



# International Ecosystem Management Partnership 国际生态系统管理伙伴计划



## Vacancy Announcement Postdoctoral Research Fellows UNEP-IEMP

### Background

The UNEP International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP) was officially launched in November 2011 as a joint venture between UNEP and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). It has since become a global centre on ecosystem management and a collaborative centre of UNEP, hosted by the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR) of CAS in Beijing, China.

UNEP-IEMP is the first UNEP initiative in the South and for the South mobilizing science to support policy setting for sustainable ecosystem management in developing countries. With its three programmes of Capacity Building and Technology Transfer, Making the Case through Assessment and Demonstration, and Science-Policy Interface, it aims to become an international think tank, a technology and knowledge hub, and a centre for capacity building on ecosystem management for developing countries.

The year 2016 marks the beginning of the full operation phase of UNEP-IEMP. During this year, UNEP-IEMP will launch its 10-year Flagship Programme on Climate, Ecosystems and Livelihoods (CEL), propose and implement projects/initiatives, and continue its institutional development.

### Position Description

Three postdoctoral research fellow vacancies at UNEP-IEMP are open for application, with a view to enhancing interdisciplinary research within the CEL Programme. **The primary research theme is the nexus of climate change, ecosystems and livelihoods; inter alia, how to promote synergies of ecosystem services and sustainable livelihoods in the context of climate change.**

All successful applicants are requested to join the work of UNEP-IEMP full time for two years, including research related travels in other developing countries. The incumbents will be supported through the [CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative \(PIFI\)](#), through which CAS offers a pre-tax stipend of RMB 200,000 per year to selected postdoctoral researchers. Main working place will be at the IGSNRR of CAS in Beijing, China.

The incumbents will work under the supervision of Dr. Jian Liu, UNEP-IEMP Director, Prof. Linxiu Zhang, UNEP-IEMP Manager, and Prof. Xiubo Yu, Programme Coordinator, depending on tasks and assignments. At the same time, she or he will be a member of the

Research Unit of UNEP-IEMP and should inform the Head of Research Unit on the research plan and progress.

### **Key duties and responsibilities**

The incumbents will be responsible to conduct cross-cutting research that is based on, conducive to, or complementary to the implementation of various projects and initiatives within the CEL Programme. Specifically, she or he will be expected to:

1. Deliver research findings through both peer-reviewed international journal papers and policy briefs;
2. Provide technical support, e.g. data collection and analysis, to projects and initiatives within the CEL Programme, on the request from Programme Offices;
3. Assist in developing of a knowledge centre at UNEP-IEMP in close collaboration with the Office of Operations;
4. Attend communication, outreach, and capacity building activities organized by UNEP-IEMP and its partners;
5. Any other tasks assigned by the Director and the Manager.

### **Required qualification and competency**

Successful applicants will have, at a minimum, a PhD degree (or equivalent) in relevant disciplines, fluency in English, good communication skill, and team work spirit. Candidates with demonstrated experience in the following areas will be favored:

- Rural development and agricultural, ecological, environmental, and/or natural resource economics;
- Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, greenhouse gases emissions, ecosystem service evaluation, and/or sustainable livelihoods framework.
- Experience working with governments in developing countries and/or in an international team.

As a special note, applications are only accepted from citizens under the age of 40 from a state that has diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, in accordance with the eligibility criteria for PIFI candidates.

### **Application procedures**

The application will follow the PIFI procedures, including:

- **By 1 August 2016:** Please send your CV, cover letter and the contact details of two referees to [info@unep-iemp.org](mailto:info@unep-iemp.org). Quote "Postdoctoral Research Fellows" as the email subject.
- **By 8 August 2016:** Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview (phone or Skype).

- **By 15 August 2016:** Successful applicants will be requested to prepare relevant documents for PIFI application, mainly including an application form, two recommendation letters and a research plan.
- **By 25 August 2016:** UNEP-IEMP takes responsibility to collect and submit all the documents to the CAS PIFI Program Office through the online application system.
- **Start Date:** upon approval of the application but usually no later than 1 November 2016.

More information on PIFI and its application procedures could be found at:

[http://english.bic.cas.cn/AF/Fe/201507/t20150723\\_150727.html](http://english.bic.cas.cn/AF/Fe/201507/t20150723_150727.html)

**Disclaimer:**

1. The successful applicant shall not become a staff member of the United Nations or UNEP but shall sign a contract with the IGSNRR of CAS, based in Beijing, China – the host institution of UNEP-IEMP.
2. The applicant shall abide by the rules and procedures of IGSNRR and must commit to abide by the laws of the People's Republic of China.
3. United Nations or UNEP shall neither be responsible nor liable for any claims which may arise from this employment.