

Vacancy Notice: Assistant / Associate Professor, Maritime Economics

Job title: Assistant / Associate Professor of Maritime Economics

Organizational Unit: Faculty

Grade: P-2 / P-3

Duty Station: Malmö, Sweden

Duration of contract: Two-year fixed-term appointment. Further renewals may be offered subject to satisfactory performance.

Starting date: May 2024 (or joining time mutually agreeable).

1. Organizational setting

The World Maritime University (WMU) is a postgraduate education and research university established in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. WMU offers MSc and PhD programmes, Postgraduate Diplomas, and Professional Development Courses (PDCs) with the highest standards in maritime and oceans education and training. WMU also has a highly respected research programme supported by specialized research groups across the maritime and oceans fields. The Assistant or Associate Professor position falls within the Faculty Unit at WMU's headquarters in Malmö, Sweden.

2. Main purpose

The incumbent will work under the overall supervision of the Vice-President (Academic Affairs), and functionally under the Head of Shipping Management and Logistics, and Port Management. As a WMU faculty member, the Assistant or Associate Professor is expected to provide teaching, mentoring, research and publication and promote inter-university cooperation in areas related to maritime economics.

In particular, the Assistant or Associate Professor of Maritime Economics is expected to contribute to the overall efforts of WMU to strengthen the economics component in its academic programmes. This position is, therefore, open to those who have a range of interests and expertise in economic matters related to shipping and port business and management.

New maritime trends, such as automation, digitalization and decarbonization in the shipping, port and logistics sectors, are comprehensively and rigorously analyzed and taught in our education and research programmes. The faculty member must be knowledgeable and supportive of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and understand their relationship with IMO and the University's mandate and goals.

The work involves teaching both introductory and advanced courses, mentoring PhD and MSc students, serving on internal committees and panels, and providing services to the University, IMO, and maritime and oceans communities as directed by the President.

As a member of the faculty and professional staff at WMU, the Assistant or Associate Professor of Maritime Economics, is expected to contribute to WMU by positioning it as a leading academic institution of excellence in the maritime and oceans fields and to contribute to the overall research output in the areas of his or her expertise.

The Assistant or Associate Professor shall be committed to the development and execution of research projects and the dissemination of scholarly results. The appointee will engage in maritime-related research projects and scholarship, leading to the publication of peer-reviewed and impactful articles and scholarly books at well-regarded outlets in the field of transport, maritime and logistics.

3. Working relationships

Internal engagements – Incumbent liaises and interacts with all faculty members on a regular basis as well as with support staff as required.

External engagements – Incumbent liaises with the global maritime and oceans communities (especially, shipping and port sectors), research institutes, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and engages with learned societies, scientific journals and publishing entities.

4. Duties, responsibilities

Responsibilities

The Assistant or Associate Professor of Maritime Economics is expected, under the supervision of the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) and functionally under the Head of Shipping Management and Logistics, and Port Management, to be engaged in:

- Teaching, including engagement in the MSc programmes in Malmö, WMU Outreach Campuses and other locations as assigned;
- Coordinating and participating in student field studies;
- Mentoring of PhD and MSc students and supervision of research theses/dissertations in areas related to his or her expertise;
- Maintaining scholarship in the form of publications in peer-reviewed journals, books, book chapters, and other related academic activities in an effective and productive manner;
- Developing research projects, submission of project proposals, and delivery of such projects with the high standard in a timely manner;
- Disseminating research findings at academic and professional conferences and meetings on a regular basis;
- Maintaining active engagements with peers in area of his/her expertise, remaining up-to-date of the field, and collaborating with UN agencies, EU bodies and relevant industry partners and professional bodies;
- Being involved in distance learning (e-learning) programmes, PDCs, and capacity-building courses as required;

- Serving on WMU committees and work groups, and actively participating in administrative, academic, and curriculum duties; and
- Undertaking special projects and duties as required by the President.

5. Requirements – education, experience and language skills

Education

- PhD in the area of Maritime Economics or another relevant subject for the position.

Experience

Essential

- A minimum of three years of working experience (for Assistant Professor) or five years (for Associate Professor) including experience in teaching teaching/mentoring students and research;
- Demonstrated knowledge of maritime economics and expertise in maritime businesses, such as shipping and port operations and management;
- Advanced knowledge of international trade and global supply chain;
- A track record (with potential for Assistant Professor, but with substantially proven record for Associate Professor) in research and scholarly publication in the discipline of maritime economics or related field to the position; and
- Familiarity with IMO and UN key instruments related to trade facilitation.

Desirable

- Professional experience in working within or with shipping and port organizations;
- Sea-going and/or industry experiences are highly appreciated;
- Experience with the United Nations system;
- Experience in research project management in relation to the position and in capacity-building programs for developing countries;
- Experience in organizing conferences, seminars and fund-raising activities;
- Relevant track record of consultancy/advisory activities in/for relevant international fora; and
- Experience in economic impact assessment in the context of the UN Sustainability Goals and the major research areas at WMU;

Languages

Essential

- Fluency in spoken and written English.

Desirable

- Knowledge of another UN language would be an advantage.

6. Knowledge and skills

Essential

- Excellent communication skills in an international and diverse academic community;
- Ability to work independently as well as collegially with an academic and professional team;
- Ability to effectively organizing time and prioritizing teaching, administrative and other associated duties as appropriate;
- Ability to deal with administrative matters as appropriate to the rank of an Assistant or Associate Professor and with reference to other colleagues within the University;
- Ability to act as the point of contact for problems/inquiries from students in the areas of expertise; and
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment and to demonstrate gender-sensitive and non-discriminatory behaviour and attitudes;

WMU is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. WMU recruits and employs staff regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds or disabilities.

Application

The position offers an attractive salary (P-2 or P-3 Grade of the ICSC salary scale with UN Pension Scheme), free of income tax in Sweden, a benefits package and relocation expenses. Applicants must fill in the Personal History form, which can be found at <https://www.wmu.se/docs/personal-history-form>, and should send a letter of interest, a fully updated CV, and the contact information of three referees to Marco Batista, Head of Human Resources (mb@wmu.se).

Deadline for Applications: 15 February 2024.