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IRISS-C/I GRANTS FOR VISITING RESEARCHERS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

11th IRISS-C/I call for research proposals from the EU and Associated States supported by the RESEARCH DG of the European Commission and the Ministry for Culture, Higher Education and Research of Luxembourg.

CEPS/INSTEAD announces its 11th call for research proposals under the IRISS project.

CEPS/INSTEAD has been recognised as a Major Research Infrastructure under the European programme "Improving Human Potential and the Socio-economic Knowledge Base" under which IRISS research grants are offered. The aim of IRISS project is to foster the mobility of European researchers in the socio-economic sciences by **offering access to the local research facilities and archive of data.**

WHAT IS OFFERED

Since 1998, the IRISS-C/I fellowships offer European researchers (both junior and senior) **the opportunity to spend time carrying out their own research** using the CEPS/INSTEAD infrastructure. The grants cover **travel expenses** and **on-site accommodation**, and include a **stipend of 30 EUR/day** for living expenses. The duration of IRISS-C/I fellowships may vary between 2 to 12 weeks, depending on the nature of the research project.

During their stay, visitors are granted free access to the CEPS/INSTEAD **archive of micro-data** (including the European Community Household Panel and the Panel Comparability (PACO) project data) and to the relevant data documentation. They are assigned an office (shared or single) and have access to a personal computer for office applications (i.e. word-processing, E-Mail...) and to a powerful computation server that acts as host for the data archive and supports an array of commercial statistical software packages including Stata 7.0, SPSS 10.1, SAS 8, Gauss, Limdep 7.0, Matlab 6, as well as open-source solutions including R and TDA.

Towards the end of their stay, IRISS-C/I fellows are invited to present their research results at a CEPS/INSTEAD seminar. In addition, they may make a brief presentation of their proposed research project at the start of their IRISS-C/I fellowship (e.g., to discuss methodology, data issues related to the proposed project), if they so desire.

The results of any research carried out either wholly or in part during the IRISS-C/I fellowship should appear in the IRISS-C/I Working Papers Series before publication.

Research grants may be provided either to **individual researchers** or to **groups of several researchers working on a joint project**. Collaborative projects with resident researchers are welcome.

TOPIC

IRISS-C/I promotes topical, problem-oriented research in economics and the social sciences based on micro-data. Researchers interested in (internationally) comparative research are particularly encouraged to apply.

The CEPS/INSTEAD data archive to which IRISS-C/I fellows are granted access offers opportunities to carry out research in the following fields:

- survey and panel data methodology,
- income distribution and welfare,
- income and poverty dynamics,
- child well-being/poverty,
- multi-dimensional indicators of poverty and deprivation,
- gender, ethnic and social inequality,
- family and household budgets,
- labour markets,
- unemployment,
- segmentation of labour markets,
- education and training,
- social protection and redistributive policies,
- family structures and change,
- child care,
- intergenerational relations, effects of family-related policies,
- regional development and structural change.

Research proposals on any of these topics are welcome.

For the present call, we also encourage applications on the following two topics:

- **Immigration and geographical mobility**
- **The social and economic impact of ageing populations**

Joint projects are particularly encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications electronically using the IRISS online application form at <http://www.ceps.lu/iriss/> (follow 'Call for Applications'). A brief curriculum vitae and the description of the research project must be provided, preferably in PDF, PS or DOC format. (If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact iriss@ceps.lu directly.)

WHO MAY APPLY?

All nationals from the EU and Associated States conducting research in an Institution within the EU or Associated States.*

DEADLINE

The deadline for this call for proposals is **September the 15th 2002**. Note however that research proposals covering any topics defined by the IRISS-C/I research programme (see *infra*) **are accepted all year round without any deadline restriction**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Each proposal will be assessed by a panel of evaluators on the basis of two criteria:

- the scientific quality of the project (scientific/technical interest, methodological approach, cohesion/structure/clarity, potential for academic publication); and
- the appropriateness of host institution for the research project (data availability, resident or visiting research fellows with research interests in field of proposed project).

Research proposals with a comparative dimension (cross-national and/or inter-temporal) are particularly welcome.

Applicants are normally informed of the result of the evaluation within 4-8 weeks after the submission of their proposal. If the User Selection Panel rejects a proposal, it will indicate the reasons for the rejection and possibly make suggestions for a revised proposal.

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Interested candidates who are not from Europe may visit the IRISS-C/I research infrastructure under a separate visiting scholars' programme. Decisions on access to the IRISS-C/I research infrastructure will be made on a case by case basis. Interested candidates should directly contact the IRISS-C/I Project Manager (Antoine.Haag@ceps.lu).