



## Position of an experienced researcher is available at TNS Opinion

### Job-Announcement

**1 Experienced Researcher Position within Marie Curie Initial Training Network in Electoral Democracy (ELECDEM) is available from 1 April, 2010 at TNS Opinion, Brussels**

### Job Description

We invite applications for one 1-year research post for an experienced researcher as part of a Marie Curie Initial Training Network in Electoral Democracy (ELECDEM), funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme.

ELECDEM brings together 11 expert teams from 9 European countries to provide substantive and methodological training in voting behaviour and elections research to a cohort of early stage and experienced researchers. In total, there are 18 research positions available including the one hosted at TNS. The objective of the network and associated projects is to evaluate the functioning of democracies in the context of globalisation and technological and institutional change.

One research project **Social and Economic Well Being** will be hosted at TNS Opinion ([www.tns-opinion.com](http://www.tns-opinion.com)). TNS opinion specialises in coordinating multinational opinion surveys with over 30 years' coordination experience, including running Eurobarometer. Based in Brussels, TNS Opinion has a dynamic and international team, whose expertise covers all aspects of multinational polling: from designing research solutions to meet clients' needs, through managing fieldwork, to producing tailored and insightful analysis.

### The objectives of this project are:

- Develop a European social and economic wellbeing index based on existing indicators in Eurobarometer data
- Identify and develop new indicators for future use in cross-national surveys

TNS is seeking 1 experienced researcher to undertake project management, data analysis tasks, theoretical development and report writing related to this project in the process of developing his/her post-doctoral professional career.

The researcher will be employed by TNS Opinion and in addition to his/her salary will receive mobility and training allowances. The researcher will join an active team of international researchers at TNS. Cooperation with other think-tanks, academic institutions and/or universities within the ELECDEM network is required. Further information on ELECDEM and planned workshops and events can be found at <http://huss.exeter.ac.uk/politics/electdem/>.

### **Main duties and accountabilities:**

- Undertake original research on specified topic.
- Complete project report within 1 year and an additional research paper.
- Undertake research skills training.
- Contribute independently to ELECDEM training network, including supervision of young researchers on secondments to TNS
- Contribute independently to research and project management activities at TNS
- Participate in network conferences and workshops.

This job description summarises the main duties and accountabilities of the post and is not comprehensive: the post-holder may be required to undertake other duties of similar level and responsibility.

### **Person specification**

- To qualify as an Experienced Researcher applicants must: 1) be in possession of a doctoral degree or 2) have at least 4 years of full time research experience after obtaining the degree formally entitling them to embark on a doctorate in the country in which the degree was obtained, or in the country in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying for is located. Research experience may not exceed 5 (full time) years at the time of appointment.
- An applicant cannot be a national of the State in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying for is located. In the case of an applicant holding more than one nationality, he/she will be able to be hosted by a partner in the country of his/her nationality in which (s)he has not resided during the previous 5 years.
- At the time of appointment, the successful applicant may not have resided or carried out his/her main professional activities or studies in the country of the appointing partner for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to his/her appointment.
- Further details on eligibility requirements can be found at [http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mariecurie/application\\_info/guides/2008/080404\\_itn\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mariecurie/application_info/guides/2008/080404_itn_guide.pdf).

### **Informal enquiries**

Before submitting an application you may wish to discuss the post further by contacting Nina Liljeqvist by tel: +32 2 66 118 66, fax: +32 2 66 118 67 or email: [nina.liljeqvist@tns-opinion.com](mailto:nina.liljeqvist@tns-opinion.com). For more details about the network please contact Professor Susan Banducci, ELECDEM Coordinator, tel: +44 (0) 1392 723170 or email [s.a.banducci@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.banducci@exeter.ac.uk).

### **Appointment and salary**

The candidate for this position will be offered a temporary contract for a period of 1 year, without possibility for extension. The gross salary for a fulltime position is €53,000/year (plus allowances, approx. €500 for mobility and €600 training per month). The conditions are as specified for FP7 Marie Curie Experienced Researchers and allowances are variable dependent upon country of origin and family status.

### **Job application**

Applications must be received by 1 March 2010. However, applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Expected start date is 1 April 2010.

**Documents required for application:**

- An application letter, explaining motivation and sustainability for a research project which will be conducted (maximum 1 page).
- Curriculum Vitae including list of professional experiences, list of publications.
- Project proposal for the research (maximum 2 pages)
- Letters of recommendation will be requested if necessary.
  
- **All materials must be in English.**

**Application documents must be sent by mail to the following address:**

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