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:** Development of digital literacy skills of faculty, staff, and students

**Number of Volunteers:** 1 or more

**Partner Organization:** Injibara University, Ethiopia

Injibara University is a new university in the northern part of Ethiopia that admitted the first 1450 students in four faculties in January 2018 and an additional 1600 students in the 2018/19 academic year. Injibara University is one of a new group of public universities established as part of the second Growth and Transformation Plan of the Government of Ethiopia. The university has four colleges: Agriculture, Food and Climate Sciences; Natural and Computational Sciences; Social Sciences and Humanity; and Business and Economics. The four colleges accommodate 24 departments and 160 academic staff. The university plans to add two more colleges, Engineering and Technology and Health Sciences, in the next academic year.

**Location:** Injibara University, Injibara, Ethiopia

**Language:** English

**Job Description:**

In some areas of Ethiopia there is a recognized deficit in digital literacy. Injibara University seeks to integrate information and communication technology (ICT) skills development as a central pillar of its programs. As a young institution, the university is building the foundation for ICT development and currently has an ICT directorate, computer science and ICT programs, and a small number of ICT support staff.

The university seeks a volunteer to assist its faculty to increase the use of ICT in education delivery by integrating ICT into the curriculum. Initially, the volunteer will work with faculty members to conduct a situational analysis, including a review of the existing curriculum, to understand the current use of ICT throughout the institution and provide recommendations to increase the digital literacy of the faculty, staff, and students.

Based on these recommendations, the volunteer will provide faculty and staff with customized short-term training on digital literacy skills, open source software, and network infrastructure.
management tools. The volunteer will also provide recommendations to the faculty for the use of innovative ICT services and tools to support teaching, learning, and research activities and guidance to improve the capacity of ICT staff to provide support and services to faculty and students.

Requirements:
Minimum of a master’s degree in Computer Science, Information and Communication Technology, or a related discipline. Applicants with specializations in Network and Systems Administration, Systems Development and/or experience in ICT curriculum development are especially encouraged to apply.

Start Date and Duration:
The assignment will begin with a three-week working visit to undertake the situational analysis. Further assignments will be determined by the recommendations of the analysis. It is anticipated that the project will extend over two years with the volunteer providing some remote support when not on site.

Benefits:
All expenses - flights, accommodations, local transportation, travel and medical insurance, vaccinations and medications, and other incidentals - will be covered by Injibara 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