

CHEUROPE - Critical Heritage Studies and the Future of Europe_Towards an integrated, interdisciplinary and transnational training model in cultural heritage research and management (EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) - Innovative Training Networks (ITN))

15 PhD positions in various fields of cultural heritage research and management

CHEurope Initial Training Network focuses on developing a new integrated theoretical and methodological framework to enhance the academic and professional training and open future job opportunities in cultural heritage preservation, management and promotion. Bringing together a network of key European academic and non-academic organisations, the project will explore the processes by which heritage is 'assembled' through practice-based research in partner institutions that connect students to their future job markets and publics.

CHEurope will train 15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR) under five themes:

1. Theorizing heritage futures in Europe: heritage scenarios - University College London [UK], University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) [PT] (2 PhD positions)
2. Curating the city: trans-disciplinary inheritance/disinheritance processes in urban settings - University of Gothenburg [SE], University of Amsterdam [NL], University of Hasselt [BE], Istituto Beni Culturali Regione Emilia Romagna [IT] (4 PhD positions)
3. Digital heritage: the future role of heritage and archive collections in a digital world - University of Gothenburg , University College London, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas [ES], University of Utrecht [NL] (4 PhD positions)
4. Heritage and wellbeing: migration and dislocation - University of Gothenburg , University College London (2 PhD positions)
5. Heritage management and citizen participation in a multi-cultural world - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, University of Amsterdam (3 PhD positions).

For each theme, partner organisations will contribute to the research programme with secondments and on the job training.

Duration of ESR Fellowships: 36 months (the 3 ESR enrolled with University of Gothenburg will be granted a 4th year scholarship, the ESR enrolled with Hasselt University will be granted a 4th year scholarship in a 2 x 2 year scholarship with a mid-term evaluation).

Start date: April 2017

Closing date for applications: 16 January 2017

Academic requirements

- Eligible applicants for ESR Fellowship (equivalent to a PhD position) must be in possession of a Master's degree or equivalent in a relevant field. However, individual departments and universities will have their own specific entry requirements.
- Applicants must be in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of their research career and have not been awarded a doctoral degree. Research experience is calculated from the date they obtained a qualification (Masters or equivalent) allowing them to embark on a doctorate.
- At the time of their recruitment, candidates must not have legally resided or have had their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the host country for more than 12 months in the last 3 years (short stays such as holidays are not counted)
- Researchers can be nationals of any country.

- during their research, the candidates must accept to be seconded in partner organisations as scheduled in their research description.

Please note that individual institutions may have their own additional application requirements. In each case you should consult the relevant contact point for the ESR in question to determine local prerequisites and application procedures.

The recruited ESRs shall be appointed with an employment or scholarship/fellowship contract for 36 months and be offered the basic living allowance for the ESR Fellowships plus mobility and family allowance (if applicable) according to the Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Horizon 2020 criteria.

Application criteria

Unless otherwise specified, applicants should send a CV (max 2 pages), a cover letter (1 page) specifying the research theme selected and outlining why they are suitable for the position and the names of two referees. A short description of the proposed research project (max 2500 words) must also be part of the application: this should include an abstract of max.200 words and a project proposal – specifying research question(s), positioning in the relevant academic debate(s), the proposed methodology and a work plan. Applications for more than one position are allowed. The research proposals must relate directly to one of the 15 ESRs described. Further or alternative requirements may be applicable depending on the administrative procedure of each host institution. In the first instance, interested applicants are strongly advised to contact the relevant host institution for the specific ESR positions as soon as possible to ensure they are able to meet local prerequisites and application procedures.

Application documents must be submitted directly to the host institution, no later than the 16th January 2017. Please note that there are different procedures for submitting at each university.

Further information about the CHEurope project, the fellowships and the application contacts may be found at:

<http://criticalheritagestudies.gu.se/cooperation/cheurope>