

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AT LIS AND LISER

Belval Campus, Esch/Alzette, Luxembourg, 2023

The LIS Data Center in Luxembourg (LIS) and the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) offer a Senior Fellowship visiting researchers programme. The programme is targeted at senior researchers willing to stay between 3 and 6 months in Luxembourg at Belval Campus, where LIS and LISER are located alongside the University of Luxembourg. While we are particularly interested in supporting research based on LIS/LWS data around the theme of **Policies to Fight Inequality**, we are open to all areas of research.

CONTEXT

This initiative is in the context of the (LIS)²ER initiative – an institutional collaboration between the LIS Data Center in Luxembourg (LIS) and the Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (LISER). Both institutions are located in the Maison des Sciences Humaines at Belval Campus in Luxembourg.

The collaboration aims to foster collaborative research on **Policies to Fight Inequality**. The Senior Fellowship scheme is one of the instruments in place to this end—alongside a shorter term visiting researchers programme. Our Senior Fellowships programme is aimed at senior researchers.

Visitors will be hosted on LIS or LISER premises and will have privileged access to LIS and LWS microdata on-site in a secure data access lab for the duration of their visit.

We expect Senior Fellows to engage with local researchers at the LISER, LIS and the University of Luxembourg – all based on campus. To facilitate integration, Senior Fellows will be hosted within a research department at the LISER.

RESEARCH AREA

While we invite applicants to propose a research in any topic, the objective of our project is to promote and develop data-driven knowledge about policies to fight inequalities and to deepen our understanding of ‘what works’ in reducing inequalities, building upon almost 40 years of household data from middle-income and rich countries collected in the LIS Data Center.

The current structure of the LIS and LWS Databases, covering a large array of countries over a long-time span (11 countries covered over 4 decades, becoming 24 over the last 3 decades and 31 over the last 2 decades) allows for studying the policy stances over the following domains: taxation (progressivity, income pooling, deductibility); unemployment insurance; social assistance; pension provision; and family benefits.

TIMING

This is an open call. We are happy to consider applications for visits of at least three months (up to six months) from April 2023 onwards (the period mid-July to mid-August is however best avoided).

MAY 2023 – THE (LIS)²ER RESEARCH FESTIVAL

To build up critical mass and maximize interactions and collaboration potential we encourage visits taking place (in full or in part) in May 2023.

To complement regular seminars organized at LISER and the University of Luxembourg, a series of dedicated events will be scheduled in that period.

- A mini-seminar series on Wealth and Inequality will take place with invited lectures scheduled on Wednesdays May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 31
- Internal seminars will be scheduled every Friday to allow visitors to present their research projects and results to the local research community
- The LIS Summer Workshop will be held from May 21–26
- The LIS 40th Anniversary Conference will take place on May 25-26 – the conference will feature presentations by prominent inequality scholars.

FUNDING

The selected visiting fellows will have free access to the research infrastructure (office space (shared), access to LIS/LWS microdata on secure data lab).

A fixed stipend of 3,000 EUR per month will be allocated to cover the costs of the visit. Accommodation will need to be arranged in the private rental market, but we will attempt to support in finding adequate locations.

One return trip to Luxembourg is covered.

CALENDAR

Deadline for submission of proposals: None.

This is an open call. But contact should be made at least 4 months prior to the foreseen visit.

APPLICATION AND CONTACT

If interested or for any information about the call, please email lis2er@lisdatacenter.org or contact Teresa Munzi (munzi@lisdatacenter.org), Petra Sauer (petra.sauer@liser.lu) or Philippe Van Kerm (philippe.vankerm@liser.lu).

THE LIS DATA CENTER IN LUXEMBOURG (LIS) AND THE LUXEMBOURG INSTITUTE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC

By providing access to harmonized household-record data covering numerous rich and middle-income countries, LIS (<http://www.lisdatacenter.org>) has gained reputation as a data provider to researchers on inequality and social policy. Its local group is composed of about 10 staff involved in the preparation of the datasets, in assisting users and in conducting research.

LISER (<http://www.liser.lu>) has established itself as a recognized European-wide research group in the field of inequality and social policy research. LISER is a publicly funded research institute located

in Luxembourg and dedicated to applied empirical research in economic, social and spatial sciences. The Institute hosts three departments (Living Conditions, Labour Market, and Urban Development and Mobility) as well as a Data Management Unit that coordinates the collection of a wide range of survey data on households and individuals. Beyond its established departments, the Institute invests in several interdisciplinary research fields.

The Institute's staff consists of about 180 employees, more than 50% of the staff being researchers, mainly from the fields of economics, sociology, and geography. The working languages at the institute are French and English.

Both institutions have close links with the University of Luxembourg, in particular with the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (<https://www.uni.lu/fhse>), located in the same building.