



Call for a Marie Curie post-doc

European or Global Individual Fellowship

Tags

Uncertainty, integration, spillover, globalisation, public economics, fiscal policy, expectations, political economy, econometrics.

Post-doc position in Economics

We are in search of a candidate for a European or Global Individual Fellowship in the field of public finance, macroeconomics, and public economics, to work as a Marie Curie Fellow in the Department of Applied Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. We aim to set up a strong research proposal in collaboration with the candidate in order to apply to the European Commission for funding for this position.

Background

The financial crisis is generating political outfall. The credit crunch and sovereign debt crisis has triggered unconventional economic policies by governments and central banks. The slow pace of adjustment due to the debt overhang is putting strains on political systems worldwide. These political changes start to question the types of stability-oriented policies that have been advocated as a response to the crisis, and also create a backlash against globalization, putting at risk trade or migration policies. Democracy, national sovereignty and global economic integration are mutually incompatible, leading to unstable situations if political choices attempt to reconcile all three. Tradeoffs in policies are hard to make, as different levels of sovereignty require different tools.

Your profile

In this project, we look for a researcher willing to contribute to the academic discussion from an economics viewpoint, by analysing the relation between the political context, policy behaviour and the role of markets at large. Proposals with either a theoretical or empirical background are accepted.

The proposal can cover any aspect of public economics and globalisation, including, but not limited to:

- The role of economic spillover and policy coordination
- Expectations of political and economic uncertainty, and the role of fiscal policy
- Measures of trade, financial, labour, political, ... integration
- The effects of fiscal policy in open economies
- Public economics and integration
- ...

For empirically oriented researchers, a background in applied macroeconometrics, and in particular SVAR, MS, forecasting and panel data would be an asset. For theoretically oriented researchers, knowledge of public economics and political economy, applied to macroeconomic problems is preferable.



Our profile

This call is part of a larger research project at the Department of Applied Economics, seeking to consolidate and expand the existing expertise on fiscal policy, public economics, and globalisation within the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

This project ties together several lines of research on fiscal policy and public economics that staff at the Department of Applied Economics is pursuing.

This project will be embedded in the structure of the Erasmus Mundus master program on the Economics of Globalisation and European Integration, a specialist masters degree providing rigorous training in theoretical and applied economics in the fields of international economics, organised by a global consortium of six universities. For more information, see www.egei.eu.

The call is also part of a larger research effort in our collaboration with the United Nations University, specialising in work on regional integration. For more information, see <http://cris.unu.edu>.

Located in the heart of the European capital, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel is uniquely positioned to foster state-of-the-art and policy-oriented research on European affairs and to translate this expertise into advanced educational products for domestic as well as international audiences.

Function

You will be a part of the research team within the department. You are able to explore and exploit the potential that the vicinity of the European institutions brings for research and for acquainting students with policy work. You will also form a part of the public profile and services of the university through public speaking and consultation activities, and media appearances. You may contribute to teaching at Master or advanced Master level, and be involved in the supervision of PhD students as part of our teamwork on the call of this topic. You are expected to embody the university philosophy of free inquiry.

Details of the profile

Requisites

- PhD/doctorate in economics or equivalent
- An excellent research record within, or with a strong affinity to, the areas mentioned above, shown by relevant publications in working papers or journals
- Excellent knowledge of English, both written and oral
- International mobility

Characteristics

- Willingness to cooperate and guide on teamwork
- Willingness to engage in academic activities and debates
- Assumption of service tasks on the team

Assets

- Proof of participation or guidance of research projects
- relevant publications in working papers or journals
- A strong network in European policy circles

The VUB is an equal opportunities employer.

Details on the Marie Curie Fellowship

Support by the Marie Curie grant is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries, based on an application made jointly by the researcher and the department.

European Fellowships last from **one to two years**, Global Fellowships from **two to three years**. Funding is internationally competitive.

Candidates must, at the deadline for the submission of proposals (September 12th), be in possession of a doctoral degree.

Candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Belgium for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the call deadline. **Mobility** is a must. Candidates are welcomed from both the EU and outside.

The grant provides an **allowance to cover your living, travel and family costs**. The grant is awarded to the host organisation, and paid to the successful candidate by a university contract under ERA terms. Research funding to finance the research project is controlled by the candidate.

Practical steps to take

1. Contact the coordinator at the department, with a research proposal and your CV. **Deadline is May 25th**.
2. Successful candidates will be contacted to elaborate on the research proposal in an interview early June
3. If successful, the proposal will be elaborated **jointly with the host organisation**
4. Proposals are submitted by the candidate in response to a **call for Marie Curie Fellowship proposals** of the European Commission.

Contact

Contact Professor Peter Claeys at peter.claeys@vub.be .

More information on the department at <http://www.vub.ac.be/en/>

On the Marie Curie Fellowship, see:

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/get-funding/individual-fellowship-2018_en