Call for Applications to Global Health Leadership Officer Programme

With the support of the UN Foundation, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training, WHO is establishing a Global Health Leadership Officer Programme which is designed to provide young professionals with two years of supervised work experience and training aimed at strengthening the practical skills and knowledge that are essential for leadership roles in public health at the national, international and global levels.

WHO invites applications for an initial class of six (6) persons. After participating in an introductory training course beginning in mid-September 1999, Officers will be matched to WHO activities where they will work with a mentor for the remainder of the two (2) years. During the training period there will also be several other short courses and a regular schedule of seminars. The Officers will work together on some projects and be encouraged to develop a high esprit de corps. The first class will have work assignments in WHO/HQ, duty station Geneva, Switzerland. As experience with the Programme develops, however, Officers in subsequent classes may be assigned to Regional or Country Offices or to other organisations engaged in health development work.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

Officers will be under 35 years of age with an advanced degree in a health-related field and may have backgrounds in health or in other fields relevant to health such as international development, economics, management, law and human rights. They must have some relevant work experience, preferably in a developing country. Officers will be fluent in spoken and written English. Other language skills would be desirable.

CONDITIONS

Officers will receive a stipend of US$ 58,500 per year for each of the two (2) years. This stipend may be subject to Swiss and home-country taxation. Officers will not be employees of WHO, and there is no commitment from WHO to employ them at the conclusion of the Programme.
APPLICATION

Applications must be typewritten and no longer than four (4) pages, including item number 15. Please include all of the following information in the order specified:

1. Title "Application for WHO Global Health Leadership Officer Programme".

2. Full name in capital letters with the family name underlined.

3. Date of birth.

4. Nationality.

5. Gender.

6. Contact details - mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address where the applicant can be contacted; contact information for the month of June 1999 must be indicated if different from the details already specified.

7. Native language, written and spoken ability in English, and other language skills.

8. Educational qualifications - for all post-secondary school qualifications in reverse chronological order provide details of place of study, date of graduation and degree received (Certified copies of degrees and awards will be required from successful applicants).

9. Details of current position - in no more than 150 words provide details of current employment, describing organisation, nature of work carried out by applicant including key responsibilities.

10. Details of previous employment - in no more than 100 words describe previous work history.

11. List of three most recent publications, presentations or abstracts if any.

12. Names of two (2) referees who are able to comment on your professional abilities. For each of the referees provide his/her name, title, position, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address so that we may contact them directly.

13. The following statement "I certify that all the information stated in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge."