



Vacancy: PhD researcher (100%)

Europe's migration and migrant integration policies in uncertain times

The Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) is calling for applications for one full-time doctoral researcher in migration, asylum, migrant integration and citizenship policies. Prospective PhD candidates are hereby invited to submit project proposals on the theme of Europe's migration and migrant integration management as described below. The deadline for submitting applications is 30 April 2017.

Project description

The ways in which issues of migration and migrant integration are defined and tackled in Europe are changing. The reasons for this are manifold and include the European Union's (EU) recent 'migration crisis', the concern about terrorist attacks, the rise of right-wing populist parties and a growing awareness of the alarming inequalities between immigrants and natives. This call invites candidates to propose PhD projects interested in a better understanding of one of the following aspects of today's migration management:

- The politics and policy of migration, asylum and border control in the European Union;
- Europeanisation, compliance or multi-level governance in the field of migration and migrant integration;
- Externalisation and internationalisation of migration control (in particular EU-African migration cooperation).

Research proposals are invited that focus on the interaction between the local, regional, national, European or international levels, with a preference for projects that include the EU level. We explicitly welcome research proposals that explore these vertical interactions from a comparative perspective (across policy fields, across nation states, or across actor groups).

Profile

The successful candidate is required to:

- hold a Master's degree in political science, public policy, law or relevant social sciences with excellent study results
- be fluent in English
- have a thorough knowledge of the literature on migration and integration policy

Offer

We offer employment as a full time doctoral researcher. The PhD degree will be awarded in political science. For more information about facilities and benefits of employment at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, please visit www.vub.ac.be under the heading 'future employees'.

Contract: full-time research grant for one year, renewable on an annual basis for a maximum of four years. Extension of the contract is subject to the agreement of the doctoral committee. Remuneration is at the level of a full-time research assistant at a Flemish university (i.e. approximately € 1.900 net per month) and includes contributions for social security. Secondary employment is not allowed.

The PhD student will be guided by Prof. Ilke Adam and Prof. Florian Trauner. Successful candidates are expected to work at the IES premises in Brussels. Office space and equipment will be provided along with a budget for travelling and other research-related expenses.

How to apply

The PhD candidate will be selected on the basis of the quality of the project proposal, her/his expertise, work experience and qualifications. The following application documents are to be consolidated into a single PDF file sent by email to jobs@ies.be (subject heading: 'Migration PhD call').

- Completed application form (to download the application form please visit: http://www.ies.be/files/Application_Form.doc)
- A one-page motivation letter explaining the candidate's interest in pursuing a PhD on the chosen topic
- A curriculum vitae listing all academic qualifications, relevant research experience and previous publications
- A project proposal featuring a literature review, a research question and proposed hypotheses, a methodological outline and an indicative planning, condensed into no more than 3,000 words.
- A copy of the highest obtained diploma and transcript of academic grades
- The contact details of at least two references.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2017. Short-listed candidates will be informed by early June and interviews with top-listed candidates are expected to take place in the weeks thereafter. The successful candidate can start as of 1 October or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further information

For more information please visit: <http://www.ies.be/research/MigrationandDiversity%20>. For further inquiries, please contact ilke.adam@vub.be and florian.trauner@vub.be.

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