



Dispute Settlement in Trade: Training in Law and Economics (DISSETTLE)

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***** Early Stage Researcher Fellowships *****

Applications are invited for **Early Stage Researcher (ESR) Fellowships** funded as part of Marie Curie Initial Training Networks, under the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme. The project runs from **1 May 2011 to 30 April 2015**.

Currently there are the following openings at **Bocconi University (Italy)**, with the start date **November 2014**:

- 2 ESR contracts for 6 months each

DISSETTLE participants within this ITN are dedicated to producing the next generation of research scholars working on development issues in Europe. The ITN will harness and combine intellectual resources which are scattered across Europe to offer doctoral students a first rate training, comparable to the best opportunities available worldwide. The Network emphasizes rigorous empirical methods put to the service of fundamental questions in development economics.

The DISSETTLE program evolves around the following work packages:

- WP1 – Arbitration
- WP2 – Subsidies
- WP3 – Competitiveness
- WP4 – Lessons learned from competition law
- WP5 – Unexplored applications

Training will involve student exchanges across nodes, participation in team research projects, and support for students' travel and field work. The distinguishing features are: (a) formal coursework with emphasis on rigorous empirical methods and exposure to other disciplines in PhD courses, workshops and summer schools; (b) active participation in data collection and field projects in developing countries, attained through participation in (often multidisciplinary) team research projects and internships with industry partners and NGOs. Fieldwork experience is an essential element of training for development economists, but is rarely offered in doctoral programs; (c) opportunities to forge relationships with faculty and students throughout Europe through exchanges, workshops, and virtual networks.

Within DISSETTLE, Bocconi is mainly responsible for WP1-Arbitration but it is not a priori excluding candidates whose research project touches upon topics related to other four work packages.

Requirements:

Research projects of candidates should focus on dispute settlement of international economic disputes involving trade, investment, competition, environment, etc., including matters such as the use of economic experts, economic analysis, valuation of prejudice and damages, countermeasures. Any method of dispute settlement could be considered, such as arbitration, judicial decision, panels, ADR, involving States and /or companies or individuals. The approach could be either predominantly legal, or economic, or both.

Pre-Doctoral Researchers (Early Stage Researchers)

- Have not yet been awarded the doctorate degree and are in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers; this includes the period of research training, starting at the date of obtaining the degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate
- The appointments will be limited to 6 months
- The basic living allowance for the Early Stage Researcher Fellowships is **up to 36.700 €/year** + mobility allowance + travel allowance + career exploratory allowance. (This is gross amount and all taxes and social security charges will be deducted in accordance with the employment law of the country of the host institution)

All candidates must NOT be nationals of the country where they seek employment, or have legally resided or have had their main activity in that country for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the starting date.

For more information on the recruitment and allowances please see *Annex III to the Grant Agreement* (Pages 8 – 11): ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/fp7-mga-annex3intramulti_en.pdf

Submission:

An application should be sent to **Bocconi University** at ricerca@unibocconi.it
DISSETTLE in the subject line has to be mentioned.

- **CV and Cover letter** of interested candidates (including details of 3 referees)
- **Outline of research project** to be conducted at Bocconi

Application Deadline:

Application deadline is: 15 September 2014

Successful applicants will be notified before a given date.

For further information on these vacancies please contact ricerca@unibocconi.it