



# CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: PHD FELLOWSHIPS IN GOVERNANCE & POLICY

## DATE

24 March 2019

## NUMBER OF CANDIDATES SOUGHT

Two

## INSTITUTION

International Centre for Reproductive Health- WHO Collaborating Centre on Sexual and Reproductive Health Research

## DEPARTMENT

Department of Public Health and Primary Care

## UNIVERSITY

Ghent University

## PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT

Part-time in April 2019 to develop the PhD funding proposal (non-remunerated). If the proposal is successful, this would be a 4-year, full-time, funded PhD position.



## PROJECT TOPICS

There are two PhD projects available for candidates to select and build on:

(1) How do shifts in the global order impact international, regional, and domestic policy discourse and human health? A comparative study of the impact of the Global Gag Rule in the European and African regions.

(2) Do UN fora influence the regional and local provision of public goods? A case study of the patterns of decision making about, and the facilitators and barriers to the implementation of the 2016-2020 WHO European Region Action Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You have attained all of the following:

- A Masters degree in political science, international relations, law, or other relevant field (master after bachelor, NOT master after master)
  - that was awarded from a university in the European Economic Area or Switzerland, and
  - that was/will be awarded between 1 March 2016 – 30 September 2019.
- Ranked among the top 15% of your fellow students who wrote exams for the same degree (in your Bachelor and Master studies)
- Acquired no more than 18 months of (paid) scientific work experience by 2 May 2019 (excluding internships and thesis that were part of your graduate education)
- Not previously received a dehoussé scholarship (exempted from taxation in Belgium)
- Good oral and written communication in English. Fluency in other languages is an added value.

Candidates with one or more peer-reviewed journal publications related to the research topic will be given priority.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please contact Dr. Katrina Perehudoff ([katrina.perehudoff@ugent.be](mailto:katrina.perehudoff@ugent.be)) for more information about the research projects.

To apply to this Call for Expressions of Interest, please send your motivation letter and cv to [katrina.perehudoff@ugent.be](mailto:katrina.perehudoff@ugent.be), as soon as possible and at the latest by **8 April 2019**. Please clearly indicate in your letter of motivation how you meet each of the eligibility criteria and which project you prefer to work on. Ineligible applicants will not be considered.

Short-listed applicant(s) will be invited to meet the research team (in person or remotely). After being selected, candidates should be prepared to lead the writing of a 5-page research proposal for a PhD Fellowship. Mentorship will be provided by ICRH. Proposals are subject to the approval of the United Nations University (UNU) – Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies. Proposals must be submitted by the May 2, 2019 deadline. The results of the competition will be announced in August 2019.



If awarded, a PhD Fellowship grants recipients a maximum 4 year scholarship to undertake the proposed project under the joint supervision of the International Centre for Reproductive Health at the Ghent University in Ghent and the United Nations University – Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies in Brugge. The start date is 1 October 2019. More information: <https://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/bof/doc>