MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Visiting Senior Research Fellows
(Consultant Contract)

Organizational Unit	:	United Nations University – Institute on Computing and Society
Reference Number	:	2019/UNU/CS/CTC/SRF/22
Applications to	:	***By Email:*** rf_cs@unu.edu
Closing Date	:	Recruitment is on-going

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 on Computing and Society mission:

The United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society (UNU-CS) is a research institute at the intersections of information and communication technology (ICTs) and sustainable development. UNU-CS conducts UN 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-CS encourages data-driven and evidence-based actions and policies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.UNU-CS is situated in Macau Special Administrative Region (S.A.R), China, and it is the only UN entity in the city. The Pearl River Delta, which embraces Macau, Hongkong and Guangdong Province, is considered an emerging Silicon Valley due to its booming economy and technological innovations. The strategic location provides an exciting opportunity for researchers and experts to maximize impact of their work.

More info can be found at https://cs.unu.edu

Visiting Senior Research Fellow Programme

UNU-CS welcomes seasoned researchers to join us and co-create exciting research projects together. To this aim, we are establishing a Senior Research Fellow programme.

Senior Research Fellows will spend three (3) to six (6) months in residence at UNU-CS in Macau to explore research topics based on our common interest, independently or jointly with a UNU-CS host researcher. You will conduct high quality research that can push new frontiers, deepen core research understanding, and/or offer new approaches to long-standing developmental issues in the field of ICTs and sustainable development. Your research outcomes will inform the UN policy-making on the issues related to ICTs and sustainable development.

The goals of the program are to:
- Contribute to the ICTs and sustainable development research field.
- Address global development issues in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Engage academic partners within the UN policy-making process.
- Increase our combined research capacity, global reach and impact.
- Keep UNU-CS research abreast of new and emerging scholarship on sustainable development.
- Foster an interdisciplinary intellectual community.

The selected Senior Research Fellows will receive the following benefits:
- Office space in our newly renovated office building, which is part of Macau's rich cultural heritage.
- Free accommodation in UNU-CS' staff apartment facility in the centre of Macau, 15 minute walk from the office. You will not pay rent but utilities only. (Continuous residency is preferred, but flexible residency can be considered exceptionally).
- Economy travel to and from Macau on the first arrival and final departure.
- Stipend based on experience; competitive with local market rates.

We will accept applications on a quarterly basis on 1 October 2019, 4 January 2020, 1 April 2020, and 1 July 2020, for expected starting date on 4 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October 2020 (See table below):

Application Deadlines	Application Review Dates	Expected Starting Dates
30 September 2019	1 October 2019	4 January 2020
31 December 2019	4 January 2020	1 April 2020
30 March 2020	1 April 2020	1 July 2020
30 June 2020	1 July 2020	1 October 2020

Selected candidates may be invited for a (joint) presentation/interview to elaborate on the project proposal, as part of the selection process.

At the end of the this fellowship programme, the Senior Research Fellows are expected jointly or independently to produce a research paper and a UN policy relevant output.

Required qualifications and experiences:

- Holder of a Ph.D. or equivalent degree.
- Holder of a faculty or senior research position at another institution.
- Have at least 10 years of academic research experience, with proven records and publications of academic excellence.
- Engaged in research relevant to UNU-CS' research agendas.

Competencies:

- Flexibility and ability to work under deadlines.
- Creative solutions, and out-of-the-box thinking.
- Result driven.
- Great team player with strong interpersonal skills, demonstrated by the ability to work in a multicultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

Remuneration:

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. UN income is not subject to taxes in Macau.

Duration of contract:

This is a resident position of three (3) to six (6) months Consultant Contract (CTC) with UNU-CS.

This is a contract position falling outside of the United Nations Common System. The successful candidate will not hold international civil servant status nor be a "staff member" as defined in the United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations.

Starting date: Periodic starting dates as indicated above

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to rf_cs@unu.edu by periodic deadline(s) specified above, and must include the following:

1. A curriculum vitae that lists your relevant experience and competencies (maximum 5 pages in length);
2. A research proposal which should include:
   a. Proposed dates of visit;
   b. Statement of purpose: 2-3 pages describing planned activities, objectives, methodologies, and why you want to do this work at UNU-CS;
   c. Projected outputs;
   d. Benefits to UNU-CS
   e. Potential contribution to UN
   f. Potential collaborator/host at UNU-CS, if you want to work with a UNU-CS researcher
   g. Confirmation that your employing institution has given you permission for this leave of absence if you are successful
3. One letter of recommendation (from someone familiar with your academic work)
4. 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);
5. A subject line "Application for Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Ref No: 2019/UNU/CS/CTC/SRF/22)"

If you plan to work with a specific UNU-CS researcher, the host researcher will also write a letter to endorse your application by responding to the following questions, as part of the application package:

   a. How do you know the Senior Research Fellow candidate?
   b. What interactions, if any, have you had with them?
   c. Have you seen the Senior Research Fellow candidate give a talk or read his/her papers? If so, what was your impression?

d. What will you and UNU-CS get out of the collaboration with the Senior Research Fellow candidate?

The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8).