

PhD position in Economics, specializing in Economics of international migration

The LEM (UMR 9221), a research unit of the University of Lille, invites applications for a **3-years, fully funded Phd position in Economics**, with the emphasis on the **Economics of international migration, starting in September 2022.**

Research

The PhD student will write a PhD thesis on "*From School-to-Work: How the local context and economic restructuring affect the intergenerational transmission of human capital among immigrants*". The successful candidate will apply modern micro-econometric methods. The main objective will be to discuss the channels turning the educational mobility of the descendants of immigrants into professional mobility as well as the quality determinants of this transfer. Special attention will be paid to the analysis of the local context and the economic restructuring of the market e.g. in terms of job polarization at both ends of the qualification scale. The project will also adopt a specific gender perspective related to the analysis of the job expansion patterns. The candidate will implement a comparative analysis at regional but also international levels able to help identify the levers to improve the dynamics of this mobility

Based on French and international data, the doctoral student will pursue the following objectives:

- Describe and identify local disparities in terms of both educational and professional intergenerational mobility (map inequalities of opportunity);
- Understand the disparities in educational mobility observed according to origins, migratory experiences, gender, local conditions, professional and social trajectories of the immigrant parents;
- Understand how industry dynamics generating job polarization influence the educational and professional choices of immigrants and their descendants (also depending on their social origins, local context, gender, etc.).
- Understand whether disparities and their intergenerational transmission differ between migrants and natives;
- Analyze under what circumstances educational mobility translates into professional mobility.

Qualifications

- A Master's degree in economics or econometrics.
- Sound knowledge of economics and econometrics, especially of the economics of migration, international economics, regional economics and micro-econometrics.
- Command of written and spoken English. The research will be carried out in English.
- Knowledge of French will be a valuable asset.
- High level of team-spirit and cooperative attitude.
- Experience with econometric software such as STATA, SAS or R will be an important asset.

Working conditions

The successful candidate is expected to begin his/her assignment in September 2022. The PhD student will work under the conditions of a research contract for 3 years. Salary conditions are in line with the French research system. The student will be based in Lille and will enjoy additional benefits, most notably access to University facilities, restaurants. He/she will participate in the structured doctoral student training program run by the LEM and the Doctoral School SESAM.

Supervision of the PhD Candidate and the Research team

The PhD student will be supervised by Prof.s Nadiya Ukrayinchuk and Simone Moriconi. The candidate will also benefit from continuous interactions with members of the LEM research unit, and in particular of the axis "Economics and Financial Flows".

Application procedure and deadline

Interested applicants should submit:

- their curriculum vitae,
- transcripts of marks at undergraduate (Bachelor's) and postgraduate (Master's) level,
- two letters of recommendation from their academic referees (with their contact details),
- a sample of previous research work (e.g. Bachelor's or Master's thesis),
- a motivation letter explaining the reasons for which he or she wishes to undertake a PhD in this area.

Please send these to Nadiya Ukrayinchuk and Simone Moriconi (nadiya.ukrayinchuk@univ-lille.fr and s.moriconi@ieseg.fr) **before 7th May 2022**.

Key Dates :

- Deadline for sending complete applications: **May 6, 2022, 23h59**
- Pre-selection of application files with an interview: **between 7 and 14 May, 2022**
- Preparation of the candidate for final interview: **between May 15 and June 1, 2022**
- Final interview by the Doctoral School: **June 3rd 2022**