

## Brussels Centre for Urban Studies - Call for Visiting Research Fellows 2019

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The Brussels Centre for Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary research centre at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) that brings together urban researchers from various disciplines. Its aim is to increase the visibility of VUB urban research and to develop and support research projects in the domain of urban studies. The centre orientation is global, but particular attention is paid to the urban dynamics of Brussels.

### Visiting research fellowships

In order to achieve these aims, the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies offers funding to a limited number of visiting research fellows. Fellowships are non-stipendiary, but travel and accommodation costs are covered. As such, these fellowships are mainly intended for faculty on leave or sabbatical and for advanced PhD or postdoc researchers who have a salary from their home university or research institute. In principle, the fellowship duration is three months but the exact period will depend on the preferences of the applicant and the VUB hosting research group(s).

The objective of these fellowships is to promote exemplary interdisciplinary research in urban studies and to increase the international visibility of urban research at the VUB. Applicants are therefore expected to actively participate in events organized by the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies and the relevant VUB research groups. Fellows are encouraged to organize workshops, develop research projects, contribute to teaching or engage in other activities that are in line with the aims of the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies. Fellows are provided with a shared office at the hosting group(s) as well as internet and library access. All fellows are expected to submit a brief report (referred to as the "Urban Traces" report) at the end of their fellowship period for publication on the Centre website.

### Application process

In order to apply to the Visiting Research Fellowship scheme of the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies, applicants should submit an updated curriculum vitae, a list of publications and a concise statement of the research and activity plan. The deadline for applications is **5 September 2018**. Fellowship applications need to be submitted via e-mail to Elena Solonina (esolonin@vub.be) Following notification within six weeks after this deadline, applicants are expected to start their fellowship between January and December 2019.

The fellow must in principle be supported by two VUB research groups in order to ensure the interdisciplinary orientation of the fellowship. This support needs to be indicated on the Application Form. Fellowship projects also need to address at least one of the three central research themes of the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies: sustainable urban environments; urban cultures and diversity; and governing urban economies. Please see the Centre website for more information on these themes: <http://research.vub.ac.be/urban>.