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Chair in Microeconomics

Please find enclosed information about this vacancy and about the Department of Economics.

NB: After having submitted your application online you will receive confirmation of receipt by email; **if not**, contact us at applypro@eui.eu or by phone +39.055.4685.377 to make sure that your application has safely arrived. For any questions about the application procedure please contact applypro@eui.eu.

The Academic Service assures the confidentiality of the application procedure. The deadline for receipt of applications is **18 November 2024**.

Further and more up-to-date information about the Institute is available on our website: [European University Institute \(eui.eu\)](http://eui.eu).

Thank you for your interest in the European University Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Fatma Sayed
Director
Academic Service

Chair in Microeconomics

The Department of Economics invites applications for a Chair in Microeconomics. To fulfill the needs of the Department's structured Ph.D. programme, candidates must have an outstanding experience in graduate-level formal instruction and doctoral supervision and a strong academic publication record.

The Institute is an equal opportunity employer, and is committed to balanced gender, geographical and minority representation.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide major input in research, teaching, supervision and administration, as follows:

Research:

- To develop and lead research in the fields mentioned in the profile;
- To promote the integration of his/her research with other research interests within the Department of Economics as well as interdisciplinary research with the other Departments and Centres of the EUI; candidates are invited to take into consideration the research priorities and existing research projects of the [Department of Economics \(eui.eu\)](http://eui.eu);
- To maintain a high national and international profile of publications in internationally recognised journals;
- To acquire research funding on an individual basis and in collaboration with others.

Teaching and supervision:

- To teach effectively postgraduate students both in introductory and research seminars;
- To provide high quality doctoral supervision and attract research students to the EUI;
- To act as mentor for Max Weber fellows and other postdoctoral fellows.

Administration:

- To make a significant contribution to the promotion of the EUI, and to contribute to the transition of EUI alumni into professional life, especially in academic careers;
- To make the best use of his/her research budget and try to supplement it with outside funding;
- To provide support for the Head of Department, amongst others by serving on appropriate Committees, and to contribute fully to the general life the Department and the Institute;
- To contribute to the promotion of cultural diversity in the Department and the EUI.

Working in the European University Institute

The European University Institute is a postgraduate research institute set up in 1976 by the Member States of the European Union. It is not an institution of the European Union, but an intergovernmental organisation in its own right, funded directly by the signatory Member States.

The EUI consists of four academic departments - Economics, History and Civilisation, Law, and Political and Social Sciences; an interdisciplinary postdoctoral training programme – the Max Weber Programme; an interdisciplinary research centre - the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies; and the School of Transnational Governance, focussing on teaching and training of governance beyond the State. The research students of the EUI are drawn mainly from the graduates of universities in the Member States, with a small number of students from third countries globally.

There are no special citizenship requirements for faculty members. In order to work effectively the professors have to be fluent in English and have a working knowledge of at least one other EU language. Teaching is mostly done in English. PhD theses and seminar papers are mainly written in English.

The Department of Economics

Teaching and Supervision

Each year about 10-12 Master student are admitted to our 1-year Masters Programme, and 20-25 postgraduate students are admitted to our programme leading to the Ph.D. in Economics. The first year consists of a set of core courses in Mathematics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Statistics/Econometric with instruction in English. Some elective courses are taken during the first year and elective course work continues into the second year of the programme. Students then undertake full-time research, leading to the submission of a doctoral dissertation and award of the Ph.D. All students from the EU Member States receive maintenance scholarships (conditional on progress) for 4 years, and for these students there are no fees.

Full-time faculty members teach the equivalent of two 7-week courses per year (42 hours total) as part of the course offer of the programme (holders of joint Robert Schuman Centre posts teach only one).

Each faculty member is associated with one of the research workshops with external speakers (currently, Econometrics/Applied, Micro, and Macro). These normally meet on a weekly basis, and provide a forum for students, faculty, and outside visitors to discuss current research. Finally, there are informal working groups where work in progress of students and professors is presented and discussed.

Since about 20 students enter the second year of the studies each year, and a typical student will stay at the Institute for 4-5 years, each of the 13 full-time faculty members is expected to supervise 10-13 graduate students on average either as a first or second supervisor. New members tend to supervise a smaller number of students in the early years of their appointment and accumulate more as time goes by. Faculty members are obliged by their contract of employment to continue supervision of their first advisees after their appointment expires.

Research

Apart from teaching and supervision, the major part of professors' work is devoted to research. Research at the Institute is supported by an excellent Academic Library. The EUI Library's principal collection consists of traditional resources of printed books, documents and journals, and digital resources. The paper collections include some 388 current printed journals and more than 600,000 printed volumes in law, economics, history, political science sociology and international relations, completed with over 150,000 full text e-journals and over 650,000 e-books and 450 databases. The Library boasts a highly qualified team of professionals, which includes information specialists and a liaison officer, who provide support to the four departments, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, the School of Transnational Governance, and all post-doctoral programmes.

The ICT Service is user-oriented and has good resources for research in all areas of social and political sciences and the humanities.

The EUI hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU) which preserve and make available to the public the documents produced by European Institutions, some European Agencies, as well as private archives and collections of European movements and personalities.

Each professor normally receives a flat allocation every year upon presentation of a short description of his/her project. Supplementary funding may be obtained on a yearly basis from the Institute's Research Council, which is composed of external advisors, for innovative projects and for co-operative projects involving several professors. Research projects should have an international dimension. Although no guarantee can be offered, EUI funding usually allows for the employment of a part-time assistant and for organising seminars and workshops. In addition, professors are strongly encouraged to raise external funds. In so doing, they receive the assistance of the research support unit. The EUI has a very high success rate in seeking external funding for its research.

Applicants are requested to present a research project for the duration of about five years (which corresponds to first contract). If short-listed, this project will serve as a basis for discussion during the interview, and if appointed, be circulated to members of the Academic Council.

Administrative Duties

Departmental meetings where strategic issues for the department are discussed and students' progress is evaluated are held monthly. One faculty member acts as Head of Department, and meets frequently with the Heads of other Departments and with the President of the Institute to prepare the meetings of the Institute faculty, the Academic Council. All professors are required to be present in the Departmental meetings and in the plenary sessions of the Academic Council.

Within the Department, some colleagues take responsibility for co-ordinating coursework, admissions, exams, placement, and selection of post-doctoral fellows. Others serve on Institute-level committees, dealing with Library and Information Technology issues, with Computing Services, with Admissions, etc.

As to selection of new colleagues, only some members of the Department sit on Committees charged with submitting a recommendation to Academic Council. All members of the Department, however, cooperate in processing the applications. The

Department invites shortlisted candidates for a brief visit, including a seminar and opportunities to discuss with students and potential colleagues.

Staff in the Department

The Department of Economics comprises at present 12 professors (out of this 10 are full chairs and 2 are assistant professors, and two full-time professors hold a joint appointment with the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), a Departmental co-ordinator and five administrative assistants.

Each year a number of post-doctoral and senior fellows join us for a limited period, hosted respectively within the Max Weber and Fernand Braudel Programmes, in order to work on their research projects. These often work closely with an individual professor or group of professors. In addition, scholars occasionally visit the Department for shorter periods, offering brief lecture courses in their fields of interest. Additionally, we receive the visits of colleagues from all over the world, who come and present their work in our research workshops series.

Conditions of employment – salary – benefits

The European University Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

Full-time professors at the EUI are appointed on a five-year contract with possibility of renewal for further three years.

The EUI offers a competitive salary and several benefits, including family allowance packages and generous severance grant.

In particular,

- The amount of take-home salary varies and depends on seniority, eligibility to expatriation, household, dependent children and other allowances.
- Under the terms of the Convention establishing the Institute, EUI professors are exempt from income tax on their salary paid by the Institute anywhere in the Contracting States. In lieu of national taxes, a deduction is carried out by the Institute.

Summary of Conditions of Employment and Benefits

- Expatriation or foreign residence allowance of 16% or 4%, depending on circumstances;
- Household allowance;
- Dependent child allowance;
- Pre-school allowance (for children aged less than 6);
- Education allowance (for children up to the age of 26 in educational or vocational training);
- Possibility to opt for the Institute's social security scheme for the risks of sickness, maternity, accident and occupational disease, invalidity. The health insurance administered by the EU Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS) for the contract holder and dependent family. An average of 80% of medical or dental expenses may be reimbursed upon presentation of invoices and/or upon prior authorisation;
- Possibility either to opt for the Institute's social security scheme for the risks of invalidity, death and old age/severance, or for a payment to be made into a

national or private social security fund. In the former case, 10,25% of an EUI professor's salary is withheld monthly; twice this amount is contributed by the Institute. Upon departure a generous severance grant, corresponding to approx. 30% of the aggregate of the basic salary is paid.

- Installation (and reinstallation) allowance;
- Reimbursement of removal costs upon entry/termination of service, if applicable, up to a maximum equivalent of a monthly basic salary;
- Travel expenses upon entry/termination of service and annual flat-rate payment of travel expenses based on distance from Florence to the place of origin, if entitled to expatriation or foreign residence allowance;
- Other benefits which may apply.

The Human Resources Service is available to provide more information on personal/family allowances based on the actual family situation of the short-listed candidates.

Regarding grade and salary, should the candidate be chosen for the position, a full offer will be made which will include these elements.

The recruitment procedure at the EUI

The rules governing the selection procedure of full-time Professors are laid down in Annex III the Conditions of Employment of the Teaching Staff of the EUI ([CETS](#)).

When a chair is vacant, the Department (in case of a Joint Chair, together with the RSC) submits a profile for the chair to be filled to the Academic Council, which sets up the Selection Committee.

The selection committee is composed of professors from the EUI, external experts, the President of the EUI (consultative voice) and a representative of the researcher students (consultative voice).

According to the Annex III of Conditions of Employment of the Teaching Staff of the EUI, the Selection Board shall:

- assess how well the academic curriculum and experience of candidates fit the profile of the post to be filled;
- take candidates' publications into consideration;
- assess candidates' suitability to fit in the Department's and the Institute's work programme in consultation with the Department;
- assess the interest to the Institute of research planned by candidates.

In the shortlisting process, the committee members first assess the eligibility and the suitability to the advertised profile of the applications submitted. In a second step, after consensus has been reached among the Committee regarding the first step, the Committee discusses the candidates that fulfil the criteria, and in a comparative evaluation, taking into account the needs of the hosting academic unit regarding the position, sets up the final shortlist.

Having set up a shortlist the Committee subsequently interviews the shortlisted candidates and submits a recommendation of one or more candidates to be appointed.

The Committee's recommendation is transmitted to the Academic Council, which acts as a sovereign body for appointments.

Application file

Your file should contain the following elements.

- 1) **Application form** (to be filled in [online](#)) in which you are invited to provide your personal data, and to indicate two “**signature publications**” which you consider most representative of your work. Please provide the full bibliographic citation and if available, also a link to the publication.

Please submit four names of possible **referees** whom the EUI may contact. The referees should not include members of the professorial staff of the EUI. Please give us the names and e-mail addresses of referees who know you in both your teaching and research functions.

The Selection Committee may consult other external experts if it considers that helpful to its deliberations.

Attach the following documents as PDF files to the online application form:

- 2) **Cover letter**
- 3) **CV**: Please present a **short** CV of maximum 5 pages including education, professional experience, prizes and other major achievements.
- 4) **List of publications**: Please present a list of your books, contributions to books, journal articles, and other relevant publications.
- 5) **Research project**: The research project should be designed to cover a five year contract and correspond to the profile. It should specify the objectives and scope of the project and give indications on the background, especially how it relates to work you have already undertaken and published. It should also give some preliminary indications about the methodology you intend to follow in exploring the proposed hypotheses or theories; indications as to the empirical components and sources; management of the research especially its organisation and the possible running of a research team. It should also include some preliminary indications on the type of outcome you have in mind. The project should preferably be written in English, and have a length of up to 2000 words.

Formal applications should be submitted [online](#) by **18 November 2024** at midnight (CET). For any queries about the application procedure you may contact applypro@eui.eu.

Practical information about life in Florence

Learning Italian

The Institute's Language Centre offers intensive Italian courses in September and less intensive courses throughout the year. Some other European languages are also taught. [Language Centre \(eui.eu\)](http://eui.eu)

There are several private language schools in Florence.

Housing

Rents are very variable, likely figures for Florence and its immediate surroundings are € 550-650 for a studio, € 700-850 for a one-bedroom flat, and from € 900 for a two-bedroom flat. Larger flats with three or four bedrooms run from € 2000, depending on size and location.

The Real Estate and Facilities Service has a Housing Office through which you can be offered accommodation at the EUI flats

[EUI Residential Accommodation • European University Institute.](#)

Accommodations on the private market are instead offered by Florence Housing Service - the Real Estate Agency which offers free service exclusively for the EUI members.

For more information you may consult [EUI4U Housing Service • European University Institute.](#)

Daycare and Schools

The EUI has a Crèche which provides preschool childcare.

In addition to private and public Italian schools there is a French, an International School and a Canadian School in Florence:

The French school offers a programme that goes from Maternelle to Terminale, a good programme that many at the Institute take advantage of. Further information is available at [Lycée Victor Hugo - Un établissement de la Mission laïque française \(vhugo.eu\)](http://vhugo.eu).

The International School of Florence (ISF) offers an elementary through to high-school programme in English. Places should be reserved as soon as possible and are expensive. The high school offers the International Baccalaureate, which is recognised for university entrance throughout the world. Its American high school diploma is also recognised by the Italian government as equivalent to that of a *liceo linguistico*. Further information: [The International School of Florence \(isfitaly.org\)](http://isfitaly.org).

The Canadian School of Florence is an international school that promotes global education in an international environment, and offers programmes from Kindergarten to Senior School: [Home - Canadian School of Florence \(csflorence.it\)](http://csflorence.it).

More detailed information about day care and schools is available in our website at [About the Crèche • European University Institute \(eui.eu\)](#)
[Nurseries, Preschools, Schools • European University Institute \(eui.eu\)](#).

Potential applicants requiring information beyond that contained in these further particulars are welcome to contact the Head of Department, Prof. Alexander Monge-Naranjo (Alexander.Monge-Naranjo@eui.eu).