VACANCY FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES POSITION

The Department of Peace & Conflict Studies of the UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica invites applications for a fixed term one-year position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the International Peace Studies (IPS) Programme of the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies. The appointment is scheduled to commence by August 15th, 2015 for an initial one year term with the possibility of multi-year renewal based on performance.

A Ph.D. or doctorate completed or near completion at the time of application in the field of Peace & Conflict Studies, International Relations or related social sciences is required as well as a strong interdisciplinary orientation and evidence of undergraduate and/or graduate-level teaching experience, research publications and relevant professional or research field experiences, especially in conflict and post-conflict situations and peacebuilding contexts. The application should also include a sample of a published article or book chapter.

Candidates must be fluent in English and are expected to teach in the UPEACE Foundations course on peace studies and three other M.A.-level courses in the International Peace Studies programme. Academic and professional interest and expertise in at least two of the following areas within Peace and Conflict Studies is also required, including conflict prevention, resolution and transformation; disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation; security sector reform; human security, development and peacebuilding; terrorism; transnational organized crime; nonviolence theory and practice; and the role of the United Nations and civil society movements in peacebuilding. Applicants should also indicate how their academic background may enable them to teach courses in one or more other M.A. programmes in UPEACE.

Other teaching and administrative duties include supervision of IPS students’ theses, capping exercises and internships; assisting in the coordination of the IPS programme; participation in Department and Faculty committees; and supporting the Head of the Department of Peace & Conflict Studies in academic programme development and other departmental activities.

The successful applicant will also enhance the academic reputation and strategic engagements of the Department of Peace & Conflict Studies and UPEACE in the field of International Peace Studies and contribute actively to the international networking and outreach activities of UPEACE based on the University’s UN-mandated charter “to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence”. It is expected that he/she will be capable in facilitating participatory teaching-learning methodologies and other innovative collaborative approaches as well as promoting inclusiveness, understanding and respect within the multicultural environment of the UPEACE campus. In accord with the vision of UPEACE, applicant should demonstrate capacity in and commitment to gender mainstreaming, sensitivity and equality.
A final salary offer will be made based on qualifications and experience.

A covering letter, an abbreviated CV (5 pages), and the names and contacts of 3 references should be sent electronically to the following e-mail only: jobshr@upeace.org, in reference to position #1090, by the deadline of June 15, 2015.

Only applicants who are short-listed will be contacted by July 1, 2015, for the next phase of the selection process. Referees will be directly requested to send confidential letters separately to the Selection Committee Chair.

For more information about the academic programmes and a detailed description of the courses of UPEACE, please visit https://www.upeace.org/academic

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