

EFET Practitioner Fellowship

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) at the European University Institute (EUI) offers a fellowship, funded by the European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET), to participate in the overall research activity of the Florence School of Regulation at the RSCAS (on average one day a week) and to act for EFET on related policy and regulatory tasks (on average four days a week).

(For more details of the context of the appointment see the **Appendix**)

The fellow will work under the supervision of the Director of the Florence School of Regulation (with relevant colleagues at the EUI) who will act in consultation with a designated member of the EFET Board. The Fellow will be based in the Robert Schuman Centre, but should expect to spend some time in EFET offices. The fellow will travel on missions for EFET.

Profile

The appointee should be a young professional, or a junior public servant, or a postgraduate starting an academic career, in any of these three cases ideally with some background in economics and/ or finance. Other relevant study disciplines could have involved public administration, accountancy or law. Familiarity with the functioning of the European institutions and knowledge of energy markets would constitute an advantage

Apart from a willingness to master complex subject matter, to work irregular hours and to travel quite extensively, the person engaged must possess the ability to work autonomously and without close supervision. A facility in both verbal and written communication is required. The fellow should feel comfortable interacting directly with representatives of EFET member companies in some twenty different countries.

Duration

12 months from 1 September 2005 till 31 August 2006.

Grant

€ 2000 per month. In addition, allowances related to travel, paid directly by EFET.

Eligibility

The fellowship is open to candidates holding a university degree.

Nationality

There is no nationality requirement.

Languages

The fellow should be capable of speaking fluently and constructing original texts in English; capability in at least one other major European language would be an advantage.

Residence

Fellows are required to reside in Florence for the duration of their Fellowship in order that they may take an active part in the academic activities of the Institute. The EFET Practitioner Fellow will frequently go on missions. Fellows should not be involved in academic activities in other universities or research centres.

Taxation

The fellowships are not taxed by the Institute. Fellows are, however, required to comply with any other tax provisions which may be applicable to them.

Applications should include the following:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications and/or specific relevant experience
- The names and contact details of two referees

The deadline for receipt of application is **15 June 2005**.

The applications should be sent by email to **both** of the following addresses:

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Appendix

1. EFET already commands significant expertise and resources, among its member companies and contracted advisors, relating to the regulation of the European electricity and gas sectors and on associated policy topics. EFET maintains a decentralised organisation, keeping a “virtual” presence in several national or regional locations and communicating internally mainly by electronic means. EFET is correspondingly staffed very flexibly and frequently collaborates with consultants or academics for purposes of project management or research. The Federation now seeks to expand its resource base of experts, advisors and assistants available to work with the Secretary General and those members of the Board who hold executive responsibilities. In particular the regulation of financial markets, as it affects trading in energy commodity derivatives, and elements of other new legislation affecting continental electricity wholesale markets, are expected to require greater attention.
2. The RSCAS is committed to develop inter-disciplinary and comparative research and to promote work on the major issues facing the process of European integration. Its main objectives are: to produce research of the highest intellectual quality; to collaborate with other centres of research excellence; to provide opportunities for young scholars working in its fields of research; and to promote dialogue with the world of practice. Research on regulatory issues, with a particular emphasis in the field of energy is an object of special attention at the RSCAS since the creation of the Florence School of Regulation in 2004. The mission of the FSR is to provide a permanent capacity for research, communication, training and consensus-building to find the appropriate balance among institutions and to identify the best economic and legal instruments in the field of European regulation, in particular but not only in the field of energy.