

Announcement:

Job Opening in the World Bank's Buenos Aires office

Please find below the terms-of-reference and job description of an opening for a three year Term Contract for an Operational Officer in the Buenos Aires Country Office.

If you are a highly motivated professional who wants to work with the World Bank team on helping to reduce poverty and you meet the selection criteria, please address your application by paper mail or email to

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Your application should include a cover letter motivating your application and a CV in English. We would need to receive your application no later than September 1, 2009.

We will only get in touch with candidates selected for the interviews and we regret in advance that we cannot provide unsuccessful candidates with feedback.

Human Development - Operations Officer LCC7C –Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay

Sector:	Human Development Education (HDE)
Department/Division:	LCSHD
Type of appointment:	Local - Term Contract (3 years)
Grade:	GF
Language Preference:	English and Spanish

Duties and Accountability:

The Human Development Management Unit of LCR (LCSHD) is responsible for: (i) advising LCR Management on long term human development issues in the sectors of LCSHD expertise, and delivering a broad range of high quality operational and analytical products, primarily in response to demand from Country Management Units (CMUs) and clients in the LAC countries; (ii) professional development of LCR staff assigned to the Human Development Network, including those in field offices or decentralized CMUs; and (iii) assuring a proper link with the HD Network in a long term vision and strategy for HD activities Bank-wide and in LAC.

The operations officer, will work as a team member of the Human Development Group in the LCC7C (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Argentina based-office. H/she reports to the Sector Manager Education and to the Sector Leader for HD in LCC7 in the coordination, development, and delivery of the Human Development portfolio.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. Serves as operations officer, supporting management and staff in a range of portfolio and operational issues at countries and sectors level.
2. Participates and assists task team leaders in the management, identification, appraisal and supervision of health, education and social protection operations to ensure consistency and conformity to Bank procedures guidelines and standards.
3. Carries out analytical work in the human development sectors.
4. Takes responsibility for managing, preparing and supervising specific activities delegated by task team leaders.
5. Plays a key role in ensuring the quality of portfolio performance management, through project implementation, monitoring and assistance.
6. Maintains regular contact with project implementation units providing support on a range of operational issues.
7. Works independently under general direction of the Sector Leader seeking guidance on a regular basis from senior officers.
8. Willing and able to travel to countries in the region and the USA.

Selection Criteria:

1. Extensive experience in social sector project management. Substantive skills in at least one of the Human Development fields (Health, Nutrition and Population; Education (preferred); and Social Protection).
2. Extensive knowledge in Bank's operational procedures and policies governing project preparation, processing and implementation, including experience in negotiating procedural and technical issues with member country officials.
3. Master in Economics or related field, with 5 years of relevant experience.
4. Dedication to work in teams, both as a team member and as team leader.
5. Ability to work under tight deadlines, manage multi-task requirements, and a high degree of initiative.
6. Good record in sharing information with colleagues, clients, and managers in performing the job.
7. Capacity to interact effectively with a range of stakeholders within and outside the Bank, with a strong client orientation.
8. Good interpersonal communication, strong written and oral communication skills in both English and Spanish.
9. Language skills in both English and Spanish essential.

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