

Call for Applications

for the Fellowship Opportunity at the the UNESCO Chair “Social and spatial inclusion of international migrants: urban policies and practices” (SSIIM), Università luav di Venezia, Italy

1. Background

Fellowship Programme for Policy Researchers from the Western Balkans Region aims to contribute to further capacity building and professional development of policy researchers from the region of Western Balkans allowing them to build networks across Europe through paid visits to other policy research institutions and think-tanks in the EU and other countries of the Western Balkans (WB). This programme is developed by widening the existing support to networking with an opportunity for creating links to EU and WB based think-tanks and policy organisations.

The current call is open to one fellow who will spend up to 3 months at the SSIIM UNESCO Chair at Università luav di Venezia, Italy. The administration of the programme is carried out by the European Fund for the Balkans.

2. The programme

The Fellowship under this call should last 6 months, with residential stay up to 3 months at SSIIM UNESCO Chair, Università luav di Venezia, Italy. The programme is limited to 1 talented and dedicated young researcher who must be resident of one of the countries in the Western Balkans.

The goals of the programme are the following:

- to equip junior researchers with tools necessary for effective influencing of the policy-making processes and developing innovative and quality policy products;
- to contribute to the institutional development of think-tanks by broadening their professional networks, improving the junior employee's skills and increasing their motivation for better participation and generation of new ideas;
- to enrich portfolios and networks of think-tanks by bringing in researchers with different backgrounds.

During his/her stay at SSIIM UNESCO Chair, the fellow will develop an autonomous research activity, directly related with the Chair research activities. While at SSIIM UNESCO Chair, the fellow's research work will be supervised by the Chair's holder and the Chair's research staff.

During his/her stay at the Chair, the fellow is expected:

- to produce a full Research Report by the end of Fellowship programme, to be published in the SSIIM Paper Series
- to contribute to formulating an research proposal to be submitted to international institutions
- to contribute to consolidating the networks of researchers already existing at the Chair
- to participate in any conference, workshop, seminar the Chair may be involved in
- to deliver at least one lecture at Università luav di Venezia.



Applicants' Profile

- Applicants are required to be permanent residents in one of the countries of the Western Balkans.
- Applicants must be full-time employees at a think tank, university, policy center or NGO with strong research component in one of the Western Balkans countries for at least one year at the time of application and plan to stay for at least one more year. This requirement will depend on the the sending organisation's Human Resource policy.
- Applicants should be between 24 and 40 years of age at the time of application.
- Applicants must be fluent in written and spoken English.

3. Terms of the Award

European Fund for the Balkans will award the best candidate with the 5,000 Euros for the Fellowship.

These funds are to cover:

- travel expenses (one return ticket, visa fees and visa related expenses, travel or medical insurance) and reasonable accommodation and living costs in Venice, Italy.

4. How To Apply

To be considered for the Fellowship, applicants should submit the following documents in English (as .doc or .pdf attachments) to policy@balkanfund.org:

- **Motivation/cover letter**
 - This letter should describe the applicant's interest in the Fellowship, objectives of the fellow, his/her skills and qualifications and the value he/she aspires to contribute both to the hosting and sponsoring organisations.
 - The letter should also include a brief action plan with clear evaluation indicators for the proposed work and a draft budget in EUR (budget template is available for download below).
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
 - The CV should include academic and professional background, a detailed description of the applicant's current job, and a list of recent policy projects in which the applicant has been involved.
- **Support letter from the sending organisation**, written in the name of the Executive Director /or President.
 - This letter should describe the rationale, the expected outcomes and the value of the Fellowship to the sending organisation.
 - The letter should be accompanied by a committal statement that the sending organisation will cover the salary costs during the Fellowship period.

5. Reporting Requirements

At the host organisation, fellows are expected to engage in the SSIIM Chair ongoing policy research projects, and to contribute to the formulation of at least one research proposal. Throughout the programme, fellow's work will be supervised by the Chair's holder and the Chair's research staff. Upon completion of the Fellowship, the European Fund for the Balkans expects a final report from both the fellow and his mentor.

6. Timeframe:

1. The Call for Applications: November 30, 2012
2. Deadline for applications: March 1, 2013
3. Selection of applicants: by April 15, 2013
4. Duration period of the residential stay at SSIIM UNESCO Chair, Venice, Italy: April – June, 2013

About the European Fund for the Balkans

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More specifically, the Fund's objectives are: to encourage broader and stronger commitment to the European integration of the Western Balkan countries and societies; to strengthen the efforts undertaken by a range of stakeholders in this process with a view also to developing effective policies and practices in the region and in the EU and to support the process of member-state building as envisaged by the International Commission on the Balkans, in particular by building constituencies in the societies of Southeast Europe who will be offered an opportunity to experience and learn about Europe.

More info: www.balkanfund.org

About the UNESCO Chair "Social and spatial inclusion of international migrants: urban policies and practices" (SSIIM), Venice, Italy

Based on an international network of high level scholars and researchers from different universities and research centres, SSIIM UNESCO Chair represents an important arena for the production and the dissemination of new knowledge on promoting good urban governance for social and spatial inclusion of international migrants. SSIIM UNESCO Chair research group actively contributes to the international scientific and political debate on the issue, by stressing the importance of local policies and practices in shaping more sustainable cities as well as by raising awareness on the need to guarantee migrants the right to the city by adopting inclusive urban public policies, supporting organizations from the civil society and migrants associations.

Through the conduction of multidisciplinary comparative research on international migration in urban areas, the SSIIM UNESCO Chair makes available to the scientific community, as well as to political and public opinion, new information, reasoned overviews and dedicated



studies on the multifaceted issues international migration raises at the urban level, highlighting the principal factors preventing and/or promoting social and spatial inclusion of international migrants in different urban settings.

Wide dissemination of research results is achieved through the organization of, and participation to, international conferences, workshops and training courses.

Visiting scholars, postdoctoral and postgraduate researchers involved in the research activities are expected to produce research papers to be published within the SSIIM papers series. The series is steered by a Scientific Committee assuring quality to documents that are published.

More info: <http://www.unescochair-iuav.it/?lang=en>