

University Grants Commission (UGC)

Sanothimi, Bhaktapur

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Internship Announcement

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is the apex body of higher education in Nepal and provides financial, policy, and regulatory support to higher education institutions in the country. Please refer to the website for more information: www.ugcnepal.edu.np.

UGC is seeking results-oriented and aspiring interns to support the implementation of the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) funded by the World Bank to bring value addition for sustained transformational improvements in higher education.

1. Required Post and Number

Intern, Environment and Social Safeguard – 1 Nos

Intern, Project Management – 1 Nos

Intern, QAA- 1 Nos

Location : University Grants Commission, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur
Full/Part-Time : Full-time
Duration : 6 Months
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 15 April 2024

2. Required academic qualifications, skills and attitudes:

- Active enrolment in 4th Semester or recent completion of a Master's level program in social science, economics, management or related field.
- Some experience in working with development agencies, academic institutions including in volunteer capacity in the field of results based management, monitoring and evaluation, indicators, statistics and or research methodologies is preferable.
- Relevant computer skills especially MS Office.
- Data analysis and analytical writing skills.
- Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills.
- Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team; and
- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences.
- Fluent in English.

Candidates willing to apply can submit the application with bio-data at the UGC office, sanothimi, Bhaktapur or email: procurement@ugcnepal.edu.np no later than 17:00 Hours on the 07 April, 2024 Sunday.

To download TOR, please click the following link: www.ugcnepal.edu.np

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Telephone enquiries will not be entertained.

Terms of Reference

QAA Intern



Job Title : Intern, Quality Assurance and Accreditation
Location : University Grants Commission, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur
Full/Part-Time : Full-time
Duration : 6 Months
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 15 April 2024

Background:

University Grants Commission (UGC), is an apex body of higher education in Nepal that provides financial, policy and regulatory supports to higher education institutions in Nepal. Objectives of UCC is to coordinate among universities; allocate and disburse government grants to universities and Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and take appropriate steps for assurance and enhancement of quality of higher education in these institutions in Nepal. UGC allocates and distributes grants to the universities and their constituent and affiliated campuses. Currently UGC is implementing Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) as an integral part of the National Higher Educational Program (NHEP) initiatives. The NEHEP supports specific reform initiatives of the NHEP in four Result Areas (RA): RA I - Improved Labor-market relevance, Entrepreneurship, and Collaborative Research; RA2 - Strengthening Governance and Financing of higher education for Quality Enhancement; RA3: Widening Access to Quality Higher Education for Disadvantaged Students; and RA4: Extending Digitalization of Higher Education. These RAs are clustered around six key performance indicators (KPIs), 16 Intermediate Results Indicators (IRIs) and 17 Disbursement Linked Results, which will measure the overall progress of the program during implementation and upon completion.

UGC/NEHEP is seeking intern candidates that transform, inspire and deliver high impact and sustained results of NEHEP who can manage the resources entrusted to them with commitment to deliver excellence in program results. The expected specific input from intern is to support for QAA coherence with respect to NEHEP scope, and relevance of activities and outcomes to the program needs.

Scope of the Position:

Under the direct supervision of the EQAAC's Secretariat of UGC, the intern will support the program team in the project administration of the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) 2021-2026 and its program grants that will be mobilized during the current Fiscal Year (FY).

A work-plan with achievements for the duration of the internship and learning opportunities will be agreed upon. The performance in program activities leads to a beneficial environment for the intern to enhance her/his skills and capacity in the Quality Assurance and Accreditation System under the NEHEP.



Duties and Responsibilities:

The Intern will support the Project Support Unit (PSU) for the implementation process of the NEHEP program. Intern will be specifically responsible for providing implementation, reporting, evaluation and indicator database management support for the QAA. S/he will also entail liaison with operations, program and technical teams and will focus on administrative support.

The key responsibilities of the QAA Intern shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Planning

- Support to review and quality assurance, the interventions and activities in the UGC, Universities and HEIs to ensure that they are strongly linked to the program standard, operational policy and guideline (SOPG) output indicators.
- Assist program team to ensure all NEHEP implementing and participating HEIs are informed and share the same understanding on the definitions of the program indicators and grant criteria for funding and facilitate them where required.
- Support and contribute to prepare the NEHEP annual program and budget as outlined in Operations Manual.
- Feeds the management for policy advancement planning of programs and evaluation based on database maintained.

Implementation

- Support and contribute to the implementation of the NEHEP program as outlined in Operations Manual.
- Coordinate and facilitate to the HEIs to implement the NEHEP program

Reporting

- Assist Program Team on the quality assurance of periodical Progress and indicator milestones.
- Contribute to Program Funding Partner's Meetings via the progress status update
- Assist in ensuring baseline and targets data for the indicators are collected consistently as per the program plan.
- Provide assistance to the development the Achievements Report to provide Independent Verification Agency (IVA)

Project Administration

- Support in day-to-day operations of the NEHEP program, including, but not limited to budget and finance, human resource management, procurement. Grants management, communication, report writing and records management.
- Assist the program team in the implementation, tracking, follow up and update of the progress Report.
- Establishes proper communication with HEI's under QAA Process.
- Maintain proper record keeping of QAA system



- Facilitates HEI's to expedite their QAA process.
- Carry out any other additional tasks assigned by the Division head and Secretary.

Qualification and Experience:

- Active enrolment in 4th Semester or recent completion of a Master's level degree program in social science, education, economics, business administration, public administration or related field.
- Some experience in working with development agencies, academic institutions including in volunteer capacity in the field of results based management, project management, monitoring and evaluation, indicators, statistics and or research methodologies is preferable.
- Relevant computer skills especially MS Office excel
- Strong data analysis and analytical writing skills.
- Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills
- Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team; and
- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences
- Fluency in English.
- Physically fit and sound mind.
- Preference will be given to the one who has good command in IT

Learning Elements:

Upon completion of the assignment, and depending on its duration, the QAA Intern will gain the following knowledge assets:

1. Increased understanding of the National Higher Education Program and its scope.
2. Understand key project management competencies and practices within UGC and relevant policies and procedures related to higher education program
3. Understand the UGC/NEHEP project management tools and guidelines
4. Understand the UGC/NEHEP mandate and policies and standards
5. Understand the dynamics of operational and program support and communications to the HEI level
6. Learn donor funding project environment, working procedures, and coordination mechanisms
7. Write and formulate substantive documents
8. Network with HEIs in Nepal
9. Work experience as a team member in a academic setting

Financial Aspects:

Interns will receive a stipend to help cover basic travel and lunch expenses. UGC provides DSA equivalent to assistant-level upon travel out of Kathmandu valley.

Other Facilities to be provided by UGC:

- Office space with computer and furniture
- Email and internet access
- Office stationery
- Photocopier



How to Apply

Please email your applications including a brief statement on your interest in the internship program, to procurement@ugcnepal.edu.np before **07 April 2024** with the title '*Internship – Quality Assurance and Accreditation*'.

Due the high volume of applications are anticipated, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.



Terms of Reference

Environmental and Social Safeguard Intern

Job Title : Intern, Environmental and Social Safeguard
Location : University Grants Commission, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur
Full/Part-Time : Full-time
Duration : 6 Months
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 15 April 2024

Background:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is the apex body of higher education in Nepal and provides financial, policy, and regulatory support to higher education institutions in the country. The main objectives of UCC are to coordinate among universities, allocate and disburse government grants to universities and higher educational institutions (HEIs), and take appropriate steps for assurance and enhancement of the quality of higher education in these institutions in Nepal. UGC allocates and distributes grants to the universities and their constituent and affiliated campuses. UGC, with funding from the World Bank, is implementing the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) as an integral part of the National Higher Educational Program (NHEP) initiatives. The NEHEP supports specific reform initiatives of the NHEP in the following Result Areas (RA): RA 1: Improved labor-market relevance, entrepreneurship, and collaborative research; RA 2: Strengthening governance and financing of higher education for quality enhancement; RA 3: Widening Access to Quality Higher Education for Disadvantaged Students; and RA 4: Extending Digitalization of Higher Education.

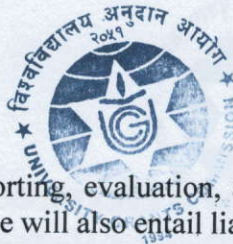
UGC/NEHEP is seeking candidates that transform, inspire, and deliver high impact and sustained results. We need environmental and social safeguard intern who commit to delivering excellence in program results. The input from the intern is to support environmental and social measures with respect to the NEHEP scope and ensure the relevance of activities and outcomes to the program's needs.

Scope of the Position:

Under the direct supervision of the reform unit of UGC, the intern will support the program team in the environmental & social safeguard function of the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) 2021–2026. He or she will support the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for NEHEP. The performance in program activities leads to a beneficial environment for the intern, enhancing her/his skills and capacity in the project management of the thematic areas under the NEHEP.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The environmental and social safeguard intern will be responsible for assisting technical supervision, monitoring, and reporting on environmental and social safeguards in line with national laws and in conformity with the environmental and social safeguard guidelines of the World Bank and international best practices under the project. for providing planning,



implementation, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and indicator database management support for the NEHEP program. He or she will also entail liaison with operations, program, and technical teams and focus on major or sensitive matters relating to environmental and social impacts and risks during implementation of the program..

The Intern will be a part of PSU team and will be responsible for day-to-day activities related to the NEHEP program. The key responsibilities of the Intern shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Planning

- Support to review and quality assure the interventions and activities in the UGC, universities, and HEIs to ensure that they are strongly linked to the program standard, operational policy, and guideline (SOPG) output indicators.
- Participate in projects for the implementation of all environmental and social issues, including safeguards; facilitate the preparation of action plans
- Support the implementing institutions for planning, self-assessment, and feedback with regard to environmental and social safeguard activities.

Implementation

- Under the NEHEP program scope, support and contribute to environmental and social aspects such as gender, child protection, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA), HIV/AIDS, social inclusion and current development issues in Nepal.
- Assist to facilitate the HEIs in the identification, prioritization, and mitigation of social, equity, and gender issues during the program's implementation, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of the social impacts of the program.
- Support PSU in integrating E&S safeguards in its analytic, knowledge, and regulatory initiatives.
- Assist in monitoring of social, equity and gender issues concerning the program and participate in assessment and evaluation of the environmental and social impact of program interventions.

Reporting

- Assist in preparing any documentation and reports required by the UGC and the World Bank to ensure that environmental and social issues have been adequately addressed and that the project is in compliance with the World Bank and Government of Nepal Safeguard Policies.
- Support the consolidation and migration of project-level environmental and social safeguards and gender-related information
- Carry out any other additional tasks assigned by the Program Team and Secretary

Qualification and Experience:

- Active enrolment in 4th Semester or recent completion of a Master's level degree program in Environmental Science or social science or any other related fields
- Some experience in working with development agencies, academic institutions including in volunteer capacity in the field of results based management, project management,



monitoring and evaluation, indicators, statistics and or research methodologies would be preferable.

- Relevant computer skills especially MS Office excel
- Strong data analysis and analytical writing skills.
- Good interpersonal, networking and communication skills
- Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team; and
- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences
- Fluency in English.

Learning Elements:

The Intern will have the opportunity to learn and expand her/his experiences by providing assistance in the administration of the higher education program's environmental and social safeguards and gender issues. Upon completion of the assignment, and depending on its duration, the Social safeguard Intern will gain the following knowledge assets:

1. Increased understanding of the National Higher Education Program and its scope.
2. Understand key environmental and social safeguard competencies and practices within UGC and relevant policies and procedures related to higher education program
3. Understand the UGC/NEHEP environmental & social safeguard framework and guidelines
4. Understand the UGC/NEHEP mandate and policies and standards
5. Understand the dynamics of operational and program support and communications to the HEI level
6. Learn donor funding project environment, working procedures, and coordination mechanisms
7. Write and formulate substantive documents
8. Network with HEIs in Nepal
9. Work experience as a team member in a academic setting

Financial Aspects:

Interns will receive a stipend to help cover basic travel and lunch expenses. UGC provides DSA equivalent to assistant-level upon travel out of Kathmandu valley.

Other Facilities to be provided by UGC:

- Office space with computer and furniture
- Email and internet access
- Office stationary
- Photocopier

How to Apply

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Due the high volume of applications are anticipated, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.



Terms of Reference Project Management Intern

Job Title : Intern, Project Management
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Full/Part-Time : Full-time
Duration : 6 Months
Expected Start Date of Assignment: 15 April 2024

Background:

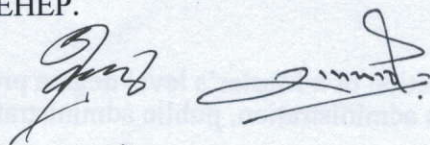
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UGC/NEHEP is seeking candidates that transform, inspire and deliver high impact and sustained results. We need interns who are exceptional in how they manage the resources entrusted to them and who commit to deliver excellence in program results. The input from intern is to support for program monitoring and Evaluation activities, coherence with respect to NEHEP scope, and relevance of activities and outcomes to the program needs.

Scope of the Position:

Under the direct supervision of the reform unit of UGC, the intern will support the Program team in the project administration of the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP) 2021-2026 and its program grants that will be mobilized during the current Fiscal Year (FY).

A work-plan with achievements for the duration of the Internship and learning opportunities will be agreed upon. The performance in program activities leads to a beneficial environment for the Intern enhancing her/his skills and capacity in the project management of the thematic areas under the NEHEP.





Duties and Responsibilities:

The Intern will support the Project Support Unit (PSU) for the implementation process of the NEHEP program. The Project Management intern will be responsible for providing planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting, evaluation and indicator database management support for the NEHEP program and its result areas. He or She will also entail liaison with operations, program and technical teams and will focus on administrative support.

The key responsibilities of the Project Management Intern shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Planning

- Support to review and quality assure the interventions and activities in the UGC, Universities and HEIs to ensure that they are strongly linked to the program standard, operational policy and guideline (SOPG) output indicators.
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- Support and contribute to prepare the NEHEP annual program and budget as outlined in Operations Manual.
- Provide administrative support for resource mobilization and grant proposal to HEIs.

Implementation

- Support and contribute to the implementation of the NEHEP program as outlined in Operations Manual.
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Reporting

- Assist Program Team on the quality assurance of periodical Progress and indicator milestones.
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Project Administration

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- Assist the program team in the implementation, tracking, follow up and update of the progress Report
- Carry out any other additional tasks assigned by the Program Team and Secretary

Qualification and Experience:

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- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences
- Fluency in English.

Learning Elements:

Upon completion of the assignment, and depending on its duration, the M&E Intern will gain the following knowledge assets:

1. Increased understanding of the National Higher Education Program and its scope.
2. Understand key project management competencies and practices within UGC and relevant policies and procedures related to higher education program
3. Understand the UGC/NEHEP project management tools and guidelines
4. Understand the UGC/NEHEP mandate and policies and standards
5. Understand the dynamics of operational and program support and communications to the HEI level
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