INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Technical Support Unit (TSU) of the IPCC’s Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) is re-launching its Internship Programme.

The aim of the TFI is the production of guidelines for the estimation of national emissions and removals of greenhouse gases for use by Parties to the UNFCCC and the encouragement and support to inventory compilers using these guidelines. The 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories consolidate, update and revise all the previous IPCC Inventory Guidance. The TFI has a number of activities to support users of the Guidelines including the IPCC Emission Factor Database (EFDB). This is a library of emission factors and other parameters that can be used by inventory compilers to make better estimates of their emissions or removals of greenhouse gases by more closely reflecting national circumstances.

The Inventory Internship Programme aims to provide young scientists opportunities to familiarise with the IPCC work on methodologies for national greenhouse gas inventories as well as to contribute to the work of TSU through applied studies in relevant inventory-related science.

Further objectives are:

- To support national inventory activities, in particular those of developing and EIT countries, through dissemination of the IPCC methodologies for GHG Inventories.
- To identify and fill gaps in the science/data/information with a view towards contributing to the future revision of the IPCC Guidelines.
- To broaden a network of inventory experts that will be a great asset to the IPCC TFI.

The participant of the TSU Inventory Internship Programme shall be an expert with a background related to GHG inventories, who:

- A scientist/researcher/expert with a background related to GHG inventories
- Has a master or equivalent degree relevant to the work,
- Has no health condition that would hinder research activities, and
- Has a good command of English.

Applicants are requested to prepare a short research proposal that they would work on while working with the TSU. This proposal should examine a specific area of the inventory from either a national or regional perspective and could aim to, for example, improve national or regional inventories, explore the range of possible emissions from a sector in differing circumstances or review nationally specific emission factors and parameters. The proposals will be reviewed in terms of practicability, applicability to developing countries and potential to contribute to the EFDB.
The internship programme:

- Internships will last, in principle, for a period of 6 months
- There are two positions
- Interns will be based with the TSU at its host organisation IGES, in Hayama, Japan
- Interns will receive ¥300,000/month (20% tax will be charged).

Further details on work regulations, travel expenses and remuneration (allowances and welfare benefits) are elaborated in the attached “The TSU Inventory Internship Regulations” (IGES Regulation No. 18, established on 13 December 2003 and amended on 1 April 2013).

The TSU invites applications by (preferably) internet/email with an MS Word readable or pdf file, fax or ordinary mail for this programme. To apply please send a Curriculum Vitae and a short summary of the research proposal, proposed inventory category and background to this choice (one page maximum)

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Closing date 31 October 2013.

Application Process.

- An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to each applicant.
- Only short-listed applicants will be contacted further.
- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by telephone.
- Unsuccessful short-listed candidates will be notified within one month of completion of the appointment procedure.

The time schedule for the recruitment process is as follows:

- Closing date for applications will be 31 October 2013.
- Telephone Interviews of short-listed candidates will be held in December 2013.