

TWO PhD RESEARCH POSITIONS, RUNIN UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO, PORTUGAL

Two PhD positions are available for Early Stage Researchers as part of the RUNIN Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network from 1st January 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter, for 36 months at the Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences, University of Aveiro, Portugal. The RUNIN network consists of partners from seven European countries and a total of 14 PhD students will be part of the network. The aim of RUNIN is to train researchers on how universities contribute to innovation and economic growth in their regions through research seeking to examine how universities fulfill their third mission in relation to regional industry and explore the range of university engagement with regional firms and institutions. The network program is organised around four main themes: People and Networks, Policies and Interventions, Places and Territories, and Practices and Governance.

Description

Position 1: Universities and regional (innovation) policy and practice

The first PhD position is about the overall role academic organisations play in the development trajectories of differentiated territories, emphasising the ways universities can improve the design and implementation of development policies and enhance firms' competitiveness, as well as assessing the nexus existing between territorial contexts and the quality and intensity of the role played by universities. As such, the research will examine: i) to what extent and how do universities affect the process of regional (innovation) policy design and implementation; ii) to what extent and how do universities contribute for the enhancement of regional firms' competitive capacity; and iii) how do territorial qualities affect universities' agency in regional development? The PhD candidate must collaborate with CIRA- Intermunicipal Community of the Region of Aveiro throughout the project.

Comparative work should be developed (particularly between Aveiro, Barcelona, Twente and Lincoln). The main supervisor of the project is Carlos Rodrigues; the co-supervisor is Joan Lluís Capelleras (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona); the non-academic mentor is José Eduardo Matos, CIRA- Intermunicipal Community of the Region of Aveiro. The work place is in Aveiro, but the PhD student is required to spend two periods of secondment at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, aiming to connect with the co-supervising and research group, and conduct field work.

Position 2: Culture, the changing nature of innovation and the institutional challenges to the University

The second PhD position aims to study how culture and the arts are permeating the understanding of, and shaping the approaches to innovation processes, and analyse how universities are being institutionally responsive to the growing role of culture and arts in innovation-led development. Accordingly, the research should approach the challenges which the dominant University institutional structures and practices face in the context of a growing mobilisation of culture and the arts for innovation, and identify the rationale, drivers for

change and their impacts. The main supervisor of the project is Artur da Rosa Pires; the co-supervisor is Harry de Boer (University of Twente); the non-academic mentor is José Eduardo Matos, CIRA- Intermunicipal Community of the Region of Aveiro. The work place is in Aveiro, but the PhD student is required to spend two periods of secondment at the University of Twente and the European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU) office, aiming to connect with the co-supervising and research group, carry out field work and participate in training.

Nr of positions available : 2

Research Fields

Sociology - Socio-economic research

Economics - Knowledge economy

Geography - Regional geography

Political sciences - Public policy

Career Stage

Early stage researcher or 0-4 yrs (Post graduate)

Research Profiles

First Stage Researcher (R1)

Benefits

The successful candidates will be employed with full social security coverage by the host institution and will receive an attractive salary in accordance with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (ITN) regulations for early stage researchers applicable to the approved funding of the RUNIN project, as well as a mobility allowance and (if eligible) a family allowance.

Requirements

Required Education Level	
Degree	Master Degree or equivalent
Degree Field	Political sciences
Degree	Master Degree or equivalent
Degree Field	Economics
Degree	Master Degree or equivalent
Degree Field	Geography
Degree	Master Degree or equivalent
Degree Field	Sociology
Degree	Master Degree or equivalent
Degree Field	Other

Required Languages	
Language	ENGLISH
Language Level	Excellent
Additional Requirements	
<p>The positions have a duration of three years. Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Portuguese Master's degree. A condition for eligibility to the PhD position is that the candidates have not resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Portugal for more than 12 months of the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date. Furthermore, candidates must be in the first four years of their research careers and cannot hold a doctoral degree.</p> <p>The enrolment as a PhD student at the Doctoral Programme on Public Policy of the Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences of the University of Aveiro is a prerequisite for allocation of a researcher position. As imposed by law, the progress of the PhD student shall be assessed regularly. It is a prerequisite for continuation of salary payment that the previous progress is approved at the time of evaluation.</p> <p>Applicants are expected to have strong analytical abilities and exhibit high degrees of independence and maturity in their research work. Furthermore, a good proficiency in English is required in order to participate in the RUNIN project and to publish and present research results at international academic journals and conferences and to prepare the PhD thesis in English.</p> <p>All RUNIN partners are equal opportunities employers and all candidates will be recruited under gender-neutral recruitment processes. The project aims for gender balance among the researchers recruited to the network. Female candidates in particular are encouraged to apply. The assessment of the applicants will be undertaken by an expert assessment committee.</p>	
<p>Applications for enrolment and allocation of researcher position must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of motivation. • Project proposal (approx. 5 pages) containing the research project title, an outline of the course of study and a description of the overall problem areas. • Curriculum vitae. • Diplomas confirming academic degrees (Master degree), including academic transcripts. • A copy of the applicant's Master's degree thesis and published articles (if any). • Application for credit transfer to ECTS if relevant. <p>The complete application including attachments shall be sent by email to dcspt.direccao@ua.pt, with the subject "RUNIN Marie Skłodowska-Curie".</p> <p>Deadline: 04/12/2016</p>	