The Institute for Global Development is seeking expressions of interest from academic staff for a co-Lead position for Africa.

The role is key to leading the IGD’s internal and external consultation and communication activities. Academic Leads work in partnership with the IGD Director, IGD Manager, and our partner institutions to develop strategies and coordinate activities in target regions.

Academic Leads work with Project Leads to ensure that appropriate consultation takes place with UNSW stakeholders, including Deans and Heads of Schools and ensure activities within the focus region are coordinated and align with the Institute’s priorities.

The Lead role is a volunteer position of two-year duration. The roles are undertaken in addition to existing responsibilities and therefore the Faculty Dean and Head of School must provide their support to all applications.

To express interest in this position please email your EOI (maximum of two pages) detailing your reasons for applying and your relevant development/research experience to igd@unsw.edu.au. Please ensure you attach proof of your Dean’s support for your application.

This EOI process closes on 31 July 2018.
Position Description

Academic Lead positions within the Institute for Global Development require strong academic leadership experience. The position is critical to ensuring that IGD projects are academically sound and maintain a coordinated approach with partner organisations and communities. The role is also key to internal communication and liaison with UNSW schools and faculties. Lead roles are two year voluntary positions that offer critical guidance to program delivery within each focus region. At this point, focus regions for the IGD are Uganda, Myanmar, The South Pacific, and Australia, however work is not restricted to these regions and it is anticipated that additional focus regions will be included going forward.

The position of academic Lead calls for applicants with significant experience in the focus region advertised. The aim of the IGD is to leverage research developed at UNSW, and transform it into practical support for people living in disadvantaged and marginalised communities in Australia and throughout the world. Academic Leads plays a key role in realising this aim and contribute significantly to both the UNSW 2025 strategy, and more importantly, to the developing world. Participation as an academic Lead can serve toward promotional criteria and will offer opportunities to co-author papers and build academic profile.

Applications for the role of academic Lead must be endorsed by the Dean and Head of School. Activities as part of this role will be in addition to the applicants existing responsibilities.

Roles and Responsibilities

The academic Lead position will:

- Work with the Manager and Academic Director of the Institute for Global Development to progress projects and activities within the identified focus region;
- Unite projects within the focus region, supporting individual Project Leads and ensuring a coordinated engagement between UNSW projects and partner institutions and communities;
- Promote the work of the IGD across the university;
- Work with Project Leads to ensure key academic leaders are fully engaged and appraised with projects within their faculty and/or school;
- Assist Project Leads in identifying locally based contacts and resources utilising the network of existing activities;
- Contribute to the overall direction of the IGD and its focus regions;
- Engage as appropriate with media in all format, including print, radio, television, electronic and social in order to promote the IGD and its activities.

To submit an EOI please email igd@unsw.edu.au