**Call for Applications: 2019 Senior Indigenous Fellow- UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**Duration:**  up to 31 December 2019
**Location:** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, Geneva - Switzerland
**Deadline:** Thursday, 31 January 2019

The Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section (IPMS) of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is seeking an indigenous person to fill the position of “Senior Fellow” up to 31 December 2019.

The Senior Indigenous Fellowship aims at giving the selected indigenous person a better understanding of the international human rights system and mechanisms, especially those dealing with indigenous rights. Through this experience, the Senior Fellow will gain practical knowledge and working level experience by specifically working with the team managing the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. Such exposure will also allow him/her to develop an extensive contact network with OHCHR staff in general, as well as other UN entities and human rights NGOs in Geneva.

The Senior Fellow is expected to return to his/her home country with an enhanced set of skills and expertise to contribute towards the promotion and protection of human rights of indigenous peoples at the national, regional or international level.

**Terms of reference:**

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples was established

 in 1985 and since has been instrumental in ensuring that voices of indigenous peoples are heard and taken into account within the UN system. The Fund has thus far supported the participation of over 2,000 indigenous peoples’ representatives in various UN processes and supports the participation of indigenous peoples into the sessions of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) as well as relevant meetings of the Human Rights Council and United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

The team managing the Fund is based in the Indigenous Peoples Minorities Section (IPMS) of OHCHR. The Senior Indigenous Fellow will be working in the IPMS under the guidance and supervision of the Chief of Section and the coordinator of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. She/he will be requested to:

* Contribute to the activities of the Section by providing substantive, administrative and technical support to the mandate and activities of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples; organises human rights trainings and capacity building activities for the grantees of the Fund; supports the development of comprehensive and inter-active capacity building tools, fundraising activities; and develops outreach and dissemination strategy to improve the Fund’s support to its grantees.
* Perform any other activity to contribute to the work of the Section, including preparing analytical briefs or notes, managing grantees and providing support to administrative or technical tasks.

**Qualifications:**

The candidate **must** be indigenous. He/she should have:

* A university degree preferably in law, political sciences, international relations or any other disciplines related to human rights.
* Basic understanding and knowledge of international human rights instruments and mechanisms, including those specifically dealing with the rights of indigenous peoples.
* Minimum of five years of working experience in the field of indigenous peoples’ rights
* Experience of working in resource mobilization, communication and outreach and development of capacity building and training tool are highly desirable
* Fluency (oral and written) in English language is required. Other language skills including Spanish, French or Russian are highly desirable.

**Entitlements:**

The candidate selected will not receive a salary but will be entitled to a monthly stipend that will cover **basic** living expenses in Geneva, as well as return ticket to the country of residence and basic health insurance.

(Please note that this is not a regular employment position within OHCHR and it does not lead to employment rights and entitlements beyond the terms of the fellowship.)

**Selection process:**

Interested candidates should send their scanned applications by email to: fellowship@ohchr.org and specifying in the subject line ***“***Application to the 2019 Senior Indigenous Fellowship”.

The application should include the following documents:

* A Curriculum Vitae.
* A letter of motivation (**maximum 2 pages**), in which the candidate will introduce himself/herself - **mentioning the indigenous community he/she belongs to** - explain why he/she considers himself/herself suitable for that position, what he/she hopes to achieve through this fellowship and what he/she expects to do upon return to promote indigenous rights.
* A letter of recommendation from the organization with which indigenous applicants are affiliated.

The **deadline**to receive applications is **31 January 2019**. Please note that only short-listed applicants will be contacted and interviewed.

The selected candidate is expected to assume the position by March 2019 or earlier.

For more information about the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, please follow the following link: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/ipeoplesfund/pages/ipeoplesfundindex.aspx>