

PhD scholarship in Economics at the Department of Business and Economics (SDU)

Topic: The Origins of Creativity: How Human Relations Matter

Applications are invited for a PhD scholarship at the Historical Economics and Development Group (HEDG) at the Department of Business and Economics, University of Southern Denmark in Odense, to be filled as soon as possible.

The Historical Economics and Development Group (HEDG) focuses on growth, development and economic history. Since its establishment in 2011, HEDG has been one of the fastest growing groups within growth, development and economic history and is arguably one of the leading groups in Europe. The work carried out by the group can be described as quantitative, empirical work.

Job description

This PhD position is funded by the Danish Research Council. The project is entitled ‘The Origins of Creativity: How Human Relations Matter’, and the PhD project will use detailed historical data to explore the long-term development, geographic spread, and individual motivations to engage in creative activity, as well as how human interplay relates to these dynamics.

This is a highly relevant topic, because creativity is “driving the economy (...) and stimulating inclusive growth” (OECD, 2014), while creative sectors are seen as “the key ingredient for job creation, innovation and trade” (UNCTAD, 2010). This project aims to improve upon the existing literature by identifying mechanisms and causal effects through novel research designs that exploit various historical settings. It also contributes by constructing and utilizing large databases on creative people and their interactions.

As part of the PhD programme, an individual education programme within the field of Economics has to be completed. You will be expected to complete a six-month stay at a research institution abroad and, over the period of the programme, to acquire experience of teaching or dissemination activities. You are also expected to participate in the various activities at the department and – apart from your stay abroad – to be regularly present at the department.

Information regarding the specific research topic can be obtained from Professor Karol Jan Borowiecki (kjb@sam.sdu.dk), who will be also the PhD supervisor.

Information about the PhD programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences and at the Department of Business and Economics, University of Southern Denmark, is available from www.sdu.dk/sam/phduk and

http://www.sdu.dk/en/om_sdu/institutter_centre/ivoe_virksomhedsledning_og_oekonomi/forskning/phd, respectively.

Further information can be obtained from the department's PhD coordinator Professor Paul Sharp tel.: +45 6550 3239, e-mail: pauls@sam.sdu.dk.

Application, salary, etc.

Your employment as a Salaried PhD Research Fellow is governed by the agreement of October 1, 2008 on Graduate Employees in government appendix 5 – protocol on PhD Research Fellows.

The application form should be accompanied by

1. A detailed curriculum vitae,
2. A transcript of grades obtained in BA and MSc programmes,
3. A motivational letter describing why the applicant is a good match for analysing the topic (The Origins of Creativity: How Human Relations Matter) and how the applicant's skills provide a solid foundation to do so (max. 4 pages including reference list).

When applying for a PhD scholarship, please fill in the application form available on our web page www.sdu.dk/sam/phduk under the section Application forms for enrolment. Here, you will also find guidelines for preparing your project proposal in Economics.

All non-Danish documents must be translated into English.

Applications will be assessed by a committee. When the evaluation committee has submitted its report, the applicant will receive the part of the evaluation that concerns him/her. Applications that are incomplete with regard to the above requirements will not be assessed by the committee. The University encourages all interested persons to apply, regardless of age, gender, religious affiliation or ethnic background. As part of the overall assessment of the applicant's qualifications, an interview may be applied.

Applications must be submitted electronically using the link below. Uploaded files must be in Adobe PDF (unlocked) or Word format.

Deadline 14th of September 2017

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