DEMIG/ERC DPhil Studentships

The Determinants of International Migration: a theoretical and empirical assessment of policy, origin and destination effects (DEMIG)

Oxford Department of International Development (QEH), Oxford University

Closing date: 30 September 2010

The International Migration Institute at the University of Oxford seeks to award two DPhil studentships commencing 1 October 2011 for the 'Determinants of International Migration' (DEMIG) research project.

The DEMIG project addresses the question: how do migration policies of receiving and sending states affect the size, direction and nature of international migration?

The DEMIG research project, which is funded by the European Research Council (ERC) through a Starting Grant awarded to Dr Hein de Haas, aims to generate new insights into the way states and policies shape migration processes in their interaction with other receiving *and* sending country migration determinants. This will be done by embedding the systematic empirical analysis of policy effects into a new, comprehensive theoretical framework of the macro- and meso-level forces driving international migration.

The research is built around four theoretical and empirical project components:

- Elaboration of a comprehensive theoretical framework on the multi-level forces driving migration processes – by synthesising separately evolved theories on sending or receiving countries, labour or non-labour, and 'voluntary' and 'forced' migration from various disciplines.
- Review and categorisation of receiving and sending country migration policies, enabling an improved operationalisation of contextual and, particularly, policy variables.
- Empirical tests of hypotheses derived in parts I and II, applying a double comparative, longitudinal design enabling simultaneous tests of the effects of sending and receiving country contextual and policy effects on migration flows.
- Creation of a longitudinal database compiling bilateral (country to country) migration flow and policy data over the 1950–2010 period.

For further information on DEMIG, see www.imi.ox.ac.uk and www.migrationdeterminants.eu.

Two fully funded DPhil studentships are part of the DEMIG project and will be assessed following the eligibility criteria found on the University of Oxford website (http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/application_guide.html). Candidates will be

required to submit a research proposal of minimum three pages that fits within the project's objective in either of these two areas:

- Theoretical contributions to account for the complex interaction of macro- and meso-level determinants of international migration (background in social sciences and experience and strong affinity with migration research and migration theory);
- 2. Methodological contributions for the measurement of migration determinants and the quantification of policy effects on aggregate and bilateral migration flows (background in econometrics or other quantitative social science discipline).

The main supervisor is Dr Hein de Haas. Once selected for the scholarship, potential DPhil students will be required to apply to the DPhil Programme (see http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/courses/dphil) at the Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) by **19 November 2010**. Only after acceptance in ODID's DPhil Programme will the scholarship be officially awarded to the candidates.

The students will join the DEMIG Research Team at the International Migration Institute (IMI) at the Oxford Department of International Development, Oxford University. The DPhil students will be part of the DEMIG team and are expected participate in all its research activities, and their DPhil research will be fully integrated into the overall DEMIG project. IMI is a leading institute that aims to advance the understanding of the multi-level forces driving current and future migration processes. ODID's objective is to conduct high-level research which advances understanding of the complex economic, social and political processes of change in countries in the poorer parts of the world and to educate students to understand these processes in a multi-disciplinary perspective.

The start date for this studentship is **1 October 2011**. By the start of the studentship, the successful candidate should have satisfied all necessary requirements and have been accepted in ODID's DPhil Programme. Applicants for the doctoral programme should have a master's degree in a relevant subject, preferably with distinction, and a first degree in a social science, normally with first-class honours or a 3.8 GPA or equivalent.

The award is tenable for three years to be used by **30 September 2014** and it will cover the full cost of the award-holder's tuition fees and provide an annual maintenance grant, which in 2010/11 was around £11,700 per academic year.

How to apply

Applicants wishing to be considered should meet all requirements needed to study at the Oxford Department of International Development. Please read all details at http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/courses. Please provide the following documents:

- a. A completed application form (provided with this announcement and available at www.migrationdeterminants.eu)
- b. Curriculum vitae

- c. Research proposal
- d. Two separate samples of the applicant's written work, of about 2,000 words each (e.g. undergraduate essays)
- e. Three academic references
- f. Transcript(s) or similar detailed official records of the applicant's academic achievement
- g. For those whose first language is not English, a recent, acceptable certificate of proficiency in English

All documents should be sent **on or before 30 September 2010** to Simona Vezzoli at simona.vezzoli@qeh.ox.ac.uk or:

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Documents b. to e. should be emailed to the above address, the application form (a.) can be completed, scanned and emailed, while documents f. (and g. if applicable) must be mailed via regular post.

Further information

Interviews with shortlisted candidates are likely to take place in the second or third week of October 2010.

For further questions on the application process, administrative or technical issues, please contact Simona Vezzoli (DEMIG Research Assistant) at simona.vezzoli@qeh.ox.ac.uk or at +44 (0)1865 281838.

For further details about the DEMIG project and this opportunity, please contact Dr Hein de Haas at hein.dehaas@qeh.ox.ac.uk or +44 (0)1865 281794.

Location

Oxford, UK.