

**Nomination form UNICollaboration Executive Board Elections 2018**

The candidate should submit this completed form to: **exec@unicollaboration.org** before Monday 2 April.

All the candidates’ biodata and election statements will be published on the organisation website before the 2018 conference.

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| Candidate’s Name | Shannon Sauro |
| Candidate’s institution & country of employment | Malmö UniversitySweden |
| Candidate’s Email | Shannon.sauro@mau.se |
| Please state the position you are a candidate for (simply delete the other positions from this list) | Second communications officer  |
| Candidate’s bio data (200 words maximum)**Shannon Sauro** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Culture, Languages and Media at Malmö University in Sweden. She has taught at the university level in both the United States (San Antonio, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Ames, Iowa) and Sweden (Malmö and Lund). Currently, she trains pre-service English teachers in both the primary and secondary school teacher education programs. Her areas of research include computer-mediated second language acquisition, task-based language teaching in online environments, and the intersection of online media fandoms and language learning. She is currently part of the team for two European projects co-funded by the ERASMUS + programme: [fanTALES](https://www.fantales.eu) (Fanfiction for the Teaching and Application of Languages Through E-Stories) and [EVOLVE](https://evolve-erasmus.eu) (Evidence-Based Online Learning Through Virtual Exchange). She is the past president of the North American CALL organization  [Computer-Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO)](https://calico.org/), co-editor with Carol Chapelle of the [*Handbook of Technology in Second Language Teaching and Learning*](http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118914031.html)(Wiley Blackwell), and co-editor with Katerina Zourou of the forthcoming special issue of *Language Learning & Technology* on CALL in the Digital Wilds. |
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| Candidate’s election statement (300 words maximum) - Please explain why you want to join the board and what you feel you would bring to the position.In its first two years, UNICollaboration has successfully established itself as a vibrant and growing international organization for virtual exchange. I am running for the position of second communications officer because I believe I can bring ideas and energy to foster its continued growth and further outreach across a wide variety of contexts and disciplines.In addition to continuing the work of the current first and second communications officers (Sake Jager and Teresa MacKinnon) to communicate with members and the public through the website, email, and social media channels, I would also undertake the development of a virtual exchange/telecollaboration researcher database that is searchable by publications and disciplines and can be used by UNICollaboration members and others who wish to seek out studies and scholars in different areas they may not otherwise encounter.I bring to the position several years of experience in leadership and in social media outreach for other professional organizations. My prior leadership work includes serving as an executive board member for the North American organization for computer-assisted language learning (CALICO). In this position, I was involved in outreach to new and old members, research and development for a new website, and running of the organization in compliance with local laws and statues. In addition, I oversaw the development of a social media strategy based on a survey of the membership to better serve member needs and increase CALICO’s visibility among several social media platforms. I also helped reinstitute a semi-annual president’s letter to the membership and strengthened ties to fellow organizations through outreach and cross-promotional activities This prior experience is what I would draw upon in the position of second communications officer to help grow the membership and reach of UNICollaboration. |

**Supporters of your Nomination**

(Two members of the organisation should support each nomination for positions of second officer. Please be sure to consult these colleagues before submitting this form with their names and emails.)

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| Name of first UNICollboration member who is supporting your nomination | Mirjam Hauck |
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