs per week
- Remuneration: 980 EUR/month depending on qualification
- This is a locally recruited post and no relocation allowances apply. The duty station will be Bonn (Germany). The successful candidate will be employed under a local contract and will not hold international civil servant status nor is he/she/they a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Application documents:

- A letter of motivation (1 page) outlining qualifications and how personal profile relates to the post advertised
- CV
- P.11 form (https://ehs.unu.edu/about/vacancies/applying#files)

MCII is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply and become part of the organisation.

MCII has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNU, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.

Please send your application documents mentioning the Job-ID SA-200320 in the subject line to mcii@ehs.unu.edu by the 20th of March. Please note that only complete applications can be considered.