MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Visiting Research Assistant - EQUALS (Consultant Contract)

Organizational Unit : United Nations University – Institute on Computing and Society

Reference Number : 2019/UNU/CS/CTC/VRA/35

Applications to : By Email: apply_cs@unu.edu

All applications will be acknowledged.

Closing Date : 25 May 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. In addition to the UNU Headquarters located in Tokyo, UNU has established fifteen institutes and programmes worldwide. 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
Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the hosting Principal Research Fellow, the successful candidate shall be entrusted with the following tasks:

- Work within the EQUALS Research project and contribute to achieving the project goals.
- Engage in research on specific areas identified and agreed on with the project leader.
- Contribute to producing publications and communication materials based on the research work undertaken while at UNU-CS.
- Carry out administrative and coordination tasks as directed by the project leader.
- Contribute to the life of the institution and participate in events and activities, such as seminars, presentations, or meetings.
- Reside full-time in Macau for the duration of the contract.
- Perform any other tasks as may be assigned by the Director.

Required Qualifications and Competencies:

- Currently pursuing or close to completion of a PhD in areas relevant to the ICT for Development field.
- Experience with research and theories about gender and technology.
- Proficiency with mixed method research approaches – employing both qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Excellent communication skills, with proficiency in both oral and written English and strong academic writing skills.
- 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.
- Passion for the mission of the United Nations and UNU-CS.
- The ability to engage actively, creatively and imaginatively for the benefit of UNU-CS research.

Remuneration:

A small stipend of US$500 per month as living support and rent-free housing in UNU-CS' staff apartment facility will be offered to the selected candidate. The candidate will also receive a monthly subsidy on utility of USD$50 effective with his/her installation in Macau. He /She must bear the cost of visa and transportation to and from Macau, by him/herself.

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 Consultant Contract (CTC) 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.

UNU-CS accepts no responsibility for the medical and life insurance or costs arising from accidents and illness incurred during the contract period.

Duration of contract:

The Visiting Research Assistant - EQUALS will be based at UNU-CS in Macau, S.A.R, China, on a full-time basis (37.5 hours per week), Monday to Friday, for a period of at least 4 months, and a maximum of 6 months within the calendar year of 2019.

The purpose of this position is not to lead to further employment with UNU-CS but to complement a candidate’s studies. Therefore, there should be no expectation of employment at the end of the programme.
**Starting date:** It is expected that the appointee will take up the position as soon as possible — at latest in the third quarter of 2019.

**Application Procedure:**

Interested applicants should submit their applications by email to apply_cs@unu.edu by 25 May 2019, and must include the following:

- A cover letter setting out how the qualifications and experience match the requirements of the position;
- A curriculum vitae and a completed and signed **UNU Personal History (P.11)** form downloadable from the [UNU website](http://unu.edu) (please avoid using similar forms provided by other United Nations organizations);
- A subject line “Application for UNU-CS Visiting Research Assistant – EQUALS (Ref No: 2019/UNU/CS/CTC/VRA/35)”

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.

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).