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PRI Academic Network (RI Digest) Fellowship

Overview

The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) aims to promote the inclusion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in investment strategies worldwide. As part of the efforts to increase knowledge about responsible investment practices the PRI has decided to strengthen cooperation between PRI and the academic world. This is done through the PRI Academic Network which provides freely accessible avenues for research, education and network-building on critical responsible investment issues. In doing so, the Academic Network aims to stimulate interest in responsible investment research and provide multiple avenues for greater interaction between academia and practitioners.

As part of these activities, the PRI will publish a monthly digest of the latest academic research on issues relevant to the implementation of the Principles. The aim of the RI Digest is to provide PRI signatories and PRI Academic Network members with a condensed and practitioner-oriented review and summary of the latest findings and issues identified in the academic literature. The monthly review will be distributed to all PRI signatories alongside the monthly e-bulletin and published on the PRI Academic Network website with members having the ability to comment via discussion board and submit their latest research or reviews.

Location: Flexible

Duration: 12 months, part time

Start date: ASAP

Remuneration: US\$7,500 p.a. (This is a fixed-rate contract)

Job description

The RI Digest Fellowship position requires writing monthly reviews of the latest academic research relevant to implementation support for PRI signatories. The Fellow will perform a continuous literature review of new PRI-relevant academic literature in order to identify key articles for subsequent reviews as well as topics and experts for PRI webinars and activities.

The Fellow will submit two reviews of academic research (800-1200 word length) per month in addition to a short synopsis of 1 to 2 additional pieces of research (100-150 words each). The fellow will be responsible for developing the themes of each monthly digest. The fellow will be required to liaise with the PRI Academic Network project manager twice a month to review progress and receive approval for subsequent work plans.

The successful candidate will possess excellent writing skills and will be able to present complex concepts in a clear, concise and comprehensive manner suited for investment practitioners. Candidates are required to have a firm grasp of the Principles for Responsible Investment and major issues and debates surrounding the further mainstreaming of responsible investment. The position is ideally suited to a PhD student or postdoctoral researcher undertaking research in a related area and therefore already following and reading the newest research.

Application process

The applicants should submit a cover letter, CV and a writing sample consistent with the requirements of the position before 31 August 2009 to info@unpri.org. The successful candidate will be notified about interviews for the position by 15 September 2009.

For more information on the position, please contact project manager Christina Gehring at christina.gehring@unpri.org.