



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
AND
EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Cooperation Agreement
EUI-GUEST RESEARCHERS AT THE FRA

PREAMBLE

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the European University Institute (EUI)

Hereafter referred to individually as 'the Party' or collectively as 'the Parties';

Having regard to the Council Regulation No. 168/2007 of 15 February 2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and to the Convention setting up a European University Institute as amended on the 9 December 2005;

Considering the wish of the Parties to provide for regular research stays of EUI researches at the FRA that are in the interest of both parties;

The FRA and the EUI have agreed the present cooperation agreement as follows:

1. Objective

This Agreement has the purpose of defining the conditions and modalities of research stays of EUI researchers at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

2. Eligibility

The regular research stays of EUI researchers at the FRA are open to EUI researchers having the following qualifications:

- 3rd (or exceptionally 2nd) year PhD researchers at the EUI's law department or
- 3rd (or exceptionally 2nd) year PhD researchers at the EUI's SPS (social and political sciences) department

3. Selection Procedure

The procedure leading to the appointment as guest researcher at the FRA is as follows:

1. the FRA lists in the early part of every (calendar) year areas of expertise that will be of most relevance to the FRA in the upcoming (academic) year.
2. after the FRA has identified the mentioned areas of interest, the EUI proposes two researchers for the upcoming academic year who are working on a PhD thesis dealing with one or several areas identified by the FRA. This proposal shall be based – besides the candidate's research focus – on a letter of motivation by the candidate.
3. the EUI submits the names of the proposed candidates together with their CVs and letters of motivation. The FRA approves the proposed guest researchers within a period agreed between FRA and EUI. This approval shall be based on, in addition to the candidate's research focus, the letter of motivation, the candidates CV, also on a telephone interview conducted by the FRA with the candidate.
4. in case of disapproval by the FRA, the EUI proposes alternative candidates as soon as possible.

4. Scholarship and insurance

Guest researchers continue to receive their monthly grant for their PhD studies at the EUI. The FRA is not providing any kind of remuneration or allowances to these guest researchers.

Guest researchers continue to receive their insurance coverage. The FRA is not providing any kind of insurance or related coverage.

5. Length of research stay

The research stay at the FRA lasts usually six months. Two researchers per academic year shall be appointed: Normally, one for the first half of the year, a second one for the second half of the year.

6. Working at the FRA

The FRA is obliged to ensure that the guest researchers:

1. are provided a working place, including computer and telephone
2. are invited to relevant internal meetings and seminars
3. are free to spend a minimum of a third of their research stay on their PhD thesis
4. are provided with the possibility to get involved in FRA daily work similar to FRA trainees
5. receive at the end of their stay a certificate documenting and evaluating their research stay and their activities and contribution to the work of the FRA.

7. Presentation of research

Guest researchers present their research work in an internal seminar at the beginning and at the end of their research stay. While at FRA, guest researchers will have the opportunity to exchange ideas concerning their research with FRA staff.

8. Transparency

Both Parties undertake to implement this Agreement as openly as possible, including the selection and appointment of guest researchers. The agreement shall be published on the websites of the two institutions.

9. Confidentiality

Guest researchers will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality before starting their stay at the FRA.

10. Additional forms of cooperation

Both parties agree that this Agreement is a good basis for additional forms of cooperation in other fields, including mutual invitations to conferences and expert meetings or regular exchange of information on upcoming research and policy activities of mutual concern and relevant research and policy developments.

11. Contact Points

Both parties will nominate main contact persons for the execution of this Agreement.

12. Amendments and supplements

The Parties may amend this Agreement at any time by mutual consent between the Parties. All amendments and supplements must be in writing. Either of the Parties may request consultations with the intention of amending this Agreement.

13. Termination

Either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement in writing with a six-month notice period.

Made in English in two copies

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Signed

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