

## **DIM Ile-de-France Region: Call for projects in Economics**

The "Major Research Domains" ("Domaines d'intérêt majeur": DIM) are one of the key components of the regional research policy established in 2005 by the Île-de-France Region, and aim to help research laboratories in the Île-de-France federate their research efforts in a number of specific research domains.

To date, 14 Major Research Domains have been created.

- Agrosciences, Territories, Ecology, and Alimentation (Astrea).
- Cancerology (Canceropole)
- Neurosciences and Neurodegenerative Diseases (Nerf)
- Cardiovascular Diseases, Diabetes and Obesity (Coddim)
- Infectious Diseases, Parasitic and Hospital-Acquired Infections (Malinf)
- Cellular Medicine and Stem Cells (Stempole)
- Health, Environment and Toxicology (SEnT)
- Ultra-Cold Atoms (Ifraf)
- Programmes and Complex Systems (Digiteo)
- Optics, Microelectronics and Nanosciences (C'nano)
- Transversal Problems and Complex Systems (ISC)
- Sustainable Development (R2DS)
- Gender Issues (Institut Emile du Chatelet)
- Economic Sciences (PSE – Paris School of Economics)

More information on the DIM programme is available on the internet site of the Île-de-France Region <http://www.iledefrance.fr/recherche-innovation/>

The Paris School of Economics is the coordinator of the scientific programme of the Major Research Domain with respect to Economics which will be put forward to the Île de France Region for funding.

The majority of the calls for projects regarding the Major Research Domains were announced jointly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009. This coordinated announcement was designed to enable those proposing projects to identify the domain which best fits their project. In return, **any single project cannot be submitted to more than one domain**. For projects which cover more than one domain, you are invited to consider the various thematic axes of the different domains in order to identify the project call which best fits your project. **Once the project is submitted it cannot be switched to another DIM.**

The Paris School of Economics has been designated as the coordinator of the scientific programme of the Major Research Domain with respect to Economics, and has defined the following priority research axes:

- Public Economics, Economics of Inequalities, Social Economics
- Labour Economics
- International Macroeconomics, Development Economics
- Economic Theory, Market Structure and the Economics of Organisations
- Health Economics

In addition, noting that a number of promising research domains in Economics are at the interface with other social science disciplines (Law, Demography and Sociology) and are the object of a growing social demand, the Île-de-France network of researchers in Economics, coordinated by the Paris School of Economics, has set itself the objective of developing new interface programmes in Social Science, the first two of which concern "Public Policy and Development" and "Sociology and Statistics".

To carry out this scientific programme, the Paris School of Economics issues an annual call for projects, and receives and processes the demands for doctoral and post-doctoral grants, and support for scientific events financed by the Ile-de-France Region.

## 1. Doctoral Grants

### 1.1 *Eligibility Criteria*

Eligible candidates for doctoral grants are all students who hold a Masters Degree and who at the start of the academic year 2010-2011 will be enrolled in the first or second year of a PhD in a doctoral programme in the Ile-de-France Region.

There are no nationality or age criteria. Nonetheless, the career path of candidates aged over 30 should be justified.

Candidates who already hold a PhD or who were previously enrolled in a doctoral programme outside of the Ile-de-France Region are excluded from the current call for candidates.

Doctoral grants cannot be held concurrently with other types of doctoral funding, with the exception of supply or trainee teaching positions (vacations or monitorats d'enseignement).

The PhD director concerned should not currently have more than seven PhD students.

### 1.2 *The Application File*

The candidate should submit a file including:

- A Covering Letter
- A Research Project (10 pages)
- A Grade Sheet from the Masters Degree (to be sent by post)
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Recommendation letters, which should be sent directly to the address [phd.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu](mailto:phd.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu), with the name of the candidate in the subject line.

### 1.3 *Selection Procedure*

A first selection round based on the application files will be carried out by a six-member *ad hoc* jury. All files must be complete in order to be taken into account.

Candidates who are selected in this first round will be interviewed by the jury at the beginning of **September 2010**. They will be asked at this time to present the grade from their Masters dissertation, if applicable. The jury's decision will be published shortly after these interviews.

### 1.4 *Selection Criteria*

The projects submitted will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The scientific excellence of the research project
- The profiles of the PhD Director and the host institution (local environment and number of other PhD students)
- The profile of the candidate

### 1.5 *Funding Method*

Doctoral grants are 100% financed by the Region, for a total cost of 2700 Euros per month over three years, equivalent to 97 200 Euros per student. This total cost corresponds to a minimum net monthly salary of 1450 Euros.<sup>1</sup> The entirety of this funding from the Region must be used and exclusively consecrated to the payment of the student.

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<sup>1</sup> Exemptions from this rule may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Region when the total of the sum allocated by the Region is used but the social security regime in force does not allow the minimum salary level to be attained.

Successful candidates will start their PhD research project before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010.

Interim progress reports are to be furnished during the funding period. At the end of the funding period a final progress report is to be sent to the Ile-de-France Region via the Paris School of Economics.

In certain cases, successful candidates will be asked to make a public presentation of their research project.

### **1.6 How to Submit an Application**

Application files and any questions regarding the application process are to be sent by e-mail to [phd.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu](mailto:phd.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu), and by post to the following address: Paris School of Economics, 48 Boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France.

The application files should include the reference number: AD2010IDF + Name of the candidate

Applications to the current call for projects should be postmarked **15th of August 2010** at the latest, and be sent electronically before midnight of the same date.

## **2. Post-Doctoral Grants**

### **2.1 Eligibility Criteria**

- The project is submitted by the research centre where the candidate wishes to carry out their project.
- The research centre in question must be geographically located in the Ile-de-France Region and must not be that in which the candidate carried out their PhD work.
- The project submitted must not have been previously financed by the Ile-de-France Region in the cadre of support to collaborative projects in competitive poles (projets collaboratifs d'un pôle de compétitivité).
- The gap between the PhD defence and the start of the post-doctoral grant cannot exceed five years, with the exception of candidates who have held post-doctoral positions abroad for at least two years. In this latter case, the gap between the PhD defence and the start of the post-doctoral grant is extended to seven years.

### **2.2 Eligibility Criteria for Candidates**

- The candidate must have successfully defended their PhD before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011.
- The candidate must have obtained their PhD within the past five years (see above).
- The candidate must not have previously been the beneficiary of a post-doctoral grant from the Region.

### **2.3 The Application File**

The host research centre should submit a file including:

- A Covering Letter from the candidate
- A Research Project (10 pages), describing how the research proposed by the candidate fits in with the research themes of the host research centre
- The candidate's Curriculum Vitae
- A recommendation letter from the host research centre
- In addition to the above letter, two recommendation letters should be sent directly to the address [postdoc.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu](mailto:postdoc.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu), with the name of the candidate in the subject line.

### **2.4 Selection Procedure**

A first selection round based on the application files will be carried out by a six-member *ad hoc* jury, the composition of which will be determined by the Scientific Council of the Major Research Domain in Economics. All application files must be complete in order to be taken into account.

Candidates who are selected in this first round will be interviewed by the jury in February 2010. The jury's decision will be published towards the end of March 2010.

### **2.5 Selection Criteria**

The projects submitted will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The scientific excellence of the research project
- The fit of the project with the research themes of the host research centre.

## 2.6 Funding Method

- Doctoral grants are 100% financed by the Region for a total cost of 4150 Euros per month over a twelve-month period, equivalent to 49 800 Euros per student. This total cost corresponds to a minimum net monthly salary of 2100<sup>2</sup> Euros. The entirety of this funding from the Region must be used and exclusively consecrated to the payment of the student.
- Candidates may, in the cadre of their professional duties, teach for a maximum of 48 hours per academic year.
- Post-Doctoral grants cannot be held concurrently with other types of funding.
- Successful candidates will start their post-doctoral research project before the 1st of January 2011.
- Interim progress reports are to be furnished during the funding period. At the end of the funding period a final progress report is to be sent to the Ile-de-France Region via the Paris School of Economics.
- In certain cases, successful candidates will be asked to make a public presentation of their research project.

## 2.7 How to Submit an Application

Application files and any questions regarding the application process are to be sent by e-mail to [postdoc.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu](mailto:postdoc.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu), and by post to the following address: Paris School of Economics, 48 Boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France.

The application files should include the reference number: PO2010IDF + Name of the candidate

Applications to the current call for projects should be postmarked **30<sup>th</sup> of January 2010** at the latest, and be sent electronically before midnight of the same date.

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<sup>2</sup> Exemptions from this rule may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Region when the total of the sum allocated by the Region is used but the social security regime in force does not allow the minimum salary level to be attained.

### 3. Scientific Events

#### 3.1 *Eligibility Criteria*

This call for projects is open to research centres or University departments in Economics, as well as private or para-public institutions (foundations or non-profit associations, learned societies, and international organisations) that are organising a scientific event in the domain of Economics.

To be eligible, the event, seminar or conference must:

- Be held in the Ile-de-France region, between the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2010 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2011
- Involve at least two research or higher education teaching institutions in the Ile-de-France region.

The following events are not covered by the current call for projects:

- Events that are covered by another of the Major Research Domains approved by the Region.
- Conferences that have received support from the Region in the context of another programme.
- Conferences that are focussed on professional training or other professional meetings.

#### 3.2 *Selection Criteria*

The selection jury will pay particular attention to the following points:

- Scientific events of international calibre.
- The impact of the event and the quality of the participants.
- The effort made to ensure **parity between men and women** in the organising and scientific committees, as well as amongst the speakers.
- Scientific events which encourage the participation of **young researchers**.
- The pertinence of the budget and the effort made to ensure funding from other sources than the Ile-de-France Region.

#### 3.3 *Selection Procedure*

The application file should include the following:

- A Covering Letter describing the project and amount requested.
- A description of the project and its objectives.
- The number of participants expected or registered.
- A detailed budget.

All application files must be complete in order to be taken into account.

Applications will be examined by an *ad hoc* jury at two sessions:

- A first session will be held during January 2010 and will publish its decision in February 2010.
- A second session will be held during June 2010 and will publish its decision in July 2010.

The jury will be composed of members of the scientific community in quantitative Economics in the Ile-de-France Region. The composition of the jury will be determined by the Scientific Council of the Major Research Domain in Economics

### 3.4 Funding Method

The financial support allocated by the DIM must not exceed 50% of the total cost of the event, with a maximum contribution of 10000 €.

The financial support will be granted according to an understanding between the Paris School of Economics acting on behalf of the DIM and the beneficiary.

Only running costs directly linked to the organisation of the event (logistics, room hire, catering, publicity etc.) which have not already been carried out at the announcement date of the current call for projects will be taken into account. If a prize ceremony is planned during the event, part of the support from the DIM can be used to cover the associated expenses. Costs associated with permanent staff are not eligible.

The grant will be paid in two instalments:

- 50% 15 days before the event
- 50% on the presentation of the final budget and report on the event. This latter will specifically note the number of participants and any media coverage of the event.

### 3.5 How to Submit an Application

Application files and any questions regarding the application process are to be sent by e-mail to [event.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu](mailto:event.idf@parisschoolofeconomics.eu), and by post to the following address: Paris School of Economics, 48 Boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France.

The application files should include the reference number: MS2010IDF + Name of the organising institution

Applications to the first session of the current call for projects should be postmarked **20<sup>th</sup> of December 2009** at the latest, and be sent electronically before midnight of the same date.

Applications to the second session of the current call for projects should be postmarked **15<sup>th</sup> of May 2010** at the latest, and be sent electronically before midnight of the same date.

Incomplete application files or those that arrive after the deadline will not be taken into account.