

PhD position in Economics, specializing in Economics of European integration

The LEM (UMR 9221), a research unit of the Université de Lille invites applications for a **3-years, fully funded PhD position in Economics** with the emphasis on the **economics of European integration starting in September 2021**.

Research

The PhD student will write a PhD thesis on "Assessing the Economic and Social Effects of (Dis)Integration through the Prism of Border Regions." This research will be part of a broader research project on *Regional Winners and Losers of Integration*, aimed at identifying the gains and losses ensuing from economic integration in Europe. The successful candidate will apply modern microeconometrics methods to assess how economic and political (dis)integration has shaped economic wellbeing in the proximity of national borders (both current borders as well as those that used to exist in the past). In particular, the analysis will focus on the impacts of EU enlargements in 2004 and 2007 and the departure of the UK from the EU in 2020 on economic development in the regions alongside borders affected by these changes. The experience of border regions will be used to gain insights on how (dis)integration affects economic development and wellbeing.

Qualifications

- A strong Master's degree in economics or econometrics.
- Sound knowledge of economics and econometrics, especially economics of European integration, economic development, regional economics, and microeconometrics.
- An excellent command of written and spoken English.
- High level of team-spirit and cooperative attitude.
- The research will be carried out in English. Prior knowledge of French is not required.

Experience with econometric software such as STATA, Matlab, or R is an important asset.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The successful candidate is expected to begin his/her assignment in September 2021. The PhD student will work under the conditions of a research contract for a period of 3 years. Salary conditions are in line with the French research system. As an employee of the Université de Lille, the student will enjoy additional benefits, most notably access to University facilities, restaurants, and health insurance. The student will be based in Lille. He/she will participate in the structured doctoral student training program run by the LEM and the Doctoral School SESAM. If necessary, he/she may spend visiting stays in partner universities and research centers.

SUPERVISION OF THE PHD CANDIDATE AND THE RESEARCH TEAM

The PhD student will be supervised by Profs. Jan Fidrmuc and Nicolas Debarsy. The candidate will also benefit from continuous interactions with members of the LEM research unit.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Interested applicants should submit their curriculum vitae, transcripts of marks at undergraduate (Bachelor's) and postgraduate (Master's) level, the names and contact details of two academic referees, sample of previous research work (e.g. Bachelor's or Master's thesis), and a motivation statement explaining the reasons for wishing to undertake a PhD in this area. Please send these to Jan Fidrmuc (jan.fidrmuc@univ-lille.fr). before 1st April 2021.

For further questions please contact Jan Fidrmuc (jan.fidrmuc@univ-lille.fr).