



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



Application procedure expires on 29 March 2017, 23.59 CET

### PhD position

#### Specifications

<b>Location</b>	University of Alicante (SPAIN)
<b>Function types</b>	<a href="#">PhD positions</a>
<b>Scientific fields</b>	<a href="#">Humanities or social sciences, legal studies</a>
<b>Hours</b>	37.5 hours per week (in annual calculation)
<b>Salary</b>	See below under <i>CONDITIONS</i>
<b>Education</b>	University Graduate
<b>Job number</b>	EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 4
<b>Translations</b>	<a href="#">en</a>
<b>About employer</b>	<a href="https://web.ua.es/es/welcome.html">https://web.ua.es/es/welcome.html</a>
<b>Short link</b>	<a href="http://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org/People/vacancies">http://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org/People/vacancies</a>

#### 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 (UA)
- 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 ALICANTE is recruiting a PhD researcher for a period of three years.

The research project concerns: **ESR 4 - Geographical indications: a spurring or hampering device for innovation in agricultural products?**

*Supervisor 1: Prof. Pilar Montero (University of Alicante)*

*Supervisor 2: Prof. Anselm Kamperman Sanders (University of Maastricht)*

*Co-supervisor: Dr. Anke Moerland (University of Maastricht)*

### **Project Description:**

To assess the nature and purpose of the GI system, in particular the methods of production of GI-intensive products, in light of fostering innovation in business and marketing processes; to identify its interconnections with (traditional) knowledge.

Present new ideas on GIs transcending the mere 'trade mark' nature and functioning more as a 'patent' vehicle (fostering investment in competitive communities); recommendations for reform of the system of GIs in order to increase its incentive function.

"Protected Geographical Indications" are Intellectual Property rights that help protect and promote products with particular characteristics linked to their geographical origin and their quality. Those Intellectual Property Rights are currently undergoing significant changes



because of the modifications of all the European Union regulations related to Protected Geographical Indications and Protected Designation of Origin, the Review of the Lisbon System at the international level, and also because of the influence of other different systems of protection outside Europe. These facts demonstrate the importance to assess the nature and purpose of the Geographical Indication system, in particular the methods of production, in order to highlight the differences between all the Intellectual Property Rights addresses to protect the quality of the products. In this study it's important to focus on the advantages of this intellectual property rights for producers, in order to analyse if this is an appropriate system to protect "traditional knowledge" and encourage innovation in the elaboration process of the products. The proposal to extend this system to other types of products can represent a big step in this research purpose. The in depth study of the Geographical Indication system and the contrast between other certification systems can be very useful in order to appreciate the differences between each Intellectual Property Right system and analyse the possibility to make recommendations for reform of the GIS system in order to try to increase the innovative function.

### 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
4	UA	24	UM	6	oriGIn	6

### Requirements

- A relevant Master's degree (or equivalent) in law, the humanities or social sciences, or sciences relevant for the individual research topics, such as pharmacology, nanotechnology, agricultural;
- 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;
- In light of the mobility requirements set by the European Commission for this project, at the time of recruitment by the host organization, you may NOT have resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in SPAIN 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: Spanish nationals can be eligible for recruitment at a University located in Spain if they have resided or carried out their main activity outside of Spain 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. The first year will be a probation period, after a positive assessment the position will be extended with another 2 years. You will be employed by the Faculty of Law.

The full-time gross monthly salary amounts to € 2.081,05 (plus mobility bonus and bonus according to family charges), with 2 extra payments per year.

The salary and terms of employment for this position will correspond to the provisions set out in the Statute of Workers' Rights, in the Science Law (*Ley 14/2011*) and in the provisions of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

We offer a dynamic and challenging job in an internationally-oriented organization 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.

**Contract type:** Temporary, we offer a 3 year full-time PhD contract.

## Organisation

The University of Alicante, Spain (<https://web.ua.es/es/welcome.html>) is one of the most innovative and renowned public high education centers in Spain. Around 33.000 students, 2.500 of whom are coming from abroad, are registered in 11 faculties that run 43 bachelor degrees, and 52 master degrees. An interdisciplinary team of professors from the Faculty of Law runs since 1994 the Magister Lvcentinvs, an International Master Program on Intellectual Property with close connections with EUIPO and other national and international agencies and law firms. The University Campus is one of the largest in Spain and includes facilities such as the Central Library or the Sport Center. It can be easily accessed by tram or bus (15 minutes from Alicante downtown). ESRs will have their own work places in the Faculty of Law with full access to the library and any other premises in the campus. Free wifi and student restaurants are available all around the campus as well.

## Department

Commercial Law

## How to apply?

Send your application by e-mail before March 29, 2017, 23:59 CET, to: [info@eipin-innovationsociety.org](mailto:info@eipin-innovationsociety.org)

Please mention the vacancy number *EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 4*.

The following documents must be submitted with your application:

- (a) Application form, including a research proposal, available on the [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 UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE, 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



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For questions related to the research topic, please contact [pilar.montero@ua.es](mailto:pilar.montero@ua.es) .  
For all other questions, please use the following email address, clearly indicating the vacancy number EIPIN Innovation Society ESR 4: [info@eipin-innovationsociety.org](mailto:info@eipin-innovationsociety.org)