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OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

JOB OPPORTUNITY at UNDP

Policy Specialist - New York Based
Application Deadline: October 31st 2008

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN’s global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. We are on the ground in 166 countries, working with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. The Office of Development Studies (ODS) at UNDP provides research support to the Administrator and the Executive Office, conducts long-term in-house research on topics of strategic relevance to UNDP, and collaborates on research with external partners.

ODS is now accepting applications for a Policy Specialist position. The Policy Specialist will work closely with the director of the ODS in identifying new and emerging economic policy issues, as well as formulating and developing economic policy proposals and recommendations for inclusion in reports, speeches and/or background support studies for the administrator and the executive office of UNDP. She/he will be responsible for conceptualizing, designing and conducting studies in economic policy and human development issues, managing ongoing ODS research projects and tasks, as well as supervising and guiding other analysts, outside consultants and interns.

Applicants must have, or expect to have, a PhD in economics by September 2009. She/he should have strong quantitative skills and excel in both conducting independent research as well as working with others in a multi-cultural team environment. Prior research experience with large databases is highly valued. A minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience or research experience within an academic setting is required. Proven excellence in written and oral communications skills in English is a requirement; fluency in at least one other official UNDP language (French or Spanish) is an asset.

UNDP offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

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