

The UHasselt contributes to the knowledge economy in the Euregion. Active tutoring, made to measure for the students, topquality research in specific domains and an international orientation are our university's characteristics. Owing to its small size, the university and its employees are building up to an organisation together where it is a pleasure to work. Qualities are the only means by which people are measured. Gender, ethnicity, handicap, nationality and age are not taken into consideration.

The Faculty of Business Economics of Hasselt University seeks a (m/f)

PhD student Environmental Economics (2 mandates)

Background

The research group Environmental Economics focuses on economic and sustainability assessments of environmental and energy technologies. Environmental issues are analyzed by extending neoclassical economic tools and principles. Using and developing ecological economic methodologies, environmental problems are addressed in an interdisciplinary way.

The research group Environmental Economics is embedded within the Centre for Environmental Sciences (CMK). The complexity of environmental issues requires multidisciplinary. CMK is a research institute that opts for a well-balanced combination and symbiosis between environmentally related fundamental and applied research.

Task description

The research candidate will collaborate with several experienced researchers, and will work within the European HORIZON 2020 project (SUFISA). The purpose of SUFISA is to identify sustainable practices and policies in the agricultural, fish and food sectors that support the sustainability of primary producers in a context of multi-dimensional policy requirements, market uncertainties and globalisation. The researcher will analyse the impact of market imperfections and policy requirements on the efficiency and performance of farmers. Market power will be investigated using empirical industrial organization research. Moreover, environmental externalities will be integrated in an efficiency approach and cost-based competitiveness indicators will be derived.

Profile

- Good relational, communicative and reporting skills
- Problem solving capacity
- Good knowledge of English
- Can work well in team
- The candidate has research interest
- interest in research for sustainable solutions for agriculture and food production

Diploma

Master in (applied) economics, master in (applied) sciences, or master in (bio)engineering (or equivalent). Final-year students are (likewise) encouraged to apply.

Employment

Scholarship for a period of 2 x 2 years (with evaluation after 2 years).

Further information

Content job responsibilities:

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Content terms of employment and selection procedure:

<http://www.uhasselt.be/jobs>

Application

You can only **apply online** up to and including **25 March 2015**.

Selection procedure

Preselection on the basis of CV. Interview with the selected candidates.



Hasselt University has a long tradition of paying attention to research careers. In recognition of this, the European Commission granted Hasselt University in 2011 as the first Flemish university with the right to use the 'HR Excellence in Research' logo.