

Call for applications

One-Year PhD Fellowship (Seed Financing) on Microfinance and SME Finance in Europe

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Application Deadline on November 15, 2016

The Centre for European Research in Microfinance (CERMI) is a multilingual, international research centre based in Belgium (www.cermi.eu). CERMI is offering a full time one-year research fellowship on microfinance and SME banking, at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM), ULB.

Created in 2007, CERMI draws together European researchers in microfinance. Currently, it gathers 9 doctoral students and 2 post-doctoral students working on social finance and a wide international network of more than 30 research associates.

The PhD student will work under the supervision of Profs. Kim Oosterlinck and Ariane Szafarz, Professor at SBS-EM. The fellow will be based in Brussels. The one-year seed-financing fellowship (around 1,875 EUR per month) will run from January 2017 to December 2017. If the first year proves fruitful, alternative funding opportunities will be considered in order to cover the costs to finish the PhD.

For more information, please contact:

Ms. Anne-Lise Remy at cermi@ulb.ac.be and Profs. Ariane Szafarz (aszafarz@ulb.ac.be) and Kim Oosterlinck (koosterl@ulb.ac.be)

Profile

- To be holder a Master Degree in Economics, Business Studies, or Finance with at least a Distinction (i.e. *cum laude*);
- Previous knowledge in finance, strong methodological skills including a good background in econometrics, scientific rigor, conceptual ability, and sensitivity to social issues are key for this position;
- Fluency in English is a must. French is considered as an advantage;
- Highly motivated, team minded but also able to work independently.

We Offer

- Doctoral supervision, including the compulsory participation to doctoral formation;
- Membership to an international network of researchers in the field of microfinance, social finance and financial inclusion;
- Possibilities to participate to conferences, workshops and other scientific events.

Applications should be submitted in English and must include the following:

- 1) A motivation letter
- 2) A two-page research project (including a bibliography)
- 3) A full resume (including grades)
- 4) A copy of the Master diploma (including grades)
- 5) At least two recommendation letters.

Only applicants preselected on the merit of their application will be invited for an interview.

Please send your application to Ms. Anne-Lise Remy at cermi@ulb.ac.be **before the 15th of November 2016**. Applications will be treated with strict confidentiality.