

## Job posting

### Type of position

  

scientific  
administrative

### Target group

  
  

graduates  
post docs  
other

### Title

15 PhD positions for Early Stage Researchers as part of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network "ADAPTED" - Eradicating Poverty: Pathways towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

### Institution

The EJD ADAPTED is a consortium of European Universities, important internationally active European development organisations and think tanks and six African partner universities. Recruiting partners are Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (coordinator), Erasmus University Rotterdam and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands, Boğaziçi University, Turkey, and Centre National de Recherche Scientifique in partnership with Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France. More information about the network and open positions is available at [www.adapted-eu.org](http://www.adapted-eu.org).

### Position

15 PhD positions for Early Stage Researchers linked to the research programme of ADAPTED:

- ESR 1: The Effect of Foreign Direct Investment and Official Development Assistance on Job Creation and Poverty Reduction
- ESR 2: Mining and Poverty – A focus on artisanal mining and on CSR in industrial mining
- ESR 3: Effectiveness of social protection in fighting poverty
- ESR 4: Labour regulation and economic performance in SSA
- ESR 5: Universal health coverage in West Africa
- ESR 6: A political ecology approach in evaluating the development agenda: The cases of Ghana and Kenya
- ESR 7: Costs/benefits of climate policies in the context of informal economies
- ESR 8: An analysis of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of African countries under the Paris climate agreement and how these NDCs relate to SDG1
- ESR 9: Mobilising international law for cross-border tax justice
- ESR 10: The effects of governmentally enforced minimum wages on formal sector employment
- ESR 11: Rights-based social assistance schemes
- ESR 12: Building coherent social protection systems

- ESR 13: Demand for good governance and policy access for the poor
- ESR 14: Neopatrimonialism, pockets of effectiveness and policy making for the poor
- ESR 15: Coalition-building and pro-poor governance reform

**Responsibilities** ESRs will work full-time on their research projects. They will be involved in the ADAPTED research network and benefit from local and network wide training opportunities. They will be hosted at the recruiting university and spend a minimum period of 6 months at the partner university for the award of a joint PhD degree. In addition they will spend secondments for field research supervised by African partner universities and / or secondments with development practice partners (see individual ESR descriptions on the ADAPTED website for details)

**Requirements** Recruiting is in accordance with the European rules of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN regulations for Early Stage Researchers (ESRs). Applicants can be of any nationality but must not have resided or carried out any main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting university for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to being recruited as ESR. In addition, applicants must have less than 4 years of postgraduate research experience at the time of recruitment. Applicants shall demonstrate a proven interest in interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral research as well as a specific interest in the ADAPTED research areas as evidenced by the application documents. The following requirements are to be met: (1) a previous degree (Master or equivalent) from a recognized university which qualifies for doctoral studies, (2) graded at least upper 2nd or equivalent, (3) in a subject relevant for the planned doctoral studies (Economics, Social or Political Science, Law, and related relevant disciplines), proved by submission of degree certificates and transcripts, (4) English language proficiency proof for non-native speakers equivalent to CEFR level C1 (IELTS 7) or above. Specific selection criteria for individual ESR projects are detailed in the respective project description on the ADAPTED website. Please also make yourself familiar with specific offers for ESRs and procedures at the respective recruiting institution. Relevant information is provided in individual ESR offers.

**Application procedure (deadline etc.)**

Please submit your application electronically (one pdf-file) by email to [adapted@rub.de](mailto:adapted@rub.de)  
 Non-extendable deadline for applications is 31.03.2021 at 23:00 pm (GET).  
 Applicants shortlisted for telephone interviews will be notified by 30.04.2021  
 Telephone/video interviews will take place during the first half of May.

All applicants will receive notifications about the results of the ADAPTED selection procedure by 15.05.2021.  
Offer letters will be sent until 15.06.2021.  
The recruitment procedure will close and the EJD programme will start on 01.09.2021.

The following documents have to be submitted (as one pdf-file):

- Motivation letter (max. 2 pages) which includes a statement explaining the interest in the particular ESR project the application is referring to (1st priority ESR). Applicants interested in more than just one ESR project should share this information in the motivation letter by indicating a 2nd and max. 3rd
- Current CV (please use the Europass template)
- Certified copies of relevant university degree certificates and related detailed transcripts of records.
- Recognised English language proficiency certificate (equivalent to CEFR level C1 = TOEFL 94, IELTS 7)
- Short literature review (4-5 pages) linked to the topic of the ESR project which is the 1st priority of the applicant.
- At least two current academic recommendation letters
- Copy of the passport valid at least until the end of 2021. Applicants with two or more nationalities can use just one passport and apply only once.

Please consult the FAQ section of the ADAPTED website in case of any doubts!

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