

Title:	Project Assistant
Post number:	BEJ/ADM/2024/005
Type of Contract:	Service Contract
Grade:	SC5
Organizational Unit:	UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia (UB Antenna - Natural Sciences Unit)
Primary Location:	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Recruitment open to:	Only locally resident Mongolian candidates may apply for this post
Duration of the Contract:	12 months, with the possibility of extension
Deadline (<i>midnight, local time</i>):	22 April 2024

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

Project Summary:

The "Promoting Sustainable Tourism in Mongolia through UNESCO Cultural and Geo Heritage" project aims to leverage Mongolia's unique geo heritage and cultural landscapes to boost sustainable tourism and local development. Focused on the geosciences aspect, the project endeavours to map, study, and promote geological sites across Mongolia, integrating them into sustainable tourism circuits. This involves collaboration with local communities, scientists, and tourism stakeholders to ensure the conservation and sustainable management of these natural resources. Within this framework, the incumbent, as serving for project assistant for this project, will provide targeted support on geosciences-related activities.

Description of Responsibilities:

Under the authority of the Director, UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia, and the direct supervision of the Programme Specialist for Natural Sciences, the incumbent shall provide administrative and secretarial assistance, and carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Project Support for Geosciences:
 - Facilitating the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of geosciences-related project components.
 - Supporting scientific collaborations, data collection, and analysis pertinent to Mongolia's geo heritage.
2. Administrative and Logistical Support:
 - Offering administrative support specifically for geosciences activities, including budget oversight and logistical planning for field missions.
 - Coordinating with project partners on geosciences initiatives.
3. Event and Workshop Organization:
 - Assisting in the organization of geosciences workshops, seminars, and conferences, including material preparation and participant liaison.
 - Ensure proactive monitoring and evaluation, budget monitoring and updating of databases within the framework of UNESCO's project.
4. Communication and Reporting:
 - Assist in preparing and monitoring contracts and payments, communicating and following up with project partners, and overseeing the work of interns to ensure the smooth implementation of project activities and related contracts.
 - Contributing to the dissemination of findings and updates related to the geosciences component of the project.
 - Preparing reports on the progress and outcomes of geosciences activities.

5. Assist in maintaining communication with UNESCO National Commissions, line ministries, UN agencies, development agencies, partners and associated project organisations in Mongolia.
6. Undertake any other assignments requested by the Director or the Programme Specialist.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Specialized training/certification in Administration, Management, Public Relations, International Relations Languages and/or a discipline in Natural Sciences.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of 5 years of relevant job experience.
- Experience in the area of project management, coordination and implementation.

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Advanced proficiency in MS Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Sharepoint);
- Demonstrating/safeguarding ethics and integrity;
- Demonstrate corporate knowledge and sound judgment;
- Self-development, initiative-taking;
- Facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team, communicating effectively;
- Creating synergies through self-control;
- Managing conflict;
- Capacity to work in a team as well as independently;
- Operates in compliance with UNESCO's rules and regulations.

LANGUAGES

- Excellent knowledge of English and Mongolian (oral and written).

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University degree, secondary, technical and/or vocational training in Geosciences, Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, or a closely related field.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Of the 5 years relevant experience, at least 2 years working experience in the area of international organizations or diplomatic bodies;
- Relevant professional experience in project administration as well as communication with partners.

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of UNESCO administrative guidelines and enterprise resource planning (ERP) tools [iRIS (SAP), CORE (Salesforce), DUO, etc.].

BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS

Benefits include: 2.5 days of leave per month, up to 15% of the basic salary for medical insurance and pension plan.

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A WRITTEN ASSESSMENT MAY BE USED IN THE EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES.

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HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit their application letter and CV in English to UNESCO Beijing office jobvacancy@unesco.org using UNESCO CV form available on this link: <https://share.weiyun.com/yQVrnA1D>. The deadline is 22 April 2024 at midnight (local time).

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