

EIUC VISITING RESEARCHERS

I. Policy regarding Visiting Researchers at the European Inter-University Centre (EIUC) in Venice

The EIUC already benefits from a wide network of partner universities, in particular within both of its flagship master courses -- the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) and the Master's Degree in Democratic Governance: Human Rights and Democracy in the MENA Region (DE.MA). The participation of partner universities is essential and vital for the proper functioning of EIUC.

A continuous growth of EIUC programmes, projects and activities calls for a creation of a mechanism for Visiting Researchers at EIUC in Venice, as a standard practice at renowned higher education and research institutions. Such an arrangement would enable partner universities to nominate, subject to approval by EIUC, their scholars for a research stay at EIUC in Venice. The regime of Visiting Researchers would, at the same time, allow EIUC to expand its pool of scholars and experts in the area of human rights and democratisation beyond the current network. While residing in Venice, Visiting Researchers would work on their personal/institutional research projects and participate at programmes, projects, research and other activities of EIUC. EIUC Visiting Researches would enhance intellectual and educational synergies at EIUC. They would also increase visibility of EIUC in the wider academic and research community.

EIUC will normally award visiting research fellowships for the period of 1 to 6 months, with a possibility of extension in exceptional cases. The usual number of research fellowships would be 3-4 per year (or 1-2 per semester). This number could be gradually increased, depending on the capacity of facilities at EIUC.

II. Procedure regarding Visiting Researchers at EIUC

1. Visiting Researchers at EIUC

EIUC welcomes applications from researchers specialised in human rights and democratisation for "EIUC Visiting Researchers" to conduct their research at EIUC in Venice. The length of Visiting Researcher fellowships is usually from 1 to 6 months. Visiting Researchers should secure their own funding to finance their stay in Venice. Applications from developing countries are particularly welcome (however, please note that applicants are in charge of their visa procedures, if applicable). Relevant information about EIUC is available at www.eiuc.org.

Visiting Researchers are expected to contribute actively to the intellectual and educational aspects of EIUC activities. In particular, EIUC encourages integration of Visiting Researchers into activities of EIUC, such as the Venice Academy for Human Rights, the Venice School of Human Rights, as well as training seminars and conferences. Whenever possible, Visiting Researchers are encouraged to take part at our reputed

master courses: the European Master's Degree in Human rights and Democratisation (E.MA) and the Master's Degree in Democratic Governance: Human Rights and Democracy in the MENA Region (DE.MA). The contribution of Visiting Researchers can take, for example, the form of offering a guest lecture, sharing their expertise with students, giving presentations at events and co-organising EIUC events.

In the course of a research stay at EIUC, Visiting Researchers are invited to draft a "Working Paper" on a subject of their research, with a possibility to be published in a "EIUC Working Paper series".

2. Benefits

For the purpose of conducting research, EIUC provides the following benefits:

- The use of library, including book loans;
- A reserved table in the library during the research stay;
- Free internet access;
- Free printing, scanning and photocopying;
- If needed, a computer (such a request has to be specified in the application);
- Whenever possible, participation at EIUC events, projects, research activities and programmes;
- A prospect to publish a working paper in the EIUC Working Paper series;
- Upon request, an official invitation letter to assist in administrative procedures.

3. Eligibility

The following persons are eligible to apply for research fellowship at EIUC:

- PhD students;
- Experts with at least 3 years of professional experience in the field in human rights and/or democratisation;
- Post-doctoral scholars;
- Professors and senior researchers.

4. Language Proficiency

A good command of English is a prerequisite in order to facilitate integration into the EIUC community and activities.

5. Application Procedure

Applications for EIUC Visiting Researchers are accepted on a rolling basis and should be sent to the following e-mail address: info@eiuc.org. The application should comprise the following materials:

- Curriculum vitae;
- A short list of selected publications and/or a summary of relevant professional experience;
- A summary of the proposed research project;
- A timeframe of the intended stay (duration and time period);
- A letter of support from an academic or professional institution.

The decision on each prospective candidate will be taken by the EIUC Secretary-General, in consultation with E.MA and DE.MA Programme Directors and, if needed, other experts at EIUC in Venice.

6. Costs

The monthly fee to cover administrative costs of a Visiting Researcher is 200 euros per month, payable by the Visiting Researcher. In exceptional circumstances this fee can be waived (such a request has to be submitted together with the application).