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24th IRISS-C/I call for proposals

Fellowships for short research visits at CEPS/INSTEAD

between February and June 2009

*IRISS-C/I is a visitors' programme at **CEPS/INSTEAD**, a socio-economic policy and research centre based in Luxembourg. Its mission is to finance and organise short visits of researchers willing to undertake empirical research in economics and other social sciences using the **archive of micro-data** available at the Centre.*

What is offered?

In 1998, CEPS/INSTEAD was identified by the European Commission as one of the few *Large Scale Facilities* in the social sciences, and, since then, offers researchers (both junior and senior) the opportunity to spend time carrying out their own research using the local research facilities. This programme is currently sponsored by the European Community's 6th Framework Programme. Grants cover travel expenses and on-site accommodation and include a stipend of 25 EUR/day for living expenses.

The expected duration of visits is in the range of 2 to 12 weeks.

During their stay, visitors are granted access to the CEPS/INSTEAD **archive of micro-data** (including, e.g., internationally comparable longitudinal surveys on living conditions, such as the European Community Household Panel, ECHP) and to extensive data documentation.¹ They are assigned an office (shared or single) and have networked access to a computation server that acts as host for the data archive and supports an array of commercial and open-source statistical software packages. Some scientific and technical assistance is provided by resident staff. Visiting fellows are also invited to present their research at an internal seminar to get feedback from CEPS/INSTEAD researchers if they so desire.

¹ Access is restricted to anonymized datasets on premises and for research purposes only. Visitors must strictly abide Art.17 of the CEPS/INSTEAD Bill of 17 November 1989 relative to data confidentiality, as well as potential specific rules set by data owners.

Topics

The major resource offered to visitors is access to a series of internationally comparable (often longitudinal) surveys at the household and individual level, such as the European Community Household Panel, ECHP. The anonymized micro-data can provide information about wages and income, living conditions, health, education, employment and professional activities, accommodation, social relations, values and attitudes... Comparable micro-data are available for EU countries, Central European countries, as well as for the USA.

These data offer opportunities to carry out research in fields such as *income distribution and welfare, income and poverty dynamics, multi-dimensional poverty and deprivation, survey and panel data methodology, values and attitudes, gender, ethnic and social inequality, unemployment and labour supply behaviour, education and training, social protection and redistributive policies, fertility and family structures, new information technologies in households and firms, ...*

Check out the [IRISS Working Papers](#) or the list of past projects on our website for examples.

Who may apply?

All individuals (doctoral students as well as experienced academics) conducting research in an institution within the EU-27 or an FP6 Associated State.²

IRISS-C/I can be an ideal meeting place for groups of researchers working on a joint project. We therefore encourage joint proposals by two or more researchers.

How to apply?

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications electronically using the [IRISS online application form](#). A curriculum vitae of all participants and a 2-4 pages description of the research project must be provided (PDF files are preferred). [Guidelines](#) are available on the website.

Researchers interested in working on a joint project with local staff should make prior contacts before applying in order to evaluate the feasibility of the collaboration.

Deadline

Three calls for proposals with deadlines are issued annually. The closing date for the present call is on **NOVEMBER 15, 2008** for visits scheduled at any time between February and June 2009.

Selection procedure

Each proposal will be assessed on the basis of two criteria: (i) the scientific quality of the project (scientific/technical interest, methodological approach, cohesion/structure/clarity, potential for academic publication); and (ii) the appropriateness of CEPS/INSTEAD for the research

²FP6 Associated States are Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

project (data availability, local expertise in the field, presence of visiting researchers with similar interests).

Research proposals with a comparative dimension (cross-national and/or inter-temporal) are welcomed. As explained above, in this call, proposals fitting the themes of the 10th Anniversary international workshop are particularly encouraged.

Applicants are normally informed of the result of the evaluation within 4-8 weeks after the closing date of the call.

More information

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