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Research Assistant - Migrant Tech (6-month contract) (Personal Service Agreement)

- Organizational Unit** : United Nations University Institute in Macau
- Reference Number** : 2019/UNU/CS/PSA/RAMT/82
- Applications to** : ***By Email:*** apply_macau@unu.edu
- Closing Date** : 16 December 2019

United Nations University Objectives:

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

Institute's mission:

United Nations University Institute in Macau is a research institute at the intersections of information and communication technology (ICT) and international development. The Institute conducts policy-relevant research and generates solutions, addressing key issues expressed in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through high-impact innovations and frontier technologies. Through its research, UNU Institute in Macau encourages data-driven and evidence-based actions and policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

One of the institute's mission is to nurture the next generation of interdisciplinary computing, information and social scientists, and engineers to be thought leaders in the field of ICT for development. To this end, the institute seeks to build a team of experts to help deliver the institute's mission and work plan.

UNU Institute in Macau is situated in the Macau Special Administrative Region (S.A.R), China and it is the only UN entity in the city. Macau is one of the most dynamic regions in Asia, where technological innovations have become an integral part in driving social and economic development. A large ecosystem of private sector companies and technological start-ups are just a short distance away. Macau's close proximity to China, Hong Kong S.A.R and other Asian countries such as Japan, Korea, Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries, provides an exciting opportunity for researchers and experts to maximize impact of their work. More info can be found at <https://macau.unu.edu>

Apprise

Apprise investigates the use of ICTs to assist potential victims of human trafficking, forced labor, and other forms of labor exploitation to identify themselves to frontline responders and enhance their conditions. To understand how ICTs can be leveraged to support potential victims, this research aims to answer the following questions:

- 1) How do NGOs and frontline responders currently identify victims of human trafficking, and what problems do they believe there are in this method?
- 2) What access do potential victims, NGOs, and frontline responders have to ICTs, and what factors enable and constrain their use?
- 3) What ICT tools would enable migrant workers to self-identify as a victim of human trafficking?

More information about Apprise is available at <https://macau.unu.edu/research/migrant-tech-apprise/>

Responsibilities:

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the hosting Principal Research Fellow and the Director, successful candidates shall be entrusted with the following tasks:

- Research: carrying out research projects and assist in the production of agreed outputs including articles, policy reports and other materials.
- Communications: preparing and disseminating information on research, events, publications and announcements on social media and institutional mailing lists.
- Web content: writing and posting articles, announcements and events on the Institute's website
- Event and conference coordination: supporting the organization of projects, lectures, conferences, workshops and other public events.
- Administration: engaging proactively in offering administrative support as needed to the Institute's administrative team, as assigned by the Director and the administrative manager.
- Reside full-time in Macau for the duration of the contract; some international travel may be required.
- Performing any other tasks as may be assigned by the hosting Principal Research Fellow or the Director of the Institute.

Required Qualifications and Competencies:

- A Master's degree in the areas relevant to social sciences, such as (but not limited to) International Studies or International Politics with at least one year's research experience.
- Experience in qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods.
- Experience in undertaking research, particularly preference for participatory action research.
- Technically minded, with proven experience administering a computer system.
- A good track record in writing / co-authoring research publications.
- Passion for the mission of the United Nations and UNU in Macau. In particular, passion and experience in the field of human trafficking and labor exploitation.
- Willing to engage proactively, creatively and imaginatively with the work of the Institute.
- Excellent communication skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English.
- The ability to engage actively, creatively and imaginatively for the benefit of UNU in Macau research.
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UNU is an inclusive employer and endeavors to create culture of inclusiveness. Applications from suitably qualified female candidates or underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be at MOP\$16,465 per month and rent-free housing (excluding utilities) as living support will be offered to the selected candidate.

UN income is not subject to taxes in Macau. The contractor will be responsible for paying local taxes and other fiscal obligations.

This is a locally recruited post; no relocation allowances apply. The successful candidate will be employed under Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) and will not hold international civil servant status, nor is he/she a “staff member” as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Duration of contract:

This is a full-time position on short-term Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract for six (6) months with UNU, with the possibility for renewal subject to performance and funding availability. The combined duration of appointments under PSA contract is not exceeding six (6) years.

Starting date: As soon as possible

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to apply_macau@unu.edu by 16 December 2019, and must include the following:

1. A cover letter in English, setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
2. A curriculum vitae in English with a list of your relevant research experience and publications.
3. A completed and signed [UNU Personal History \(P.11\)](#) form downloadable from the [UNU website](#) (please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations);
4. A subject line “Application for Research Assistant – Migrant Tech (Ref No: 2019/UNU/CS/PSA/RAMT/82)”

Please note that applications received after the closing date will not be considered and only short-listed candidates will be offered the opportunity to interview for this position.