

Call for Application – Early Career Researchers

Democracy, Governance, Inclusiveness and Trust

Call launch date: 21 December 2023

Deadline for Submission : 20 February 2024, 17:00 (CET)

Description

The contemporary global landscape is confronted with a multitude of unprecedented social, economic, technological, environmental and geopolitical challenges. These include issues such as migration, climate change emergencies, energy crises, armed conflict, political extremism, the erosion of democratic institutions, protest movements, violence, corruption and growing public distrust in governance and expertise. These challenges not only affect the fundamental structures and processes that underpin the cohesion of our societies, but also reverberate through the institutions of democratic governance, particularly in the field of higher education.

These topics could also be investigated through an examination of the role played by heritage in society through different international and national perspectives and value systems. Early studies focused primarily on political and historically defined national boundaries as the main context for creating heritage and forming identities. However, in recent decades, the field of museum and heritage studies has undergone significant growth and diversification, with a focus on a wide range of societal issues. These issues comprise decolonisation, indigenous heritage, repatriation, conflict, contestation, ownership, community engagement, activism, human rights, accessibility, inclusivity, health and wellbeing. This expansion has engendered more nuanced understandings of what constitutes heritage for different groups and how they may attribute particular values to heritage and how this may contribute to fostering a more inclusive democratic context.

The purpose of this call is to invite early career researchers to lay the foundations of a broader research project within Re:ERUA as a trial run addressing the interplay between democracy, governance, inclusiveness and trust, at the heart of both immediate crises and longer-term predicaments. We seek research initiatives that employ a variety of methodological approaches, span multiple disciplines and offer cross-national perspectives, ideally involving a consortium of at least two members of the ERUA Alliance to help us understand the discontent and turbulence affecting many societies. The methodology and values of the project should be in line with our [Charter for Common Research Framework Programme](#). Proposals will be expected to combine knowledge and expertise from the humanities and social sciences, arts, and the technical and/or physical sciences.

Practice-based, action and participatory research will be encouraged, as well as innovative and collaborative approaches across disciplines. At the end of the project, we expect the team of early-career researchers to submit a 25-page mock grant application to the

Scientific Council in line with one of the topics defined within [Horizon Europe's Cluster 2 Culture, Creativity and Inclusive society work programme.](#)

Application requirements and eligibility criteria for Early Career Researchers

The project must involve at least two partner universities within the Alliance among MRU, NBU, RUC, SWPS, UKON, UAEGEAN, ULPGC, UniMC, UP8, Viadrina University

- one Early Career Researcher (R2¹ or R3²) among NBU, UKON, RUC, UAEGEAN or UP8 who will be the Principal Investigator (PI). S.he will be the contact person for the coordinating institution.

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- at least one Early Career Researcher (R1³, R2 or R3) among the following universities: MRU, NBU, RUC, SWPS, UKON, UAEGEAN, ULPGC, UniMC, UP8, Viadrina University.

Profile of the PI

The principal investigator (PI) should be an early career researcher

- with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD
- under a work contract at one of the 5 universities at least from 20 February to 31 August 2024.

Two Fundings:

A maximum of €5,000 will be allotted to each project. This amount is meant to cover mobilities (transport, accommodation), catering, communication needs and the organization of scientific events following the procedures of each coordinating university.

Required documents for application

The principal investigator must provide the following documents for the application process

- all application documents must be submitted in English:
- a 2-page document including the description of the project, its objectives, methodology and outcome
- provisional budget
- a resume

¹ R2: a stage in a researcher's career covering those who have completed their PhDs and are considered a recognised researcher, but are not yet fully independent.

Source: [Research profiles descriptors | EURAXESS - European Union](#)

² R3: established Researcher (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)

³ R1: a stage in a researcher's career up to PhD level that includes individuals doing research under supervision in industry, research institutes or universities.

- a proof of affiliation to one of the partner institutions

Kindly submit the application as a single PDF folder using the format "Application ECR_NAME" to Valeria Manzione (ReERUA Coordinator) : valeria.manzione02@univ-paris8.fr

Results

At the end of the project, the PI will provide a 25-page mock grant application along with any relevant material. The PI will make sure to contact both his or her research support services as well as the national contact point for Cluster 2. The PI could be contacted by the Re:ERUA team to provide some information for dissemination activities.

Timeline of the call

Initial phase:

If you need to find partners, we recommend that you post an ad on the following page: <https://erua-eui.eu/academic-staff/ad-board/> by January 20, 2024

Deadline for submissions: February 20, 2024 (17:00 CET)

The PI will be notified of the results after the selection process and not later than March 1, 2024

Results and kick-off meeting in the form of an online meeting of 1 hour max.: beginning of March

Mock grant application to be submitted at the end of project: August 31, 2024 at the latest.

How to reach us

For any additional information please feel free to contact Valeria Manzione : valeria.manzione02@univ-paris8.fr

Application template

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Application in a PDF using the format "Application ECR_NAME" (2 pages + additional document)

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1. Principal investigator and Collaborators

Please indicate name, university, department, research unit, and position

PI

Collaborators

2. Description of the project

brief description of the overall purpose of the research project and its main research question.

3. objectives

4. Research methodologies developed

5. Outcome

6. Timeline

7. Budget (travelling, accommodation, catering, etc.)