



Doctoral Research Training Fellowship Programme at the UNU Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM)

OVERVIEW

POSITION: Doctoral Research Training Fellowship
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The UNU Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) invites applications for up to Six (6) doctoral research fellowships at its office in Barcelona between May 2nd 2018 and July 31st 2018.

UNU-GCM offers talented young scholars who are currently enrolled in PhD studies or have recently completed a PhD programme in the past two years (from 2016 onwards ONLY) the opportunity to conduct policy-relevant research around three main interdisciplinary axes:

- Migration and cities;
- Migration, social inclusion and peaceful societies;
- Migration, work and technology;

While we welcome interesting and rigorous proposals that fall within the above three areas, the following is an indicative list of topics that would be of interest:

- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) analyzed through the lens of human mobility: action-oriented research within the global development agenda;
- Rethinking narratives on human mobility: the role of aesthetics, visual and other media and/or cultural practices and artwork in promoting positive representations and rights.
- Gender and mobility: how can we rethink gender in terms of mobility and reframe its constructions taking into account the contingencies of time, place and transit?
- Connections of the global and the local: analyzing strategies of solidarity, citizenship and the practice of rights to ensure social and political inclusion.
- Repositioning public engagement with human mobility: analyzing the roles of mainstream and/or social media in fostering awareness of human mobility and opening pathways for communication and connections.

Within the above areas, applicants with expertise from across the Social Sciences and Humanities are welcome to apply, as well as those working on socially relevant issues such as Healthcare, Education, etc. Our aim is to ensure interdisciplinary dialogue and strong engagement from diverse angles on shared conceptual and policy-relevant topics relating to human mobility. Our preferred methodology of research is qualitative. Fellows will be recruited through a competitive application process.

The aim of the fellowship programme is to provide a dynamic, challenging and rewarding experience for those young scholars who wish to understand how theories, concepts and analyses of human mobility can feed usefully into policy-making processes. The programme

provides opportunities for the development of new skills and knowledge, and is a unique and constructive setting for the application of conceptual and analytic capacities acquired through graduate studies.

The programme places a strong emphasis on the training, guidance, and hands-on experience that form the basis of a beneficial fellowship. Fellows will be closely mentored by the research team at UNU-GCM and will also gain key administrative experience that is related to research. Fellows can expect to gain valuable knowledge and practical experience that will be beneficial to future careers, while contributing in meaningful ways to the mission of UNU-GCM.

Objectives

The objectives of the fellowships at UNU-GCM are to:

- Provide opportunities for in-depth, hands-on experience in a policy-oriented research and training organization;
- Promote interaction and dialogue between young scholars, professionals, and UNU-GCM's academics and staff;
- Familiarize fellows with the mission and current activities of UNU and UNU-GCM; and
- Enable contributions to the research and administrative activities within UNU-GCM.

Examples of Work Assignments

The aim of the fellowship is to offer an experience of applied research, whereby fellows will draw on their academic skills and interests to produce policy-relevant reports, briefs and related outputs. Selected fellows will also have the opportunity to engage in a number of ongoing initiatives that provide a unique window into the working processes of UNU, offering them hand-on experience of event logistics and other practical aspects of disseminating research findings. Fellows support the work of UNU-GCM in various ways including:

- **Researching and drafting content for online and in-house publication:** preparation of policy-relevant, executive reports on priority issues and background research and drafting of topical information briefs in support of policy development;
- **Planning:** supporting the development of research projects and outputs;
- **Support to events:** supporting the organization of lectures, conferences, workshops, and other public events;

Eligibility

Fellows are selected on a competitive basis. Excellent, native-level oral and written skills in English and demonstrable knowledge of issues relating to the research areas of UNU-GCM will be an advantage.

Criteria

The criteria that are considered include, but are not limited to, the following. The candidate:

- Has native-level written and spoken English;
- Has excellent research, writing and analytical skills;
- Can establish and maintain effective working relations with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds;
- Demonstrates resourcefulness and creativity in problem-solving;
- Has good computer skills: sound, hands-on, knowledge of standard office software (word processing, spreadsheets, databases, etc.); and
- Has an interest in the work of the United Nations and more, specifically, in the work of UNU.
- Can draw upon existing theoretical expertise, fieldwork and knowledge of the topics proposed and is therefore able to shape a policy-relevant dimension to existing and ongoing theoretical expertise.

Remuneration

UNU-GCM will provide a stipend of 1000 EUR per calendar month over a period of THREE (3) consecutive months. The costs associated with the fellowship must be borne by the nominating institution, related institution or government, which may provide the required financial assistance to its students, or by fellows themselves, who will have to make their own arrangements for travel, accommodation, etc. Funds are not readily available for fieldwork or travel and any requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Duration and Working Conditions

The expected duration of these fellowships is THREE (3) months. Fellows are expected to work full-time at the institute during the regular working hours of UNU-GCM, Monday to Friday. They are expected to bring their own laptops, but will have free access to Internet connection and to UNU's e-library resources.

APPLICATIONS PROCEDURE

Interested applicants are requested to submit a cover letter with an expression of interest, updated resume, a copy of the highest educational degree obtained and a project proposal to hr.gcm@unu.edu by no later than 6pm (CET) on 27 April 2018. The project proposal should be between 500 and 750 words in length and should address the following points: aims of the project proposed; a supporting statement on the expertise of the researcher in the area; details of methodology of research; rationale of the project proposed with regard to relevance to international policy-making on mobility. The email subject line should state your name and reference to the programme. The names of two referees, at least one of whom is academic, should be listed.