

## **Brussels Centre for Urban Studies - Call for Visiting Research Fellows**

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The Brussels Centre for Urban Studies (BCUS) is a new interdisciplinary research centre at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) that brings together urban researchers from various disciplines. Its aim is to increase the visibility of VUB urban research and to develop and support research projects in the domain of urban studies. The centre orientation is global, but particular attention is paid to the urban dynamics of Brussels.

### Visiting research fellowships

In order to realize these aims, BCUS offers funding to a limited number of visiting research fellows. Fellowships are non-stipendiary, but travel, accommodation and basic research costs are covered. As such, these fellowships are mainly intended for faculty on leave or sabbatical and for PhD or postdoc researchers that have a salary from their home university or research institute. Fellowship duration is in principle between three and six months, but the exact duration will depend on the preferences and requirements of the applicants.

The objective of these fellowships is to promote exemplary interdisciplinary research in urban studies and to increase the international visibility of urban research at the VUB. Applicants are therefore expected to actively participate in events organized by the BCUS and the relevant VUB research groups. Fellows are also encouraged to organize workshops, develop research projects, contribute to teaching or engage in other activities that are in line with the aims of the BCUS.

### Application process

In order to apply to the BCUS Visiting Research Fellowship scheme, please submit an updated curriculum vitae, a list of publications and a concise statement of the research and activity plan. Prior to submission, applicants must discuss the proposed research with and have the support of at least two VUB research groups in order to ensure the interdisciplinary orientation of the project and fellowship. The project also needs to address at least one of the three central research themes of the BCUS: sustainable urban environments; urban culture and diversity; and governing urban economies. Please see the BCUS website for more information on the VUB research groups and the BCUS research themes: <http://research.vub.ac.be/urban>. The main criteria for selection are (i) the research achievements of the applicant and (ii) the ability of the receiving VUB research groups to benefit from the imported skills and expertise.

The deadline for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. Following notification within a month after this deadline, applicants are expected to start their fellowship between March and December 2015.

Please submit your application package via e-mail to the BCUS coordinators Stefan De Corte ([Stefan.De.Corte@vub.ac.be](mailto:Stefan.De.Corte@vub.ac.be)) and Bas van Heur ([Bas.Van.Heur@vub.ac.be](mailto:Bas.Van.Heur@vub.ac.be)). Please also use these e-mail addresses for any questions concerning the BCUS Visiting Research Fellowship scheme.