

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Post-doctoral researcher (full time) in Migration Governance, MAGYC Project

About The Hugo Observatory

The Hugo Observatory is a research centre devoted to the study of the interactions between environmental changes, human migration, and politics. The Observatory is hosted at the SPHERES Research Unit of the Faculty of Sciences. It is a young and dynamic structure, involved in different international research projects and policy processes. It conducts both theoretical and empirical, field research and puts a high value on collective and collaborative work.

About the MAGYC project

MAGYC stands for 'Migration Governance and Asylum Crises' and is a collaborative project funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation. It associates thirteen academic and civil society partners, inside and outside of Europe, under the general coordination of The Hugo Observatory. The project seeks to assess how migration governance has been influenced by the recent 'refugee crisis', and how crises at large shape policy responses on migration. Within the project, The Hugo Observatory is tasked with the general coordination, communication, as well as research on the structural determinants of migration crises. The project runs from November 2018 until October 2022, for a total budget of EUR 3.2 million.

About the Position

The Hugo Observatory is seeking an outstanding candidate for the position of Post-doctoral Researcher in the framework of the MAGYC project. The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Conducting statistical research on the structural determinants of migration crises, involving the correlation of demographic, socio-economic and environmental datasets;
- Conducting empirical research on different migration crises, including the events that led to the construction of the US-Mexico border wall, the Sangatte crisis and the Rohingya crisis.
- Liaising with other partners of the project;
- Assisting in the preparation of academic events (workshops, conferences) pertaining to the project;
- Disseminating the project's results through conferences, seminars and social media;
- Assisting in the day-to-day management of the project;

- Supporting the overall development of the project and of the Observatory (assistance to the drafting of research proposals, liaison with partners, etc.)

Requirements

The successful candidate must:

- Hold a doctorate in social sciences (political science, statistics or human geography preferred), focused on migration. An interest for environmental issues is also desirable;
- Demonstrate a keen interest for migration issues and interdisciplinary work;
- Demonstrate a good command of quantitative research methods;
- Have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal;
- Be able to work independently and as part of a team, in a highly inter-disciplinary environment, under limited supervision;
- Be fluent in English (some command of French is an asset);
- Be enthusiastic about the development of a new research project, and committed to its advancement.

The University of Liège is an equal-opportunity employer; foreign candidates are encouraged to apply, as well as candidates in the final stages of their PhD.

Location and type of contract

The position is a 1-year contract, full-time, and renewable for another year. The position is based at the University of Liège, in the southeast of Belgium. The successful candidate is expected to travel abroad occasionally for conferences and missions.

The position should be filled as soon as possible, ideally in January 2019 (negotiable). The salary range will be comprised between 2,500 and 2,800 EUR net monthly, depending on the candidate's experience and qualifications.

How to apply

Interested candidates should send a CV and cover letter by noon on November 23rd, 2018. They should also indicate the names of two referees who can be contacted upon request. Interviews will be conducted on December 4th, 2018, and only short-listed candidates will receive a feedback on their application.

Applications should be sent by email to François Gemenne, coordinator of the project: F.Gemenne@uliege.be and copied to elodie.hut@uliege.be.