

## EUTOPIA-SIF Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Call for applications 2021/2022

### OFFER DESCRIPTION

Are you interested in spending 2 years as a post-doc on a research project on philanthropy at ESSEC Business School, partner of the EUTOPIA European University? [ESSEC Business School](#) and its [ESSEC Philanthropy Chair](#) invite one or several candidates of any nationality to apply with a research project for the EUTOPIA-SIF Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

The EUTOPIA Science and Innovation Fellowships Program ([EUTOPIA-SIF](#)) is co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 945380.

**Starting in September 2022**, selected fellows will be awarded a post-doctoral position for **24 months** at ESSEC Business School. They will be co-hosted by a second EUTOPIA university for a secondment period in a university of their choice among the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the University of Gothenburg, the University of Ljubljana, the University Pompeu Fabra and the University of Warwick, with attractive salaries and an additional budget for research and travel expenses.

### RESEARCH AREAS

Applications are welcome on any topic that matches the [ESSEC Philanthropy Chair's research agenda](#) (and EUTOPIA-SIF "Welfare and Inclusion" key research area), structured around two main themes:

- ***understanding philanthropy*** (its past, present, and future)
- ***enhancing philanthropy's impact*** (strategies, impact evaluation, policy implications)

Our research is rooted in organization and management theory as well as in social science more broadly (history, sociology, social psychology). In the early years of the Chair, we explored overlooked phenomena such as the institutionalization of corporate philanthropy and the rise of family philanthropy in France. We expanded our research to analyze "hybrid" philanthropic practices combining multiple models, such as impact investing, crowdfunding, and foundation-owned companies. We also participate in collective efforts to compare philanthropy across different European countries.

To summarize, the Chair's research projects span the following themes:

- French and transnational philanthropy
- Corporate philanthropy
- Family philanthropy
- Motivations and drivers for giving
- Strategies for philanthropy
- The impact of philanthropy
- Philanthropy and climate

- Cross-sector partnerships
- Hybrid organizations
- New frontiers of giving

We therefore ask you to consider this opportunity for yourself and/or to pass it on to colleagues to whom this call might be of interest.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The call opened on 20 September 2021 and will close on **10 January 2022, 13:00 CET.**

Proposals for the EUTOPIA-SIF program **must be submitted online**, via the dedicated application platform <https://eutopia.smapply.io/>, choosing **EUTOPIA Science & Innovation Fellowship COFUND Program**. Once you have registered and logged into the system, the application can be edited until submission.

For more information on the application requirements, procedures and call-related details, please refer to the Guide for Applicants, available on the EUTOPIA-SIF program website (<https://eutopia-university.eu/sif-fellowships-second-call/>)

Contact email: [eutopia-sif-coordination@cyu.fr](mailto:eutopia-sif-coordination@cyu.fr)

For specific questions about the ESSEC Philanthropy Chair and its research program, please contact Arthur Gautier, Professor & Executive Director: [gautierart@essec.edu](mailto:gautierart@essec.edu)

**Two information webinars** are planned on 6 October 2021 (13:30 CET) and on 17 November 2021 (13:30 CET). Register on this page <https://eutopia-university.eu/sif-fellowships-second-call/>

## BENEFITS

Appointment conditions of researchers:

- 2-year employment contract as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND fellow.
- Full academic freedom to pursue your research project in the state-of-the-art infrastructures of EUTOPIA research centers and in a stimulating interdisciplinary and international academic community.
- International and intersectoral mobility.
- Extensive training program including transferable skills development, such as academic leadership, and active career mentoring by senior academic supervisors.
- Attractive living conditions and high quality of life offered by the local environments of all EUTOPIA universities. Each university will actively support fellows and their families for mobility-related queries.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Please read carefully the information provided below and in the Guide for applicants to be found on the official website (<https://eutopia-university.eu/sif-fellowships-second-call/>)

The eligibility criteria must be fulfilled at the time of the call deadline. If it becomes clear before, during or after the evaluation phase that one or more of the eligibility criteria have not been fulfilled, the proposal will be declared ineligible and it will be withdrawn:

- Holding a PhD or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- Not having a permanent research position.

- Not to have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in FRANCE for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the date of appointment (September 2022). The mobility rule need not apply to hosts of secondments.
- Researchers from any nationality may apply.
- To indicate one or more of the program's Key Research Areas to characterize their project.
- Formal proposal criteria:
  - Completeness of application submitted before the deadline using the application platform, including all required support documents in compliance with the page limits and other specifications.
  - Application submitted in English.
  - Only one application per call and per fellow.

### **ABOUT ESSEC BUSINESS SCHOOL**

The host institution, ESSEC Business School, is a French Grande École situated in the Paris area consistently ranked as one of the best business schools in Europe (FT, The Economist, QS...). The professional environment is composed of 140 international professor-researchers hailing from some of the most prestigious institutions worldwide, 70 doctoral students, a continuous flow of prestigious visiting scholars (30 per year) for instance with the Fulbright Program. ESSEC has developed a strong partnership with CY Cergy Paris University and participates in joined projects within the EUTOPIA Network.

ESSEC is vigorously engaged in developing business research: over 980 articles and works published during the last 5 years. Networking opportunities are broad: 80% of articles are published with co-authors from another institution, 87% are produced by more than one author. In 2019, ESSEC professors participated in 200 international conferences. Researchers are recognized experts as indicated by the large number of academic awards: 17 prizes and awards in 2019/2020. Work with the Asia-Pacific campus has also proved extremely helpful in developing research awareness on issues of interest to Asian partners. Finally, ESSEC is now attracting more and more postdoctoral fellows. The Research Center has endorsed the HRS4R Charter & Code and is implementing a Gender Equality Plan.

### **ABOUT THE ESSEC PHILANTHROPY CHAIR**

The ESSEC Philanthropy Chair is a research team whose members aim to strengthen the social impact of individual donors, corporate donors, foundations and impact investors. We do this by producing and sharing research about philanthropy, primarily in France and Europe. Founded in January 2011 at ESSEC Business School, the Chair publishes high-level academic and applied research and plays an active role in developing a European research network on philanthropy and spreading knowledge to practitioners and ESSEC students.

The Chair's team is composed of:

- Anne-Claire Pache, Chaired Professor
- Arthur Gautier, Professor and Executive Director
- Anne Monier, Research Fellow
- Gaétane Marchand, Project Manager
- Gwenda Haikal, Assistant