



International Excellence School (IES)

Application and Management of Competitive Research Projects in the Fields of Education, Humanities and the Social Sciences:

Call for applications

Hosted by Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and British University in Georgia, Tbilisi (Georgia), 26-28 January 2024

The International Excellence School (IES) focuses on the application and management of competitive research projects in the fields of Education, Humanities and the Social Sciences. It aims to provide cutting-edge knowledge on theory, policy and practice about how to develop and write proposals for competitive research projects, how to assess and select the appropriate national or international research funding schemes, get to know and apply best practices in managing research projects and cooperating with partners, conducting effective financial management and monitoring, as well as evaluating research projects.

International and Georgian experts will contribute to the IES as keynote speakers and instructors, coordinating sessions, providing feedback to participants' presentations, facilitating the exchange of knowledge. Participants will get the opportunity to be exposed to best practices, to present their research project plans and get advice from academic experts and peers. The IES will give the opportunity to network with international and Georgian leading scholars, as well as with the other participants.

The IES invites Early Career Academics in the fields of the Education, Humanities and the Social Sciences, who are actively involved in research or are planning to do so. These fields include but are not limited to: Basic Programmes and Qualifications, Pedagogy, Literacy and Numeracy, Teacher Training, Educational Administration, Education Policy, History, Philosophy and Ethics, Literature and Linguistics, Liberal Arts, Digital Humanities, Cultural Heritage Studies, Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Psychology, Sociology, Cultural Studies, Management and Administration.

Early Career Academics are defined as members of academic staff in a higher education institution with maximum 5 years from their PhD completion, or PhD candidates currently conducting their doctoral studies.

The IES aims to select 30 participants. Travelling and accommodation expenses will be covered for 10 Georgian participants from the regions and for 2 international participants.

Attendance is free; meals, coffee and tea will be provided during the three days.

Practical information

When: Friday to Sunday 26-28 January 2024, 10am – 6pm

Language: English

Organisers: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and British University in Georgia with the support of UCL University College London.

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Venue: Tbilisi, Georgia

Email: internationalisation_georgia@savvybusiness.eu

How to Apply

Interested Early Career Academics should submit a 500-word project idea paper including

- 1) relevance of the research and objectives;
- 2) short literature review and analytical framework;
- 3) methodology; 4) expected results;
- 5) academic and societal impact;
- 6) budget and other resources needed for the research project. Envisaged funders and specific funding schemes may be indicated.

Name, title, position, affiliation, residence address, email address should be provided. PhD holders should specify the date of completion of their doctoral studies and the higher education institution that awarded the degree. PhD candidates should indicate the starting date and the higher education institution where they are conducting their doctoral studies.

Applications, in a single Word or PDF file, must be sent by email to:
internationalisation_georgia@savvybusiness.eu

Important Dates

Application deadline: Tuesday 28 November 2023, 12pm GMT

Notification of acceptance: 11 December 2023

Event: Friday to Sunday 26-28 January 2024

For inquiries and further information: internationalisation_georgia@savvybusiness.eu

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