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**INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT
Guimarães, Portugal**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**SENIOR ACADEMIC FELLOW
(Personnel Service Agreement - PSA)**

Organizational Unit	:	United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV)
Reference Number	:	2018/UNU/EGOV/PSA/SAF/78
Applications to	:	egov-recruitment@unu.edu
Closing Date	:	4 November 2018
Starting Date	:	As soon as possible

About UN University

For the past four decades, UNU has been a go-to think tank for impartial research on the pressing global problems of human survival, conflict prevention, development, and welfare. With more than 400 researchers in 13 countries, UNU's work spans the full breadth of the 17 SDGs, generating policy-relevant knowledge to effect positive global change. UNU maintains more than 200 collaborations with UN agencies and leading universities and research institutions across the globe. For more information please visit <http://unu.edu>.

Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV)

The central purpose of the United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV) is to support the Member States of the United Nations in transforming the mechanisms of governance and building effective governance capabilities through strategic applications of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to contribute to sustainable development, social inclusion and active citizenship.

In fulfillment of its purpose UNU-EGOV:

- carries out policy-relevant research;
- translates research findings into relevant policy instruments;
- builds capacity in localizing and applying such instruments within and among governments, the UN system, academic and other relevant organizations;

- builds and maintains research and policy networks to share the lessons learnt, foster mutual learning, and bridge research and policy worlds; and
- monitors, evaluates and disseminates the latest developments in the area.

For more information please visit <http://egov.unu.edu>.

Responsibilities:

UNU-EGOV is recruiting two (2) Senior Academic Fellows to contribute to its research, projects and activities. Successful candidates will join international and multi-disciplinary project teams supervised by UNU-EGOV staff and comprising research, academic and government fellows.

The responsibilities will include:

- Conducting multi-disciplinary desk and field research;
- Translating research results into relevant policy instruments;
- Building stakeholders' capacity in applying such instruments;
- Organizing and facilitating international expert group meetings;
- Developing and reviewing project deliverables;
- Publishing research results in leading journal and conference series;
- Contributing to developing funding proposals for follow-up projects; and
- Contributing to further development of UNU-EGOV.

The candidate research interests should be aligned with at least ***one of the following research areas of the UNU-EGOV core research program:***

1. Managing e-governance: EGOV strategy and methodologies; EGOV diagnostic, measurement, and assessment; EGOV instruments and policies.
2. Digital transformation for sustainable governance:
 - 2.1 Socio economic impact of digital governance: shadow economy; administrative burden reduction (ease on doing business); EGOV and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
 - 2.2 Smart governance for sustainable cities and communities: smart governance; smart city index; smart city platforms.
 - 2.3 Digital media and digital democracy: digital media and technologies for e-participation; use of technology for civic engagement.
 - 2.4 Digital certification and preservation of digital memory: data and information authentication, electronic identity management (electronic identity and digital signatures).
 - 2.5 Emerging technologies for digital transformation of the public sphere.
3. Digital governance evolution: how to translate theories into practice; collaborative research.

For more information about our research please visit our [website](#).

Required qualifications and experience:

- Completed Phd degree in Informatics, Information Systems, Public Administration, Public Policy, Development Management, Economics, Communication Sciences, Sociology, Law or a related discipline;
- Publication record in technology, governance and development, or any two of these domains;
- National or international-level policy and project experience;
- Knowledge of the public sector and public policy issues;
- Excellent spoken and written English;

Competencies:

- Ability to work in a team and result-orientation;
- Excellent organizational and communication skills;
- Ability to work in multi-cultural and multi-ethnic environment; and
- Dedication to the core UN values – integrity, professionalism and respect for diversity.

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged.

Conditions of employment:

This is a full-time position on a one (1) year Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract with UNU-EGOV with the possibility for renewal subject to excellent performance. The successful candidate will be based in Guimarães, Portugal 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.

Remuneration is EUR 2,285 per month (tax free). In addition, for relocated candidates, economy class travel between the home location and Guimarães and accommodation in Guimarães (except utility costs) will be covered. Medical and life insurance related to services resulting from sickness and accident during the stay at UNU-EGOV will be provided free of charge.

Applications Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications (in English) by email to egov-recruitment@unu.edu indicating the reference number of the vacancy announcement (2018/UNU/EGOV/PSA/SAF/78) and must include the following:

- completed and signed [UNU Personal History \(P.11\)](#) form downloadable from the [UNU website](#). Applicants must indicate in section 28 how their experience matches the requirements of the position and to which of the research areas identified above they would like to contribute to. Please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations;
- a Curriculum Vitae;

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