



Call for Application: “UniGR-Chair in Border Studies” 2019

in the frame of the Interreg V A Greater Region Project “UniGR-Center for Border Studies”

when : 2019 / where : Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Université de Liège, Université de Lorraine, Université du Luxembourg, Universität des Saarlandes or Universität Trier

The UniGR-Center for Border Studies (UniGR-CBS) is a thematic cross-border network of researchers from the UniGR universities in France, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg conducting research on borders and border issues. It is co-financed by the Interreg V A Greater Region EU programme and the partner universities and regions.

The Interreg V A Greater Region Project UniGR-Center for Border Studies launches the call for the “UniGR-Chair in Border Studies” (action 4.2) 2019. This chair supports **short-term mobility (2 months) of professors and / or post-doctoral researchers between the six UniGR universities** (Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Université de Liège, Université de Lorraine, Université du Luxembourg, Universität des Saarlandes & Universität Trier). Accommodation and travel costs are sponsored by the Interreg V A Greater Region EU programme (max. 4000 EUR).

In 2019, each project partner will receive and send a researcher from / to another UniGR university. In 2020, a seminar gathering all the researchers who benefited from this mobility grant will be organized in Liège, in order to share their experience and their insights into recent developments in the Greater Region and/or the field of Border Studies.

The candidate will conduct a collaborative research with a partner from another UniGR university in the Greater Region. Topics from the following sections will be prioritised:

- Section 1: governance, power & cooperation,
- Section 2: regional development and sustainability,
- Section 3: employment, training & economy,
- Section 4: language, culture & identity,
- Section 5: theoretical and conceptual as well as methodological issues in Border Studies.

The candidate will be asked to:

- organise an open workshop addressing key challenges related to cross-border issues together with the collaborators from the host institution. This workshop will

be open to local partners (e.g. economic partners, public authorities) and will propose key themes for future calls at European level (H2020, Urban Europe, etc.).

- commit to write a short report of 2 pages describing the mobility visit.
- participate in the final one-day seminar in 2020 in Liège.

We invite applications from professors and / or post-doctoral researchers with a background in social sciences and humanities.

Application process:

Two application stages are foreseen.

| Dates | Application stages |
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| Deadline 31 st of August 2018 | The candidate hands in an expression of interest in German, English or French containing contact details and affiliation as well as a brief description of the planned research (see form on the website). |
| September 2018 | Candidates will be informed about the decision taken. |
| Deadline 15 th of October 2018 | Accepted candidates hand in a full application form (see form on the website). This form contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a short CV (max. 3 pages) - a statement describing the candidate's interest as well as a description of the project that you are going to collaborate on, a proposal for the open workshop, and a description of the outcomes that are foreseen - a time schedule for the short-term mobility - an authorisation letter of the sending and the receiving university |
| End of October 2018 | Candidates will be informed about the decision taken. |
| 2019 | Researcher mobility |

Applications are to be sent to the respective referee of your university:

| University | Contact | E-Mail |
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Researchers will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Proposed research project
 - Relevance and pertinence of the proposed research subject (the proposed subject must be consistent with one or more of the five themes of the UniGR-CBS)
 - Scientific quality of the project
2. Researcher profile
 - Does the current career and scientific work reveal references to Border Studies or another familiarity with the field of Border Studies?
 - Scientific career
3. Profile of the hosting institute
 - Does the profile of the host institute show linkages to Border Studies or to actors in Border Studies?
4. Development and strengthening of the UniGR-CBS network

For more information as well as application forms, please see www.uni-gr.chairBorderStudies.