

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY - AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Academics Without Borders (AWB) is a Canadian non-profit organization. Its mission is to help low and middle-income countries improve their universities, so that they can train their own experts and conduct research to promote their countries' development.

AWB's projects are involved in the full range of university activities, from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones. AWB fulfills its mission by sending volunteers on projects that originate in, and are owned by, developing world institutions. AWB volunteers are reimbursed for their expenses but are not paid a salary.

During the pandemic, volunteers are working remotely on projects that can be implemented online. Once restrictions are lifted, international working visits will resume as appropriate.

Volunteer Opportunity Reference: Advising on the implementation of a new environmental policy at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences

Number of Volunteers: 1

Partner Institution: African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences is a pan-African network of centres of excellence for post-graduate training, research, and public engagement in the mathematical sciences. The Institute enables Africa's brightest students to become innovators who propel scientific, educational, and economic self-sufficiency.

AIMS' vision is to lead the transformation of Africa through innovative scientific training, technical advances, and breakthrough discoveries which benefit the whole of society and its mission is to enable Africa's brightest students to flourish as independent thinkers, problem solvers, and innovators capable of propelling Africa's future scientific, educational and economic self-sufficiency.

Founded in 2003, the Institute currently has centres in South Africa, Senegal, Ghana, Cameroon, Tanzania, and Rwanda. It equally has three international chapters based in Canada, UK, and Germany. These entities are coordinated by the Global Secretariat whose role is to ensure that all entities are working together cohesively towards the achievement of the Institute's Strategic Framework.

Job Description:

This is a virtual volunteer opportunity.

The environmental policy for AIMS, developed with the support of an AWB volunteer, was submitted in May 2020 and has been approved by the AIMS Board of Directors.

AIMS now seeks the assistance of an AWB volunteer to mentor the Institute's senior program leads on the implementation phase of the environmental policy. The volunteer will work remotely with the program leads at AIMS and the designated policy champions at the individual centres across the institution. Together, they will develop an implementation strategy for the policy and the content of an online workshop which will be delivered to AIMS senior management, administration, faculty and students.

Language: English

Requirements:

Ideally, we are seeking an environmental policy specialist who has previous professional experience in leading institutional change and environmental policy implementation in post-secondary institutions or international organizations. Candidates with policy development and facilitating institutional-wide change in areas other than environmental policy are also invited to apply.

Start Date and Duration:

Project start date is as soon as possible with the volunteer working remotely with the project leads at AIMS. The planned online workshop for dissemination of the implementation strategy for the environmental policy will be scheduled for the summer of 2021.

Further Information:

The environmental policy has been approved by the Board of Directors of AIMS and is available for review. Please contact Corrie Young to receive a copy of the policy.

Applications:

Please send to Corrie Young, cyoung@awb-usf.org:

- Your CV, including your contact information
- A statement of your motivation in seeking the position and your availability to undertake the role.
- Two (2) letters of reference - either include the letters of reference with your application package or have them sent separately to Corrie Young, Associate Executive Director - Projects & Network, cyoung@awb-usf.org, by the application deadline.

Deadline: March 30, 2021