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About

The United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society (UNU-CS) is a new research institute at the intersections of information and communication technologies and international development (ICTD). Located in Macau SAR, China, UNU-CS focuses on the key challenges faced by developing societies through high-impact innovations in computing and communication technologies.

UNU-CS will

• Lead in investigating and inventing human centered information and communication technologies addressing some of the priorities central to the United Nations and the world such as: sustainability, development, governance, peace and security, human rights and human dignity.
• Impact policymakers, within the UN system and beyond, through actionable knowledge and thought-leadership.
• Nurture the next generation of inter-disciplinary computer scientists, social scientists and designers in developing countries.
• Embrace the enormous dynamism of the city of Macau and Pearl River Delta region while still working globally.
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We seek researchers at all levels - senior and junior, post-doctoral, pre-doctoral and postgraduate. Short-term visiting positions are available as are multiple-year professional staff posts. Part-time and internship programs are available for student scholars. We are committed to multi-disciplinary research spanning computer engineering, social sciences and design. Our team is trained in many different disciplines – but everyone is committed to working across disciplines.

UNU-CS especially invites applications from the Global South and from women.
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The United Nations University began its presence in Macau in 1992 with the establishment of the International Institute for Software Technology (UNU-IIST) created with generous support from the governments of the Peoples Republic of China, Portugal, and the Special Administrative Region of Macau. Growing out of this foundation, UNU-CS is an energetic and innovative new initiative of the United Nations University in Macau.

Our home is Casa Silva Mendes. Built in 1905, this neoclassical mansion once belonged to Manuel de Silva Mendes, a renowned writer and art collector.

While Macau is well known for its dynamic gaming industry, UNU-CS is situated in the heart of the Portuguese and Chinese inspired city center and located within the dynamic Pearl River Delta region with easy linkages to Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.