

# Call for interest PhD position

The Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna – Department of Economics (DSE) launches a Call for Interest to promote the creation of a new PhD position together with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), in the frame of the Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) Agreement in the field of Behavioural insights applied to policy making.

The doctoral student will spend a four-year period both at DSE and at JRC site of Bruxelles to attend preparatory courses and research activities for carrying out the research project. The time period spent at JRC will be of two years. For that period, the candidate will have a Category 20 Grantholder contract offered by the JRC ( <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/grantholders/contract-and-working-conditions> ) The period spent at the University of Bologna will be granted by a research fellowship by the DSE. The amount of the temporary research fellowship will be about Euro 19367 per year.

## PhD Programme @ DSE

The candidate will be enrolled in the XXXVI, XXXVII or in the XXXVIII Cycle of the PhD programme in Economics according to the regulations of this PhD programme.

## Research field:

Labour and gender economics.

## Job locations

Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna – Department of Economics  
Piazza Scaravilli 2 - 40126 Bologna (BO) Italy

European Commission  
DG Joint Research Centre  
CDMA 05/031  
Rue du Champ de Mars 21  
B-1049 Brussels  
Belgium

## PhD duration: 4 years

The PhD Programme is delivered in English.

The student will be directed by a DSE Supervisor and DSE-JRC research staff.

After successfully completing the whole PhD programme requirements, including the successful defense of the PhD Thesis, the candidate will get the Doctoral Degree by University of Bologna.

## Admission

This call is open to Italian and foreign citizens holding a degree diploma achieved in the education system prior to Italian Ministerial Decree dated 3.11.1999 no. 509, or a Specialist degree achieved in accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree dated 3.11.1999 no. 509, or a Master of Science degree achieved in accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree dated 22.10.2004 no. 270, or an equivalent

academic qualification achieved abroad, comparable in duration and content to the above Italian qualifications and approved in advance by the evaluation committee. The degree will have to be completed and delivered before the beginning of the PhD.

The following criteria will have to be considered in the selection of the candidates.

- The working language is English. Capability to draft scientific documentation requires a minimum of B2 level in English.
- The candidate shall have MSc degree in Economics.
- The candidate should have a solid knowledge of microeconomics and econometrics, a basic knowledge of gender economics and of experimental, and behavioral economics.

### **PhD research topic**

The PhD research topic will be coherent with the research lines included in the DSE PhD programme in Economics and the JRC mission.

The research will focus on the study of gender stereotypes. The successful candidate will be involved in a research project that focuses on (i) how social norms and gender stereotypes contribute to the differential sorting of men and women across occupations with women entering low pay occupations that allow for shorter working days or more flexible working hours, and (ii) how policies like subsidies to childcare, gender quotas and parental leave affect those career patterns.

### **Application**

The application for admission to the selection procedure must be sent only through via email to [dse.segreteria@unibo.it](mailto:dse.segreteria@unibo.it).

All the applications must be received no later than Midday (12.00 Italian time) on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, otherwise they will be considered inadmissible.

The application must be accompanied by the following documents included as attachments (in a single PDF file):

1. Copy of Master's degree and official academic record
2. CV, describing the relevant research and professional experience and other qualifications held by the applicant, complete with e-mail address, telephone number and any Skype contact details
3. Motivation Letter (max half a page)
4. Up to 2 names of referees, complete with their e-mail address, telephone number and any Skype contact details
5. Scientific report describing a possible research project in the area of the PhD research topic (max two pages)
6. Scientific publications
7. Copy of your passport or identity card

### **Selection procedure**

The doctoral student will be selected according to the following procedure:

- 1) publication of a call for expression of interest

- 2) pre-selection by DSE Commission
- 3) selection by the JRC-Bruxelles

The pre-selection is carried out by a specialized Commission appointed by DSE Faculty Board. The Commission consists of three components chosen among professors and researchers with research experience on the topics subject of the call, guaranteeing, as a rule, adequate gender representation. The Commission proceeds to the evaluation of the pdf document submitted by the candidates, aimed at assessing the candidate's aptitude for the research object. The resulting ranking list (a maximum of 5 candidates) will be sent to the JRC specialized Commission, with the candidate application, for the final selection. The JRC Commission will consist of three members appointed by the Head of Unit Decommissioning. The JRC Commission will contact the preselected candidates for an interview. After the final interview, the JRC will contact each pre-selected candidate to inform about the outcome of their application, the successful candidate will then be contacted by a DSE officer for the enrolment procedure.