MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Young Information and Communication Technologies
and Development (ICTD) Fellows
(Personnel Service Agreement)

Organizational Unit: United Nations University – Institute on Computing and Society
Reference Number: 2019/UNU/CS/PSA/ICTD/34
Applications to: By Email: ra_cs@unu.edu
Closing Date: 31 August 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 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
Young Information and Communication Technologies and Development Fellowship Programme

UNU-CS welcomes recent PhD graduates to join us and co-create exciting research projects together. To this aim, we are establishing a Young Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD) Fellowship programme.

ICTD Fellows will spend one year in residence at UNU-CS in Macau to conduct research in ICTD under the supervision of UNU-CS Principal Researchers and the Head of Research. 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 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 ICTD 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 required).
- Economy travel to and from Macau on the first arrival and final departure.
- Stipend; competitive with local market rates.

Selected candidates will be invited for an interview, as part of the selection process.

At the end of the fellowship programme, the ICTD Fellows are expected jointly or independently to produce research papers and a UN policy relevant outputs.

Required qualifications and experiences:

- Holder of a Ph.D. or equivalent degree completed in a relevant discipline in the last two years.
- Demonstrated experience conceptualizing and carrying out desk and field research in an area relevant to the ICTD field.
- Engaged in research relevant to UNU-CS’ research agendas.
- Excellent command of spoken and written English.

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. UNU-CS will provide rent-free apartments for selected candidates, which are located in the center of Macau, walking distance to the office.
Duration of contract:

This is a resident position of one (1) year Personnel Service Agreement (PSA) contract with UNU with the possibility for renewal of another one (1) year subject to performance and funding availability.

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: 4th Quarter of 2019

Selection Outcome:

Four positions of Young ICTD Fellows will be filled through this recruitment exercise. An additional ten to fifteen candidates will be placed on the Institute Roster, which serves for two purposes:

1. If similar positions open up in the future, the roster candidates can be placed to fill the positions directly without duplicating the recruitment procedure.
2. The roster candidates will be engaged by the Institute on a regular basis through virtual conference to share their research projects and/or to contribute ideas to the Institute’s research agenda.

Application Procedure:

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to ra_cs@unu.edu by 31 August 2019, and must include the following:

1. A cover letter explaining your interest in working at UNU-CS and what unique characteristics you would bring;
2. curriculum vitae that lists your relevant experience, competencies and publications (maximum 5 pages in length);
3. A research proposal (maximum 2500 words) responding to one of the challenge questions attached in the Annex of this announcement;
4. Two letters of recommendation (from someone familiar with your academic work);
5. 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);
6. A subject line “Application for ICTD Fellow (Ref No: 2019/UNU/CS/PSA/ICTD/34)”

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).