

**ONE YEAR POSTDOCTORAL SOLIDARITY FELLOWSHIP
FOR RESEARCHERS AT RISK
ALL DISCIPLINES**

Application deadline: 30 April 2021

Start date: September 2021

Job Description

The **Université libre de Bruxelles** has created a Solidarity Fund in order to provide support for researchers who no longer have the freedom to pursue their research in their home country, where they are threatened due to the content of their scientific work or to the opinions they have freely expressed.

The Solidarity Fund provides postdoctoral fellowships enabling threatened academics to continue their work at ULB in a climate of academic freedom.

The solidarity fellowship consists in a **one-year** (12 months) **postdoctoral position**, amounting to 42,000 euros gross (approximately 29,000 euros net), plus a discretionary relocation allowance of 2,500 euros net (payable to researchers resident in another country, after their move to Belgium).

The recipients will carry out research in a ULB research centre, supervised by a member of the University's academic staff. They may, if they so wish, take part in teaching activities or any other scientific activities organised on campus.

Qualifications

PhD

Eligibility Requirements

- hold a PhD and occupy (or have occupied) a research position in a university in the home country;
- not have been established for more than 8 years in another country than the country in which the researcher is at risk
- not have obtained their PhD more than 8 years before the fellowship start date;
- be currently at risk in their home country due to the content of their work or to the ideas they have openly expressed;
- not have resided or carried out their main activity in Belgium (work, studies etc.) for more than 24 months during the 36 months immediately preceding the fellowship start date (mobility rule);
- be able to stay in Belgium for a full time at ULB;
- have a good knowledge of written and spoken English and/or French (minimum B2) ;
- at the end of the first year of the grant, current beneficiaries may apply a second time upon favorable advice from the promoter.

Selection requirements

- The scientific quality of the candidate and of the research project
- The dangerous situation to which the candidate is exposed
- The capacity for integration

Interested ?

Applications must be submitted by 30 April 2021.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXGKIG42V6GLAgMq_gKihfj9JXJWFi652CiofkMDZNF7cYA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Applicants must submit the completed online application form and send the following documents by email to solidarityfund@ulb.be

- a confidential application letter describing the researcher's situation (the letter must clearly mention the applicant's administrative situation, whether he/she has a valid passport, whether it is possible for him/her to travel and his/her current location);
- the applicant's CV, including a list of publications;
- a description (approximately 4 pages) of the research project that the applicant will work on at ULB;
- a copy of the applicant's PhD diploma;
- a copy of the applicant's passport;
- the form below, completed by the member of ULB academic staff who would supervise their research;
- two reference letters from scientists working in the same field, including, if possible, one from their PhD supervisor.
- any other document deemed useful to support the application and supporting the risk situation will be useful.

It is required to carry out your research under the supervision of an ULB's academic member whom you should contact before submitting your application.

You will find the list of academics on the following page :

<http://cvchercheurs.ulb.ac.be/Site/repertoireUK.php>

Only complete applications, that include all the items listed above, can be taken into consideration.

Calendar

30 April – deadline for submission of applications

May – selection committee meeting

June – notification by the selection committee

September – fellowship start date.

Should the applicant be offered another position before the results of the ULB call for applications are communicated, he/she will inform ULB immediately, by sending an email to solidarityfund@ulb.be

All documents will be handled with the utmost confidentiality by the selection committee.

For further information, please contact solidarityfund@ulb.be



Assessment of the application – Solidarity Fund– Call 2021

**Form to be completed by the ULB's supervisor and sent to solidarityfund@ulb.be
By the 30th of April 2021, mentioning the candidate's name in the subject of the message.**

Surname, First Name of the candidate:

Surname, First Name of the ULB's supervisor:

Interest of the candidate's research project for the ULB's research team and articulation of the project with the other projects in progress in the research team.

Reception arrangements and integration within the Research Centre. (Provision of an office, members' availabilities of the research centre, association/involvement of the candidate with/in research centre activities...)

Assessment of the candidate's motivation and language skills (French and/or English) following a Skype interview.

Please indicate here any other information you consider relevant for the assessment

For more information, please contact solidarityfund@ulb.be

EURAXESS INFORMATION

Main Research Field : ALL

Required educational level : Phd level in all Degree Fields

Required Languages :

French : Good or English : Good

Required Research Experience : (all fields) : (1-4 years)

Career Stage : R1 First stage researcher & R2 Recognized researcher

Additional information

Minimum B2 level in French **or** English is required.