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Job Announcement

Education Specialist - VUSSC (Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth) Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) helps governments and institutions use technology to expand the scope, scale and quality of learning. Headquartered in Vancouver, COL promotes policies to make innovation sustainable and works with international partners to build systems and applications that facilitate learning in support of development goals. It is financed by voluntary contributions from Commonwealth governments.

The Position: COL is seeking an eminent and senior professional to join as an Education Specialist to provide leadership to expand the capacity of the Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (VUSSC) to meet its developmental objectives through the use of open and distance learning (ODL) and technology-enhanced education and training. The job holder will be required to advise participating small states at all levels on implementing the VUSSC.

The Education Specialist-VUSSC will build, advise and maintain an active online network with participating institutions and initiate, organise and host various meetings and training workshops with small states' interlocutors, course writers, and other professionals to ensure that appropriate policy frameworks, technological platforms and human capacity are developed. One of the frameworks underway is the coordinate the establishment of a transnational qualifications framework (TQF) to serve the participating VUSSC countries.

Applicants must be committed to development and should have a minimum of **10 years** of professional experience in the use of ODL for the purpose of development. The position requires high proficiency with office technology, and a readiness to travel internationally.

This 3-year initial appointment is renewable for a further term by mutual agreement.

The person must: be a Commonwealth citizen, with ability to network across multilateral organisations and to work effectively with people from different cultural backgrounds; have the ability to exercise professional judgment, diplomacy and be able to work in a team, while representing COL's interest internally or externally.

To Apply: A full job description is displayed on the COL web site at www.col.org/opportunities. Interested applicants must provide a resume and cover letter highlighting their professional background. Applications must be submitted by email to opportunities@col.org with the subject: **Education Specialist-VUSSC position**, at latest by **July 20, 2008**. While we appreciate the interest of all applicants, those who have not been contacted by **August 31, 2008**, should consider that there will be no follow-up to their application.

Applications from women candidates are particularly encouraged.