

Job - PhD position within the EIPIN Innovation Society ITN/EJD Marie Skłodowska-Curie project, University of Strasbourg / CEIPI



Job expires on 29 March 2017, 23.59 CET

PhD position

Specifications

Location	University of Strasbourg (CEIPI), 4 rue Blaise Pascal, 67000 Strasbourg, France
Function types	PhD position
Scientific fields	Law, Economics, Management, Political and Social Sciences
Hours	37.30 hours per week
Salary	2 870 € - 3 230 €
Education	University Graduate
Job number	EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 14
Translations	en
About employer	University of Strasbourg CEIPI
Short link	http://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org/People/vacancies

Job description

EIPIN Innovation Society is a comprehensive project at the forefront of multidisciplinary research, examining the role of intellectual property (IP) as a complex adaptive system in innovation. The ambition is to enhance Europe's capacity to foster innovation-based sustainable economic growth globally. The primary research objective of the programme is to provide political leaders and stakeholders reliable conclusions and recommendations in the form of doctoral IP research on how to deal with the adaptive complexities of innovation cycles that secure economic benefits and uphold justice in the innovation society.

Fifteen Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs) are trained to present their research findings on a number of topics of great societal interest, and to guide inventors and entrepreneurs through the lifecycle of IP-intensive assets that takes human creativity into the marketplace. The research and training programme provides for an unprecedented environment for ESRs that aims at educating a new generation of professionals and academic researchers who are properly equipped to face these challenges of fostering

innovation-based growth. It consists of a research and a training part, which are closely connected and mutually inform each other.

The involvement of industry associations representing numerous undertakings provides great access to non-academic actors. The ESR positions are open to candidates from all domains of sciences, providing a solid foundation for cross-cutting research in the area of innovation policies, while overcoming a traditional separation of disciplines.

The EIPIN Innovation programme, coordinated by Maastricht University, is a **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network project**, funded by the European Union. This project sets up a European Joint Doctorate programme which will lead to the conferral of joint and double doctoral degrees from two of the five participating universities. These Universities are:

- Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, University of London (QMUL)
- Magister Lvcentinvs, University of Alicante
- Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management (IPKM), Maastricht University
- Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), University of Strasbourg
- Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), University of Augsburg

In total, 15 PhD projects are part of the programme, each investigating different, as yet under-explored aspects of the adaptive complexities of innovation cycles. For more information, see <http://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org/>

In the framework of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN/EJD project EIPIN Innovation Society, the University of Strasbourg / CEIPI is recruiting a PhD researcher for a period of three years.

The research project concerns: **ESR 14 - Innovation and justice: Constructing just and efficient court systems**

Supervisor 1: Prof. Christophe Geiger (University of Strasbourg/CEIPI)

Supervisor 2: Prof. Uma Suthersanen (QMUL)

Co-supervisor: Dr. Pilar Montero (University of Alicante)

Upon successful completion of his research, ESR 14 will receive a joint doctoral degree of the University of Strasbourg and of Queen Mary University of London.

Project Description:

The objective of this research project is to conduct a comparative study of the organisation of different court systems (general (e.g., CJEU) / specialized (e.g., UPC), and national/regional) adjudicating disputes in all major areas of intellectual property of selected countries/regions. The ESR is expected to examine strategic aspects of patent

litigation, in particular the choice between general vs. specialized jurisdictions. The ESR may in particular need to analyse impact of the architecture of the court system on the delivery of justice in the field of creativity and innovation on all stages of life-cycle of intellectual property-intensive products. Expected outcomes of the research are: (1) models showing relations between different organisations of courts, their functioning and court decisions in cases involving intellectual property; (2) policy-oriented recommendations on the organisation of just and efficient court systems for supporting creativity and innovation. Prospective candidates are expected to submit research proposals elaborating their research plans within the provided general research objectives.

International mobility plan

ESR	Primary - Institution	Fellow months in Primary institution	Secondary Institution	Fellow months in Secondary institution	Secondment Entity	Fellow months in Secondment institution
14	CEIPI	24	QMUL	6	EUIPO	3
					EPI	3

Requirements

- A relevant Master’s degree or equivalent in law, the humanities or social sciences;
- A demonstrable affinity with intellectual property law;
- The ability to speak, read and write in English;
- High scholarly abilities, as testified by your previous academic record, particularly by the quality of your masters-level thesis;
- Be highly motivated;
- Creativity and high level of independency;
- Experience in conducting research;
- Strong analytical capacity;
- Good organisational skills;
- Affinity with work in an interdisciplinary and highly international environment;
- Willingness and proven ability to work in a team;
- Willingness to relocate to Strasbourg.
- In light of the mobility requirements set by the European Commission for this project, at the time of recruitment by the host organisation, you may NOT have resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to taking up the position. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

Example: Dutch nationals can be eligible for recruitment at a University located in the Netherlands if they have resided or carried out their main activity outside of the Netherlands for more than 24 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their recruitment.

- Candidates must fulfil the definition of an Early-Stage Researcher set by the European Commission: ESRs shall, at the time of recruitment by the host organization, be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research career and not yet have been awarded a doctoral degree. Full-

time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the researcher is recruited. Part-time research experience will be counted pro-rata.

- It is the policy of the EIPIN Innovation Society project to promote equal opportunities between men and women and stimulate gender balance.
- Members of ethnic minority groups and disabled people are explicitly invited to apply.

Conditions of employment

We offer a 3 year full-time PhD contract. You will be employed by the University of Strasbourg.

The full-time gross monthly salary amounts to ~2 870 € (without family allowance), increasing to ~3 230 € (with family allowance); on top of this the employee will benefit of 42 days of paid holidays by year and 9.5 days of work as ARTT (Aménagement et réduction du temps de travail).

The salary and terms of employment for this position will correspond to the provisions set out by the University of Strasbourg and to the provisions of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

We offer a dynamic and challenging job in an internationally-oriented organisation where young people receive an advanced education and scholars conduct exciting research.

You will participate in the research training sessions in the framework of the EIPIN Innovation Society ITN/EJD Marie Skłodowska-Curie project.

You will be provided with shared office space and a PC.

Contract type: Temporary. We offer a 3 year full-time PhD contract.

Organisation

The University of Strasbourg (UNISTRA) is one of the largest universities in France, with nearly 46000 students (including 19,5% of international students) and over 2750 researchers. The University also offers access to 25 modern languages, multinational diplomas, jointly supervised doctorates, upholding renowned international postgraduate schools and student exchange agreements. The scale of research activity at Strasbourg is substantial, involving a European Doctoral College, 10 doctoral schools and 78 research units. The Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) is a constituent part of the University of Strasbourg devoted to research and training in the domain of intellectual property. CEIPI faculty is composed of almost 400 academics and practicing attorneys in 22 countries and 41 cities in Europe. For 50 years, CEIPI has been training nearly 42 000 professionals and students in the intellectual property field.

How to apply?

Send your application by e-mail before 29 March 2017, 23:59 CET, to: info@eipin-innovationsociety.org. Please mention the vacancy number and EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 14.

The following documents must be submitted with your application:

- (a) Application form, including a research proposal, available on [EIPIN Innovation Society website](#);
- (b) Written documentation concerning prior education, including a certified copy of your Master certificate and list of grades (with certified translation for languages other than English, Dutch, German, Spanish or French);
- (c) Evidence on English proficiency (native speaker, having completed a master in the English language, the Academic IELTS certificate with a minimum score of 7, or an internet-based TOEFL certificate with a minimum score of 95);
- (d) A personal letter of motivation, indicating why you wish to conduct this research project offered by the University of Strasbourg, and why you expect that you will be able to complete the programme successfully;
- (e) A detailed curriculum vitae, including – if applicable – relevant publications;
- (f) Two references from academic referees, using the form available on [EIPIN Innovation Society website](#);
- (g) A substantial piece of writing in English, such as a (draft) master thesis.

Selection procedure

What?	When?
Deadline for submission applications	29 March 2017, 23:59 CET
Candidates pre-selected for interviews will be informed	14 April 2017
Selection interviews (candidates may be asked to give a short presentation on the influence of intellectual property on innovation)	15 – 17 May 2017, in Alicante, Spain
Successful candidates will be informed	Last week of May 2017
Acceptance by successful candidates	12 June 2017
Start of employment	1 September 2017

Selection criteria

Criteria	Rate
Relevant academic background (including the quality of the substantial piece of writing)	0-30
Motivation statement	0-10
Relevant publications/work experience	0-15
Draft project proposal, including timeline	0-30
Mobility (during Bachelor and/or Master)	0-5
Evaluation by referees	0-10



Information

For questions related to the research topic, please contact Prof. Christophe Geiger, ceipi-directionlabo@ceipi.edu.

For all other questions, please use the following email address, clearly indicating the vacancy number and EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 14: info@eipin-innovationsociety.org