



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RESEARCHERS AND SENIOR RESEARCHERS IN ELECTRONIC GOVERNANCE

Organizational Unit: UNU-IIST Center for Electronic Governance

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UNU Mission

The UNU is an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The mission of the UNU is to contribute, through research and capacity building, to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and its Member States. Key goals are to serve as an international community of scholars; a bridge between the United Nations and the international academic community; and as a think-tank for the United Nations system; to contribute to capacity building, particularly in developing countries; and to serve as a platform for new and creative ideas.

UNU-IIST Center for Electronic Governance

An International Center of Excellence on research and practice in Electronic Governance, part of United Nations University - International Institute for Software Technology, located in Macao SAR, China. The Center supports governments in developing and transition countries in strategic use of technology to transform the working of public organizations and their relationships with citizens, businesses, civil society, and with each other. To this end, the Center conducts applied and policy research, capacity building and various forms of development – strategy development, software development, institutional development and development of communities of practice.

Call for Applications

The Center welcomes applications from qualified individuals for several Researcher and Senior Researcher positions to join its multi-disciplinary team of researchers and practitioners. A successful appointee will be expected to carry out research, development, capacity building and related activities to contribute to the development of the Center and the execution of existing projects. In addition, a Senior Researcher will be expected to develop and lead new projects. These positions will report to the Head of the UNU-IIST Center for Electronic Governance. More information about the Center and its current projects is available at www.egov.iist.unu.edu.

Requirements

The applicant must hold a PhD degree in Information Systems, Public Administration and Policy, Development Management, Knowledge Management, Sociology, Economics or a related area, combined with strong interest in strategic use of technology in government and society. He or she must possess deep domain knowledge, supported by strong publication record, in the chosen area of specialty. Knowledge of the public sector, project management experience and experience in working with developing and transition countries are an advantage.

The applicant must possess excellent organizational and communication skills, including fluency in English (writing skills in particular). He or she must be able to work independently, possibly managing a small team, with strong orientation on deliverables and goals, and dedication to the values and principles of the United Nations.

Conditions

All positions are initially for a period of one year, available immediately, with possibility of extension depending on performance and availability of funding. Salary range is 3000-5000USD per month for Senior Researcher and 2000-3000USD for Researcher positions; salaries are paid without deduction of tax in Macao. The positions include a single economy travel to/from Macao, and free accommodation in a furnished apartment, with utility expenses paid by the staff.

Applications

Applications should clearly indicate the type of position applied for (Researcher or Senior Researcher) and include a motivating letter, CV, up to three representative publications, and the names and emails of up to three referees. They should be sent by email to Dr. Tomasz Janowski, Head, Center for Electronic Governance at UNU-IIST, at tj@iist.unu.edu, including "Vacancies at UNU-IIST-EGOV" in the subject line. The deadline to receive all applications is 22 January 2009. However, positions will remain open until filled.

Applications from suitably qualified women candidates are particularly encouraged.