MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Assistant - Migrant Tech
(Personal Service Agreement)

Organizational Unit: United Nations University Institute in Macau
Reference Number: 2021/UNU/Macau/PSA/RA/19
Closing Date: April 08, 2021 (11:59pm Macau time zone +8)

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.

Apprise
Apprise is a proactive and consistent screening tool to support frontline responders to identify potential victims of human trafficking, forced labor, and other forms of labor exploitation. Apprise has been used in the field for over three years, generating an evidence base of reported patterns of exploitation.

A second phase of this study is to investigate the use of epidemiological methods, in particular sentinel surveillance, to identify sector-specific changes in reported exploitative practices.

More information about Apprise is available at https://cs.unu.edu/research/migrant-tech-apprise/.
Responsibilities:
Under the guidance and direct supervision of the hosting Principal Research Fellow and the Head of Research, 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. In particular undertaking research at the intersection of public health (or more specifically epidemiology) and human trafficking.
- **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.
- Performing any other tasks as may be assigned by the hosting Principal Research Fellow or the Head of Research of the Institute.

**Due to the COVID-19 outbreak which imposed travel limitations to the duty station, the candidate may be engaged under work-from-remote modality for part of the entire service period under this appointment.**

Required Qualifications and Competencies:

- A Bachelor’s degree with at least one year of advanced or specialized experience in a relevant field to the research area detailed above.
- Proven expertise at the intersection of public health, epidemiology, and labour exploitation.
- Excellent communication skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English and strong academic writing skills.
- 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 labour exploitation.
- The ability to engage actively, creatively and imaginatively for the benefit of UNU in Macau research.
- Good team player with strong interpersonal skills demonstrated by the ability to work in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
- Flexibility and ability to work under deadlines; creative solutions, and out-of-the-box thinking; result driven.

UNU is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities to apply and become part of the organization.

UNU has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNU, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be at MOP$12147.25 per month and rent-free housing (excluding utilities) at the Institute’s staff apartment facility in Macau will be offered to the selected candidate. This position carries an annual leave entitlement of 2.5 working days per month and health insurance coverage to the insured contractor himself/herself.
UN income is not subject to income tax 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 Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract for twelve (12) 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:** June 2021

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their application online through [Impactpool](#) before the application closing date, 08 April 2021 (11:59pm Macau time zone +8) 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 subject line “Application for Research Assistant – Migrant Tech (Ref No: 2021/UNU/Macau/PSA/RA/19)”

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