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Consultant Contract

Title: Researcher and Manuscript Writer

Place: UNESCO Headquarters, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris

Dates: As soon as possible: December 2024/January 2025 - 31 May 2025

Remuneration: 2000 euros per month

Instructions: Please email a letter of motivation, CV, and writing sample(s) in English to:

e.sengsavang@unesco.org

Deadline: Applicants will be considered as they are received. We aim to hire the consultant as soon as possible.

Main Responsibilities and Duties:

Under the supervision of the UNESCO Reference Archivist and the general direction of the Chief Archivist and UNESCO Archives service, the consultant will undertake historical research and complete the writing of a partially drafted manuscript on the history of international scientific cooperation. The publication will trace the work carried out within UNESCO's programmes since its creation related to plants, vegetation, the biosphere, and the environment. The publication will focus primarily on natural sciences, while also revealing the interrelationships with education, social and human sciences, culture, and communication and information in efforts to foster the well-being of the planet. The book will be written in English and may be translated in future.

- From primary and secondary sources in the UNESCO Library and Archives, as well as in the personal papers of a natural sciences expert and retired UNESCO staff member, working from an extant annotated bibliography, conduct historical research on topics outlined in the structured book concept.
- Edit and complete extant draft book chapters and write new book chapters to complete a scholarly and engaging manuscript as described above.
- Work with UNESCO Archives staff as needed to support the documentation and processing of research materials from the personal papers of the retired staff member.

Required Background and Experience:

The candidate should be a PhD or postdoctoral student with a background in history, the history of science, natural sciences, and/or international intellectual cooperation/international relations. Equivalent combination of background and experience may be considered. The candidate must be a rigorous and detail-oriented scholar with excellent written as well as oral communication skills.