

Three fully funded PhD scholarships in Behavioural Economics

Ghent University – Department of Economics

We are aiming to fill three FWO-funded PhD positions at the Economics Department of Ghent University, Belgium. The PhD positions are fully funded for a period of 4 years, and are research-focused. Successful candidates receive a monthly salary of approximately €2.100 (net), social security benefits, end-of-year and holiday bonus, and travel and computer equipment resources. The starting date is September 1st, 2021, unless agreed otherwise.

The positions concern research in behavioural economics on the determinants and consequences of preferences and beliefs, including individual preferences as well as social interactions. Methodologically, the candidates will make use of economic theory, conduct empirical investigations using survey data, and/or conduct experiments, possibly in combination. The PhD students will become members of the RISL $\alpha\beta$ Centre/Network, and will work under the supervision of Prof. Ferdinand Vieider and Dr. Ranoua Bouchouicha. Candidates will take part in the funded research projects, as well as being able and encouraged to develop their own research agenda (usually with a 50-50 division, though this is subject to discussion on a case by case basis).

Candidates should hold a Master's degree in economics or in a closely related field, or should obtain this degree by the end of the academic year. Successful candidates belong to the top 20% of their class. An additional advanced / research master's degree in economics is an asset. Candidates who do not have a master's degree that was awarded in a country of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland must also submit GRE test scores or GMAT scores (percentile ranking).

Applications should include a CV, a motivation letter, and at least two letters of recommendation. Additional support material on academic performance should also be included. Applications should be emailed to ferdinand.vieider@ugent.be, ideally in one PDF document. Inquiries about the positions and what they entail can also be addressed to the same email address. Applications will be considered as they arrive, and until the positions are filled. The final deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2021.