Volunteer Opportunity to Support the Development of a Strategic Plan
Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia

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Project Reference: Support the development of a strategic plan for 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.

The Faculty of Social Sciences at Bahir Dar University is seeking the assistance of a volunteer to assist it in the development of a strategic plan and an accompanying implementation strategy for its future direction. The resulting strategic plan will form the road map for development of the Faculty of Social Sciences for the next five years.

Specifically, the volunteer will provide training to the faculty management on strategic planning in academic settings and support them to ensure the collection and provision of all necessary information and documents; the organization of stakeholder meetings; the development of
instruments for data collection and data analysis; and the compilation of the draft strategic plan and implementation strategy for presentation to the faculty and university community.

Requirements:
Applicants for the position must have experience in university strategic planning; academic qualifications within the social sciences or a related discipline at the master’s or doctoral level. Applicants with experience in a managerial position such as head of department, dean, or head of unit are especially encouraged to apply.

Start Date and Duration:
The volunteer will spend a period of one month at Bahir Dar University in the first half of 2020. Some remote mentoring and support may 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 as soon as possible to:
  Corrie Young, Associate Executive Director - Projects & Network, cyoung@awb-usf.org

Deadline: January 6, 2020