



## GLOBAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECT

Joint Project of the Earth System Science Partnership

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OFFICE, IPO

## SCIENCE OFFICER

The Global Water System Project (GWSP) seeks a Science Officer to assist the Executive Officer in his/her responsibility for coordinating a dynamic international project office based at the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn. The GWSP ([www.gwsp.org](http://www.gwsp.org)) is a joint project of the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP, [www.essp.org](http://www.essp.org)), comprising DIVERSITAS ([www.diversitas-international.org](http://www.diversitas-international.org)), IGBP (<http://igbp.net>), IHDP ([www.ihdp.org](http://www.ihdp.org)) and WCRP (<http://wcrp.wmo.int>). The goal of the GWSP is to address the following overarching scientific question: *How are human actions changing the global water system and what are the environmental and socio-economic feedbacks arising from the anthropogenic changes in the global water system?* The Project focuses on freshwater and addresses the human and physical, biochemical, and biological facets of the global water system. The role of the IPO is to promote, coordinate and implement the research activities of the GWSP.

**Responsibilities** will include assisting the EO in:

- management and administration of the GWSP International Project Office on a day-to-day basis;
- promotion and co-ordination of GWSP scientific research;
- development of the GWSP Information System, including databases and models
- project advocacy, promotion and publicity;
- liaison with other relevant international and national agencies and initiatives, including ZEF and the United Nations University in Bonn;
- co-ordination with the ESSP Programmes and projects; and,
- organising meetings, workshops and science conferences in support of the GWSP.

**Qualifications & Experience:**

- a broad interest in the scientific fields related to the GWSP;
- appropriate management, organisational, written and oral communication skills in an international field;
- a PhD in one of the relevant natural sciences or social sciences
- experience in the organisation of international meetings and workshops;
- a sound working knowledge of the English language;
- Flexibility and willingness to undertake overseas travel;

- Experience in global change sciences and science management would be of advantage;

**Conditions:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The GWSP encourages applications from women and from developing country scientists.

**Location:** The host institution for the IPO is the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), an international and interdisciplinary research institute of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University, Bonn ([www.zef.de](http://www.zef.de)).

**More information:** about the project can be obtained from the project website ([www.gwsp.org](http://www.gwsp.org)).

Interviews with selected applicants will be held in the English language. Applications in English, together with a curriculum vitae and names of three referees, should be directed to Applications should be submitted before 28 November 2008 to Martin Rice, ESSP Coordinator, with a CV (resume) and contact information of three referees.

The position, which is available in early 2009, is subject to confirmation of continued funding of the International Project Office of the GWSP.

Send Applications to:

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**The closing date for applications is 28 November 2008.**