THE SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN RESEARCH CENTRE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR TWO RESEARCH POSITIONS

A. The context

SEERC is an international, not-for-profit research centre and policy think tank jointly established by the University of Sheffield and its International Faculty City College. SEERC’s mission is to support the stable and peaceful development of South-East Europe by conducting pure and applied research and policy analysis in and for the region.

SEERC has been awarded three new research projects, supported by EU programs:

1. SEE-SCIENCE project (within the framework of the SEE territorial cooperation program)

   The overall objective of SEE Science is to contribute to the image formation of SEE region as a place of innovation through increasing public awareness on the importance of natural sciences, technological progress and innovation. The project is funded by the SEE transnational cooperation Program and coordinated by the Municipality of Debrecen in Hungary.

   Start date: 1/9/2011
   End date: 31/3/2014

2. VIBE project (within the framework of the SEE territorial cooperation program)

   Venture Initiative in the Balkan Europe. The project addresses the challenge of developing the innovation and entrepreneurship system across the SEE by enabling private investment into innovative entrepreneurial companies in partnership with smart public initiatives and investment. The project is funded by the SEE transnational cooperation Program and coordinated by the SPIRIT Slovenia.

   Start date: 1/1/2013
   End date: 31/12/2014

3. Broker@Cloud (within the framework of the FP7/ICT program)

   Enabling Continuous Quality Assurance and Optimization in Future Enterprise Cloud Service Brokers. The challenge taken up by the project is to research and to develop solutions with respect to some of the most valuable and technically demanding types of brokerage capabilities foreseen for future enterprise cloud service brokers. The project is funded by FP7/ICT program and coordinated by SINTEF, Norway.

   Start date: 1/11/2012
   End date: 31/10/2015

B. The positions

1. SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER Reference: SRO/2013

   Summary

   The Senior Research Officer will work on all the three above mentioned projects. He will have prime responsibility for coordinating SEE-SCIENCE and VIBE with presence in all partners meetings and reviews as necessary. He may also participate in other SEERC
projects of similar scope as deemed necessary and following a decision of SEERC’s manager after a recommendation made by the Director of SEERC.

The Senior Research Officer will be actively participating in formulating SEERC’s research agenda, develop networks of researchers across the SEE region and lead efforts to develop SEERC’s work on issues of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and experience**

- University graduate in Computer Science or related field
- A PhD in relative subject areas
- At least 15 years of related research experience.
- At least 15 publications (conferences and journals) in the field of computer science, entrepreneurship and innovation
- Project management experience is desirable.
- Ability to create and sustain networks.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Excellent command of English is essential.

**Terms of employment**

- Full time position up to the end of October 2015 with a possibility of extension based on performance and track record.
- Remuneration to be negotiated based on the successful candidate’s qualifications.
- Expected start of employment: February 2013.

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2 RESEARCHER on Innovation and Entrepreneurship to be employed within the framework of the VIBE project. Reference: VIBE/2013

**Summary**

The Researcher will work exclusively within the framework of the VIBE project. He will work under the guidance of the Senior Research Officer (position #1) and the SEERC Director and will have prime responsibility for the day to day activities of the project. He will have presence in all partners meetings and reviews as necessary.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and experience**

- University graduate in either business/ economics/ finance or computer science
- An MSc or PhD in either business/ economics/ finance or computer science
- The two degrees should preferably cover both fields (business/ economics/ finance and computer science)
- At least 8 years of professional experience.
- Experience working with IT and other technology firms will be an asset.
- At least 5 publications (conferences and journals) in related fields
- EU program participation experience is highly desirable.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Excellent command of English is essential.

**Terms of employment**

- Part time position up to the end of December 2014 with a possibility of extension based on performance and track record.
- Remuneration to be negotiated based on the successful candidate’s qualifications.
- Expected start of employment: February 2013
C. The procedure

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 27th December 2012

How to apply: Sent your CV (in English) to:

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When applying please quote the following references:

- For Position number 1: SRO/2013
- For Position number 2: VIBE/2013