



**Position of a Marie Curie Fellow (Experienced Researcher) available at European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy – Vacancy number RSC 24 / 2010**

**Job-Announcement**

One Marie Curie Fellow (Experienced Researcher) Position within the Marie Curie Initial Training Network in Electoral Democracy (ELECDEM) is available from 1 September, 2010 at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy, for one year.

Job Description

We invite applications for one 1-year research fellow post for an “Experienced Researcher” as part of a Marie Curie Initial Training Network in Electoral Democracy (ELECDEM), funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme.

ELECDEM brings together 11 expert teams from 9 European countries to provide substantive and methodological training in voting behaviour and elections research to a cohort of early stage and experienced researchers. In total, there are 18 research positions available including the one hosted at the EUI. The objective of the network and associated projects is to evaluate the functioning of democracies in the context of globalisation and technological and institutional change. For more details about the network please contact Professor Susan Banducci, ELECDEM Coordinator, tel: +44 (0) 1392 723170 or email [s.a.banducci@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.banducci@exeter.ac.uk).

One research project, the European Union Democracy Observatory, is hosted at the EUI’s Robert Schumann Centre for Advanced Studies ([www.eudo.eu](http://www.eudo.eu)). Its goal is to produce a permanent and periodic assessment of democratic practices within the EU. The experienced researcher would be housed within the Public Opinion observatory of EUDO where s/he will be expected to contribute to the work of the observatory along with pursuing his or her own research.

In particular, the individual appointed will be expected to contribute to the development of an ongoing monitoring of public opinion in Europe through secondary analysis of the regular series of Eurobarometer surveys conducted every six months (or more frequently) by the Commission of the European communities, adding value to that series by importing data from the European Election Study 2009 (voter study data and contextual data in particular).

The researcher will be employed by the EUI’s Robert Schumann Centre and in addition to his/her salary will receive mobility and training allowances. The researcher will join an active team of international researchers at the EUI. Cooperation with other think-tanks, academic institutions and/or universities within the ELECDEM network will be possible. Further information on ELECDEM and planned workshops and events can be found at: <http://huss.exeter.ac.uk/politics/elecDEM/>.

Main duties and accountabilities

- Undertake original research on the specified topic.
- Complete project report within 1 year and an additional research paper.
- Undertake research skills training.
- Contribute independently to ELECDEM training network, including supervision of young researchers on secondments to the EUI
- Contribute independently to research and project management activities at the EUI
- Participate in network conferences and workshops.

This job description summarises the main duties and accountabilities of the post and is not comprehensive: the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties of similar level and responsibility.

#### Person specification

- To qualify as an Experienced Researcher, applicants must:
  1. be in possession of a doctoral degree or
  2. have at least 4 years of full time research experience after obtaining the degree formally entitling them to embark on a doctorate in the country in which the degree was obtained, or in the country in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying for is located.Research experience may not exceed 5 (full time) years from the start of doctoral research at the time of appointment.
- The researcher may be a national of any Member State of the Community, of an Associated Country or of any other third country.
- At the time of appointment, the successful applicant may not have been employed by the European University Institute for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to his/her appointment.

#### Appointment and salary:

The candidate for this position will be offered a temporary contract as a Research Fellow for a period of 1 year, without possibility for extension. The (gross) reference rate for a fulltime position is €55,000/year. To this basis salary, certain allowances will be added: mobility allowance (€520 or 830/month, depending on family circumstances); travel allowance (€250-2,500/year, depending on the distance between the place of origin and the host institution); and a career exploratory allowance (fixed amount of €2000). The researcher will also have additional funds available for the participation in research and training activities. The conditions are as specified for FP7 Marie Curie Experienced Researchers.

#### Documents required for application

- An application letter, explaining motivation and sustainability for a research project which will be conducted (maximum 1 page).
- Curriculum Vitae including list of professional experiences, list of publications.
- Project proposal for the envisioned research using Eurobarometer data (maximum 2 pages)
- Letters of recommendation will be requested if necessary.
- All materials must be in English.

#### Application Procedure

Applications must be addressed, with reference to the vacancy number **RSC 24 / 2010** to the Academic Service, for the attention of Dr. A. Frijdal, at the following e-mail address: [apply.resposts@eui.eu](mailto:apply.resposts@eui.eu). If you require specific information about the position, please contact Dr. Frijdal at [andreas.frijdal@eui.eu](mailto:andreas.frijdal@eui.eu). The deadline for applications is **15 June 2010**.