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POSITION VACANCY

SHORT-TERM ENGAGEMENTS

The Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI) is looking for short-term engagements for its new research project – Autonomy and Decentralisation Research Project.

The project will commence on June 2021 and will run till February 2022.

AUTONOMY AND DECENTRALISATION RESEARCH PROJECT

The PNG NRI is establishing a Research Project to facilitate thinking and discussions on appropriate policy considerations about “Decentralization” and “Autonomy” governance arrangements in Papua New Guinea. The objective of the project is to facilitate critical analysis, dialogue and information sharing between PNG academics, policy practitioners, political leaders and civil society on issues and challenges around autonomy and decentralization of government in PNG.

The project will involve producing a number of research and analytical papers looking at the issues around the challenges of autonomy and decentralized governance arrangements in PNG from an historical perspective on the dynamics of major policy changes from Independence to where we are now.

Selected papers and commentaries will be released at intermittent times between June and September 2021 to inform, generate interest and facilitate debate and discussions. A “National Conference” is planned for end of September to bring together key stakeholders, political leaders, civic society, policy practitioners and academics both local and international; to have a conversation around the issues of “Autonomy and Decentralized forms of Governance in PNG”.

It is expected that the Discussions at the conference will provide appropriate information on relevant policy initiatives for improving “Autonomy and Decentralized” forms of Sub-National Governance arrangements in Papua New Guinea.

THE PROJECT TEAM

The Autonomy and Decentralization Research Project will be led by Dr Thomas Webster working with a small team comprising a Research Project Officer and a Communications Specialist will work from June for about nine months on the current planned activities. There is a strong possibility that the life of the project may be extended over a longer period of time.

The PNG NRI calls for applications of interest for the two positions, a Research Project Officer and a Communications Specialist. Details for the Communications Officer position are as follows:



02 Communications Officer

Term of Engagement **June 2021 to February 2022**

Key Responsibilities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with the in-house Communications team, responsible for dissemination of Project-related information as outlined in the Communication Strategy 2. Organise and facilitate appropriate electronic forms of communicating information and discussions on issues 3. Produce press releases, media statements and other external communication documents 4. Liaise with media partners for the dissemination of research information, interviews and other related activities 5. Manage the Project social media platforms and robustly engage with the public on issues related to the Project's research activities 6. Produce a monthly newsletter on the Project 7. Any other duties as required by supervisors from time to time
Key Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree in Communications, Journalism, Arts or related field. 2. Some relevant work experience with media outlets, public relations or/and with electronic communications systems 3. Exposure to and adept with computational skills in Word processing, Excel spreadsheets and other electronic communication technologies 4. Good work habits: punctual, commitment to work and able to communicate and work with other persons
Terms & Conditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NRI Corporate Salary Grade NR10 2. K1,910.53 per fortnight Inclusive of housing allowance 3. K80 monthly mobile credits
Income Tax	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salary is subject to Income Tax Act and is deductible on a fortnightly basis.

- All applications must address the key job responsibilities and job requirements as stated above.
- All applications must contain the following:



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- Updated resume
 - Qualifications certified by a Commissioner of Oaths
 - Copy of a valid Identification (Passport/Driver's License/NID)
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- All applications must be addressed to the HR Manager, PNG National Research Institute, PO Box 5854, Boroko 111, NCD.
 - Applications can be emailed to: PNGNRI_HR@pngnri.org or hand delivered at the Front Desk, Thomas Webster Research Building, PNG NRI Campus on Goro-Keaga/Waigani Drive Roundabout, Rainbow, Opposite Nature Park and Puma Service Station.
 - Applications close: 4.30 PM on Wednesday 26th of May 2021.