Academics Without Borders (AWB) is a Canadian nonprofit organization. Its mission is to help developing countries improve their universities so that they can train their own experts and conduct research to assist in their countries’ development. AWB’s projects are involved in the full range of university activities from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones. AWB fulfills its mission by sending volunteers on projects that originate in and are owned by developing world institutions. AWB volunteers are reimbursed for their expenses but are not paid a salary.

**Project Reference:** Enhancement of research and publication skills in the Faculty of Social Sciences

**Number of Volunteers:** 1

**Partner Organization:** Bahir Dar University

Bahir Dar University is one of the largest universities in Ethiopia. The University was founded in 2000 with the merger of the former Bahir Dar Teachers College and Bahir Dar Polytechnic Institute, which became the Education and Engineering Faculties, respectively, of the new university.

**Location:** Bahir Dar University, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

**Language:** English

**Job Description:**

The Government of Ethiopia has made a renewed commitment to higher education in recent years and many universities are expanding their programming to meet the needs of the population. Many universities are primarily staffed by young faculty members and there is a recognized need to improve the quality of their research and increase their publication record.

The Faculty of Social Sciences at Bahir Dar University is seeking the assistance of a volunteer to lead an intensive program on research and publication skills for faculty members and PhD candidates.
The central objectives are to improve the faculty members’ knowledge of research design and analysis and the preparation of manuscripts for publication. The expectation is that these enhanced skills will lead to a higher quality of research and the likelihood of publication in respected regional and international journals. A record of successful publication is a necessary component of promotion to a rank at which they are able to act as graduate supervisors, thus reducing the dependence on external supervisors and creating a sustainable post-graduate programme.

Requirements:
PhD in one of the Social Sciences, Education, or a related discipline and a significant publication record in their field.

Start Date and Duration:
The volunteer will spend a period of two to four weeks at Bahir Dar University in the first half of 2020. Some remote mentoring and support will be necessary following the completion of the onsite assignment.

Benefits:
All expenses - flights, accommodations, local transportation, travel and medical insurance, vaccinations and medications, and other incidentals - will be covered by Bahir Dar University and AWB.

Applications:
Please send to Corrie Young, cyoung@awb-usf.org:

● Your CV, including your contact information
● A statement of your motivation in seeking the position
● Dates of availability for travel to Ethiopia in 2020
● Two (2) letters of reference – please either include the letters of reference with your application package or have them sent separately to Corrie Young, Associate Executive Director - Projects & Network, cyoung@awb-usf.org, as soon as possible

Deadline: January 6, 2020