



## CALL FOR CANDIDATURES:

### Partnerships, Finance & Contracts Analyst ref. UfM/FT/2021/002

#### 1. Subject:

The UfMS is seeking to incorporate a **Partnerships, Finance & Contracts Analyst** (Legal & Administration Department, Finance & Contracts Unit) at its headquarters in Barcelona. Below is the job description, detailing the responsibilities and required skills and qualifications.

| Job description –Partnerships, Finance & Contracts Analyst  |  |                               |  |
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| <b>Job Title:</b>   | Partnerships, Finance & Contract Analyst*          | <b>Category, conditions*:</b> | Contracted Staff, 3 years contract, possibility of a 3 years' extension, following performance, applicable regulations, and budget appropriations. 6 months' probation period. |
| <b>Department, Unit:</b>  | Legal & Admin Department – Finance & Contract Unit | <b>Post Classification:</b>   | CS.3 Analyst   |
| <b>Reports to:</b>  | Head of Finance & Contract Unit                    | <b>Gross Annual Salary:</b>   | 43.000€  |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>  |  |                               |  |
| <p>Under the supervision of the Head of Finance &amp; Contract, the Partnerships, Finance &amp; Contract Analyst will be responsible for supporting the provision of financial and administrative services in the Admin &amp; Legal Department ensuring high quality, accuracy, and consistency of work. S/he will be in charge of monitoring Grants, “forwarding funds” (subgranting), reporting and overall follow up of finance and contracts activities resulting from cooperation agreement with national and international financial institutions such as SIDA; GIZ, AECID, EC, EIB, EBRD (...). S/he shall support all the phases of the grant lifecycle which includes contractual, administrative and financial tasks. In particular, the incumbent will contribute to the follow up and monitoring of the cooperation agreement with SIDA in part time scheme. S/he shall promote a client-oriented approach according to the UfMS rules and regulations and shall abide by security policies, administrative instructions, plans and procedures of the UfMS.</p> |  |                               |  |
| <b>PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES</b>   |  |                               |  |
| <p><b>Pre-Award phase and Contract Drafting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under the supervision of the Head of Finance and Contracts and in coordination with the Directorate's of Operation and Partnerships (DOP), actively participate in the drafting of the call for proposals, define the submission period ; and draft guidelines for applicants including the eligibility and selection criteria;</li><li>• During the submission period, contribute to the administration of the registration of proposals and provide additional information and clarification to the applicants when needed;</li><li>• Participate in the technical and administrative evaluation of proposals according to criteria published in the aforementioned guidelines (eligibility, selection and awarding criteria) and ensure that the basic principles for grants are respected;</li></ul>   |  |                               |  |



- Consolidate the evaluations and ensure the awarding according to ranking of the proposals against the available budget of the call of proposals;
- Draft the agreement and liaise accordingly with the applicants/promoters;
- Publish the awarded grants;
- Draft selection reports ensuring the transparency and the compliance with all related regulations, rules and principles;

#### **Post Award and Contract Management:**

- Contribute under the supervision of the Head of Finance and Contracts to the monitoring and reporting of the cooperation agreements;
- Consolidate reports and Divisions' and DOP inputs; analyze budget reports; provide recommendations;
- Ensure that grants, subgrants and contracts are executed in a timely manner;
- Ensure there are no deviations from authorized procedures for each unique contract and grant;
- In coordination with DOP, prepare budgets, relevant financial information, inputs on programmes; implementation for the purpose of internal monitoring, annual auditing and audited financial reports submission;
- In coordination with DOP, ensure regular contacts with Development Agencies as relevant.

#### **Reporting, and Budget Reconciliation:**

- Ensure that grants and sub-grant related administrative processes and procedures are standardized and consistently implemented, including agreements, disbursements, and reporting;
- Maintain the grants tracking database and oversee related documentation;
- Ensure potential issues and amendment requests are flagged promptly to donors;
- Deliver reports; budget projections and expenditures monitoring on all grants and contracts;
- Track and project revenue and expenditures by specific funding category and deliver forecasts;
- Respond to financial enquiries by collecting data; analyze and investigate variances; summarizing data, information and outputs;
- During the execution of the grants, track milestones, compliance, timelines and deliverables;
- Signal any significant delays or other issues that impact the implementation to the Head of Finance and Contracts;
- Ensure quality information management related to grants by overseeing the regular maintenance of grant files, reporting calendars, and updating of internal documentation;
- Assist in drafting financial reports for donors in coordination with concerned colleagues and partners;

#### **Best Practices and Compliance:**

- Update policies and procedures for pre- and post-award administrative functions, including delivering projections;
- Identify, interpret and follow policies and procedures related to grants and contracts;
- Adhering to grants and contracts requirements; advising management on required actions;
- Instruct relevant colleagues on donor's reporting tools;
- Contribute and actively engage in any reflection on improvement of working methods and concepts;

*Other duties as assigned*

#### **QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

#### **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Be a national of a member state of the UfM;



- University Degree (Master or equivalent) in Finance, Business Administration or equivalent academic qualification in related fields;
- Minimum 5 years of experience relevant to the duties described above, preferably gained in international / intergovernmental organizations;
- Experience in public sector with exposure to grants, financial agreements and contracts management, international relations and/or cooperation or equivalent fields;
- Experience in auditing, in addition to ones in grants and procurement;
- Excellent writing skills in English;
- Excellent computer skills and ability to work independently using Microsoft Office tools.

#### DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

- Further experience (3 to 7 years) in working within an international environment, ideally a public organization dealing with international cooperation and/or multinational private sector;
- Experience in working closely with bilateral cooperation including donors, development institutions;
- Strong ability to meet deadlines;
- Knowledge and/or work experience in Mediterranean countries is an advantage;
- Excellent team working and communication abilities;
- Ability to deal with discretion with confidential and sensitive dossiers and situations.

#### LANGUAGES SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

**Full proficiency in English is mandatory. Proficiency in another UfM language (French or Arabic), would be an asset.**

## 2. Submission of applications:

To apply, you need to complete the [application form on the website](#) and include the following information and documents:

- A **detailed curriculum vitae in English (pdf version only)** clearly elaborating educational and professional experience relevant for the position. **Please note it is mandatory to choose a file name that includes your name i.e. "name-surname-cv".**

- A **motivation letter in English (pdf version only)** including a clear mention of the profile applied for and full postal address. **Please note it is mandatory to choose a file name that includes your name i.e. "name-surname-cover letter".**

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

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**In case of technical issue arising while submitting your application, please send an e-mail to [hr.recruitment@ufmsecretariat.org](mailto:hr.recruitment@ufmsecretariat.org) (which subject should be the reference of the position for which you are applying for) and attach your CV + cover letter in English.**



### 3. Submission Date:

Complete applications must be submitted by **May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 (midnight, European time, GMT+1)**.

#### **Protection of personal data - Privacy notice**

*The UfMS as the body responsible for organizing the selection process will ensure that Candidates' personal data are processed with greatest care and confidentiality. This applies in particular to the security of such data. Personal data shall be processed solely for the purpose of the selection procedure. Candidates are free to give their data on voluntary basis, although failure to respond with any further information requested will exclude the concerned candidate automatically from the recruitment procedure. Thus, Candidates give an explicit consent by submitting their candidatures for their processing, which constitutes a complimentary ground for lawfulness of data processing, notably with regard to sensitive data. Should any Candidate have any query concerning the processing of his/her personal data, he/she shall address it to the following address: [hr@ufmsecretariat.org](mailto:hr@ufmsecretariat.org).*

### 4. Conditions:

Based on candidates' qualifications and experiences, the UfM Secretariat reserves the right to appoint the selected candidate at a lower grade and/or step than the ones advertised in the above call for candidatures.

*\* Part-time of the position is devoted to SIDA cooperation agreement. Hence, given the financial support of SIDA (Swedish International Cooperation Agency) timeframe, the renewal of the contract up to a maximum of three additional years is subject to the performance appraisal and to the budget appropriations including the applicable cooperation agreement.*