

CALL FOR CANDIDATURES: Project Manager (UfM/IP/2012/004)

1. Subject:

The UfMS is seeking to incorporate a Project Manager at its headquarters in Barcelona.

Below is the job description, detailing the responsibilities and required skills and qualifications.

Job description			
Job Title:	Project Manager	Reports to:	DSG Research & Higher Education
Division/Area:	Research & Higher Education		

SUMMARY

Under the supervision of the relevant DSG, the project manager will assist in carrying out the Division's Work Plan - namely in the area of research and higher education - by advising on and managing the appraisal, preparation, funding and implementation of complex international projects, initiatives and / or activities pertaining to the division's areas of intervention.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Identifies potential projects, initiatives and activities and in close cooperation with the promoter(s) contributes to the development of project proposals.
- In cooperation with promoter(s), contributes to mobilizing the necessary funding of projects; maintains contacts with interested funding partners.
- Monitors project work plans and progress; conducts evaluations and assessment of results.
- Carries out all aspects of procurement processes related to the sectors of intervention (drafting Terms of References, launching tenders etc.)
- Manages external consultants, monitors performance, reviews outputs and recommends and carries out corrective action when needed.
- Develops and implements a fundraising strategy; researches and contacts potential investors and donors for the project (agencies, foundations, etc.).
- Actively participates in relevant project and sector meetings and contributes to the preparation of UfM meetings and events in the sectors of intervention, as well as UfM missions and high-level visits.
- Reports on project progress, problems and proposed solutions; contributes to the production of reports, information and communication tools in the areas of intervention.
- Monitors developments in the sectors of intervention, proposes relevant initiatives and reports on sector issues.
- Contributes to the improvement of working methods, by cooperating with other divisions of the Secretariat, sharing experiences and promoting best practices.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- University Degree in Economics / Social sciences / Engineering or equivalent field.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience relevant to the duties described above.



- Proven knowledge of and professional experience in project management and fundraising.
- Experience in working with development projects funded by international organizations and development agencies.
- Strong analytical skills and ability to make sound judgments; critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Planning and organizational skills.
- Computer literacy in MS office tools.
- Excellent communication, drafting and reporting skills.
- Good command of English and French, both orally and in writing.
- Applicants must hold the nationality of a member state of the UfM.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of and/or experience in Mediterranean countries.
- Expertise in EU Procurement rules.
- Specialization in a relevant discipline for the division's activity and/or a post-graduate degree.
- High knowledge of the Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education and Research framework.
- Knowledge of Arabic and/or other languages from UfM countries.

2. Submission of applications:

The complete application includes:

- A detailed curriculum vitae in English clearly elaborating educational and professional experience.
- A motivation letter in English including a clear mention of the profile applied for and full postal address.

Please, do not send any supporting documents (i.e.: copies of your ID-card, educational certificates, evidence of previous professional experience etc.) with your application at this stage if not specified in the Vacancy Notice.

3. Submission Date:

Complete applications must be submitted by January 15th, 2013 (midnight, European time, GMT+1)