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Research Manager Fellowship

The Centre for Social Studies (CES) – Associate Laboratory - University of Coimbra (Portugal), opens a call for applications for 1 research manager fellowship (Bolsa de Gestão de Ciência e Tecnologia) in the project “*EXCHANGE* - Forensic Geneticists and the Transnational Exchange of DNA data in the EU: Engaging Science with Social Control, Citizenship and Democracy” (Grant agreement no.: 648608), funded by the European Research Council, and coordinated by Dr. Helena Machado (https://www.ces.uc.pt/investigadores/cv/helena_machado.php).

Link:

CES: http://www.ces.uc.pt/index.php?id_lingua=2

a. Project Description:

EU Law (Prüm Decision, 2008) obliges all Member States to create the conditions for the reciprocal automated searching and comparison of information on DNA data for the purpose of combating cross-border crime, terrorism and illegal immigration. Forensic geneticists play a crucial role in this scenario: they develop the techno-scientific procedures that enable DNA data to be shared across countries. *EXCHANGE* studies the close links between a highly specialised field of expert knowledge – forensic genetics – and surveillance in the EU.

The project’s key objectives are: 1. Provide a general picture of the implementation of the Prüm Decision in the EU; 2. Develop in-depth knowledge of forensic geneticists’ activities relating to Prüm, by resorting to interviews, ethnographic observation and analysis of criminal cases; 3. Understand national positionings in relation to Prüm by means of a comparative study involving the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the UK. *EXCHANGE* stimulates interdisciplinary dialogue between the social sciences and the forensic genetics.

b. Scientific field: Social Sciences (Sociology, Social Studies of Science and Technology, Surveillance Studies).

c. Tasks

The research manager will assist the Exchange team with the financial management and administration of the grant. Tasks include preparing financial reports, assisting in developing communication plans for the project, text editing, reviewing the team’s portfolios, supporting literature research, arranging appointments and support the field-work activities, assistance for



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organising meetings and conferences, maintaining the team's materials in a common cloud storage account and uploading information produced by the team in the project website.

d. Admission requirements and criteria, and their evaluation weighting:

1. Bachelors degree required. Master's Degree preferred (20%);
3. Previous experience in research activities (20%);
4. Proficiency in English (20%);
5. Excellent organizational skills (10%);
6. Excellent written and verbal communication skills (20%);
7. Advanced Excel and EndNote (or similar) skills preferred (10%).

d. Applicable Legislation and Regulations:

Portuguese Law nº 40/2004, of 18 August (Scientific Research Fellow Statute) and successive amendments, FCT's (National Agency for Science and Technology) Regulations for Advanced Training and Qualification of Human Resources 2013 (<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.en>), and Regulations for Fellowships at the Centre for Social Studies (<http://www.ces.uc.pt/oportunidades/documentos/Regulamento de Bolsas CES 2008.pdf>).

f. Work place:

The tasks will be performed at the Centre for Social Studies' facilities.

g. Duration of the fellowship contract:

The fellowship will last 12 months, starting on the 1st of September of 2015. The fellowship contract may be extended for equal or different time periods, for a period of five years.

h. Monthly allowance:

The monthly stipend is 1.250 euros, based on a full-time position (35 hours per week). The payment of the Voluntary Social Insurance and the Personal Accident Insurance adds up to this amount.

i. Selection process:

Applicants will be selected based on their curricular evaluation. The strongest applications will be selected for a short-list that will be evaluated through an interview.

j. Selection panel:

- Helena Machado (President)
- João Paulo Dias (permanent member)
- Tiago Santos Pereira (permanent member)



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k. Results publication:

All candidates will receive the results by email. The meeting minutes of the selection panel will become available publicly.

l. Application deadline:

Open on: 2nd of April 2015
Deadline: 31st of May 2015

m. Application process:

Applications must include:

- a letter of intent/motivation in English;
- the detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- copies of degree certificates and other relevant documents for eligibility purposes (the degree certificate of the qualification must be obtained before the 1st of September 2015).

The applications can be handed personally, at CES' facilities, or sent by postal mail, with stamp due until the final deadline, to the following address, with clear indication of the reference of this call and the name of the applicant:

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