

Junior Academic Fellow, PRI Academic Network

Location: London / remote / at PRI signatory events

Duration: **part-time** 2 day per month.

Start date: ASAP

Remuneration: £7,200 per annum

Engagement: consultant [non-employee] role

About the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

The Principles for Responsible Investment is an investor initiative in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative and the UN Global Compact. Launched by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and subsequently endorsed by his successor Ban Ki-Moon, the PRI is a set of voluntary best practice principles to assist investors in integrating environmental, social and corporate governance issues into investment processes and ownership practices. The principles are supported by a 50-person secretariat that promotes the PRI and provides implementation support to 1200 signatories, which represent close to 20% of global capital markets. See www.unpri.org

Summary of the position

The PRI initiative has set up an Academic Network to encourage, facilitate and distribute academic research on responsible investment globally and to disseminate this to investors and hence succeed in the aim of “bridging the gap” between academic and practitioners. The Academic Network is facilitated jointly by the Director of Policy & Research and by the Senior Academic Fellow. The main outputs from the academic network are quarterly thematic updates on research entitled “RI Quarterly” where 5-8 academic papers are summarised for an investor audience and an annual conference, this year in Montréal 22-24th September. The academic network also directly supports the signatories and the PRI secretariat on ad-hoc projects as required.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Work for the Senior Academic Fellow to facilitate the academic network work-plan on “bridging the gap” and delivering academic research to PRI signatories,
- The academic network also has the special role in providing empirical academic evidence to support the Policy and Research work-plan.
- Work closely with the various teams across the PRI including the Implementation Support, Networks and Signatory Relations to ensure that current and relevant academic research is presented where necessary to the secretariat and signatories.
- Frequent interaction with the Academic Network steering committee to facilitate two way communication of ideas into the academic network work.

- Deliver research / presentations resourced from the academic network or academic fellow to signatories either as one on ones or at conferences.
- Input the PRI database of innovative research either via the Knowledge Database or another method.
- Produce 2 original pieces of Responsible Investment related research aligned to the PRI strategy per year.
- Input into the Director of Operations & Finance with the implementation of the business plan of the Stichting RI Board (effectively the PRI foundation) and its work in ensuring that the next generation of finance students is also educated in Responsible Investment.

Requirements and likely experience

- Professional English writing and strong demonstrable communication skills.
- Strong organisation skills and experience with conference [events] organisation.
- PhD in subject relevant for the PRI
- Comprehensive understanding of quantitative and qualitative responsible investment research'
- Teaching experience of academic research preferably including subjects relevant to responsible investment.
- Understanding of investment and research and the need of the interaction between them.
- Experience of working internationally.
- A philosophical commitment to ESG/RI and the goals of the United Nations.
- Must be eligible to work in the UK.
- Team player.

To apply for this role, please send a short CV and covering letter explaining why you are suited to the position to careers@unpri.org.