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Research seed mobility programme on language, cultural and social diversity

CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

European Campus of City-Universities and Virtual Institute for Quality Education
The European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U) is a multi-cultural and multi-lingual Alliance consisting of seven long-standing, education- and research-led, locally and globally engaged universities from four diverse regions of the European Union: the University of Coimbra, the University of Iasi, the University of Jena, the University of Pavia, the University of Poitiers, the University of Salamanca and the University of Turku.
The EC2U Virtual Institute for Quality Education (VIQE) is one of the Alliance's Virtual Institutes and combines education, research and innovation for advanced studies on quality education. Within the three-year framework of this project only a pilot project profile of the Virtual Institute for Quality Education will be developed and fully implemented: Language, Cultural and Societal Diversity in Europe.

Objectives of the research seed mobility programme
The main objective of the VIQE research seed mobility programme is to actively promote in-depth research collaboration among researchers and research groups of the seven EC2U universities.
Already existing local research groups working on languages, cultures and societies in contact (as well as on education as a vehicle of language and cultural diversity) are expected to work together, form EC2U research clusters, develop research seed projects and then apply for additional national and EU funding.

Eligibility, number of mobilities and funding

Eligibility
Researchers working on the following topics are encouraged to apply for research seed mobilities:

- Multilingualism and intercultural studies for education, management and health
- Translation and interpreting
- Gender Studies (linguistics, literature, culture)
- Comparative cultural studies
- Comparative literature
- Contrastive Linguistics
- Heritage in contact
- Language policy
- Discourse studies
- Language and Cultural Minorities (linguistics, literature, culture)
- Language and globalization
- Language, mobility and migration
- Materialities of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
- Language as a Cultural, Political and Social Tool for International Mediation
- Text analysis with language processing tools for the study of linguistic, cultural and social diversity
- Digital linguistics
- Digital Humanities
- Digital interculturality
- Intercultural communication and management

Researchers
- must hold an academic position at one of the seven EC2U universities which allows them to engage in research activities for the duration of the mobility project and includes the ability to independently publish research results
- must be members of the EC2U Virtual Institute of Quality Education (VIQE). All researchers implied as teaching staff in the EC2U VIQE Master in European Languages, Cultures and Societies or in the VIQE Language Policy Research Project are already members of the EC2U Virtual Institute of Quality Education. Other Researchers must express their interest to participate in the VIQE at the time of the submission of the mobility proposal.

Researchers can apply to up to two mobilities.

Number of mobilities
A total of 294 mobilities will be funded, 42 per university.

Funding
A typical mobility will last 5 days. The mobility grant will cover the following costs related to the attendance of researchers to working sessions aimed at preparing national and European R&D project applications: travel costs for a maximum amount of 400 EUR and individual support costs for a maximum amount of 130 EUR per day (650 EUR for five days). Mobilities must take place between November 2021 and April 2023.

Requirements and obligations

Requirements
- Researchers applying for mobilities must be linked to one of the seven EC2U universities.
- Researchers applying for mobilities must have a working knowledge of English: meetings organised to prepare the national and European research grant applications will be held in English; documents, grant applications and assessment reports will be submitted in English.

Obligations
- Grantees commit themselves to be part of the research teams that will apply for national and/or European research projects in the framework of the Virtual Institute for Quality Education of the EC2U Alliance.
- Grantees must use the mobilities to attend working sessions aimed at preparing national and European R&D project applications.
- Grantees must write an assessment report within one month after the grant end date.
- The researcher applying for the national and/or European research grant must submit all application documents to the EC2U Alliance Work Package 5 Board.

Evaluation
Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:
- Compliance with the objectives of the call (4 points)
- Participation in funded R&D projects (also as principal investigator) (4 points)
- Publications (4 points)
- Ongoing collaborations with researchers from other EC2U universities (2 points)

- Participation as teaching staff in the new Master's Programme in European Languages, Cultures and Societies in Contact (6 points)

The EC2U VIQE Board will nominate an evaluation panel for all applicants of each university. The panel will be composed of an WP5 board external evaluator and a VIQE board member from another EC2U university.

Submission of proposals and deadlines
Proposals must be submitted to the EC2U Virtual Institute for Quality Education by 30 April 2023.

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