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MACAO, SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DIRECTOR (D-1)**

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University – Computing and Society (UNU-CS)
- Reference Number** : 2014/UNU/CS/FTA/DIR/41
- Applications to** : **By Post:**  
UNU-CS Director Selection Committee,  
c/o Office of the Rector, United Nations University, Headquarters,  
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- Closing Date** : Open until the position is filled  
(Review of applications will begin on 15 July 2014)

The United Nations University (UNU) is searching for an entrepreneurial director for the re-launch of its computing and information technology institute in Macao, SAR, China. The new institute will be called UNU Computing and Society.

A focused research programme, to be developed in collaboration with the Board of the Institute, should contribute, through impact and policy advice, to the goals and priorities of the emerging UN development agenda. The Institute's scope for doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships should contribute to nurturing the next generation of computing and information scientists and engineers in developing countries.

**United Nations University Objectives:**

The UNU is an international community of scholars engaged in research, postgraduate training and the dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. The University functions as a think tank for the United Nations system, contributes to capacity building, particularly in developing countries, and serves as a platform for new and innovative ideas and dialogue. For more information please visit <http://unu.edu>.

Macao, where the Institute is located, is a free port at the heart of Asia — a significant asset. The Institute is located in a renovated historic colonial-style Portuguese world heritage building situated on the slopes of Guia Hill, one of the high points of Macao. The Institute enjoys stable base funding derived from its endowment and significant additional support from Macao. For more information, please visit <http://cs.unu.edu>

**Responsibilities:**

The Director reports to the Rector of the United Nations University, and works closely with the Board of the Institute Board. This Director will set the vision and build an ambitious, cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research programme to address key challenges faced by developing societies through high-impact innovations in computing and information technologies. We are looking for a dynamic individual with a strong academic and management background who can recruit and lead a world-class team of researchers, and build partnerships with universities, think tanks and the private sector.

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**Required Qualifications and Experience:**

The successful candidate should have:

- A PhD in a relevant discipline
- A strong background of research in an area of particular relevance to developing societies such as health, education, agriculture, disaster management, livelihoods, etc.
- A reputation for visionary leadership in an academic or research institution
- The ability to build up an exciting new institute and to recruit and lead a dynamic team of world-class researchers
- Demonstrated capacities in building and sustaining international networks and partnerships
- Strong fundraising skills and experience
- Excellent management and communications skills favouring work with colleagues of diverse cultural and disciplinary backgrounds
- A deep commitment to issues of human development

Applications from suitably qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged.

**Remuneration:**

Approximate net salary (free of tax) of US\$ 131,375 (single status) – US\$ 149,600 p.a (with dependants) including post adjustment. Post adjustment is subject to change.

The post carries the standard set of UN entitlements/benefits, including participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the possibility of participation in a health insurance programme, education grant for eligible children, removal expenses and home leave.

Additional information can be found at the [UN Salaries, Allowances, Benefits and Job Classification website](#). The Rector reserves the right to appoint suitable candidates at a lower category.

**Duration of Contract:**

The period of initial contract would be for a four-year term with the possibility of renewal for a further four years on the basis of excellent performance. The mandatory retirement age in the United Nations is 65 years.

**Starting Date:** It is expected that the appointee will take up the position as soon as possible.

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply online and should submit a [UNU Personal History \(P.11\) form](#) accessible on the [UNU website](#) with a letter of application, including full curriculum vitae and names and addresses and fax numbers of three referees. The letter of application should set out how your qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position and must accompany your application. A brief vision for how the Institute can best respond to 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges of developing societies should be included as part of the letter