



PhD Candidate in Sustainability/ Corporate Social Responsibility

Kedge Business School in partnership with The University of Leeds, UK

KEDGE Business School in partnership with the University of Leeds, UK invites applications for the position of a PhD scholarship in Sustainability/Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The successful candidate will be based on the KEDGE Marseille campus with periods of time at the University of Leeds campus.

The CSR Centre of Excellence within KEDGE Business School conducts research at the highest international standards and aims to create new knowledge in the fields of CSR and Sustainability. The members of the CSR Center of Excellence are specialized in research in the following areas:

- Integration of environmental and social aspects into business strategies and decision making
- Measurement and control of corporate sustainability performance
- Paradoxes, tensions and trade-offs between different aspects of CSR and corporate sustainability
- Micro-foundations of CSR and corporate sustainability
- Communication and reporting of CSR including the use of social media

KEDGE Business School is an international business school, whose positioning and values are built on its commitment to CSR. Based on its distinctive position as a school for leaders for the 21st century, our objective is to transcend the boundaries between higher education and business through innovation and to have a positive social, economic and environmental impact on society.

The University of Leeds, established in 1904, is a member of the Russell Group of Universities and renowned globally for the quality of its research and teaching. At the Sustainability Research Institute based in the School of Earth and Environment, members explore a wide range of issues including climate change, energy, transport, water, resource use, land use, conservation, cities and communities, business and lifestyles.

More information about the CSR Centre of excellence at Kedge Business School and the Sustainability Research Institute at the University of Leeds can be found at:

<https://student.kedge.edu/faculty-and-research/research/research-centers/research-center-csr>

<https://environment.leeds.ac.uk/sustainability-research-institute>

Research

Business activities have an important impact on climate change through their use of resources and energy. CSR and Sustainability issues have entered the main strategy domain of corporations, which are trying to deal with climate change in many ways. From re-inventing their business models to increasing their commitments to various CSR initiatives to even redesigning their products and production processes. But no matter the how business corporations are trying to deal with the increasingly complex challenges related to climate change it is certain that these challenges are increasing.

To meet these challenges, KEDGE is looking for a PhD candidate to prepare a doctoral thesis in the area of Sustainability/ Corporate Social Responsibility. The position is for a full time PhD student located at Kedge Business School, Marseille, However, the candidate will be registered in the PhD programme at the University of Leeds, UK and fulfil all of the programme's requirements. At Kedge Business School, the PhD candidate will be affiliated to the CSR/ Sustainability Centre of Excellence, whereas at the University of Leeds, the PhD candidate will be affiliated to the Sustainability Research Institute (SRI). Regular interaction with sponsors and colleagues both at KEDGE and at the University of Leeds is expected. The PhD will be supervised, written and examined in English language. In addition to undertaking doctoral research, there is a requirement to participate in a certain amount of CSR teaching at Kedge Business School.

Candidates will hold a Master's degree in Sustainability Management, Environmental Management, Environmental Economics and Policy or a related discipline with undergraduate degree at least equivalent to a UK First or Upper Second class honours degree of Bachelor in an appropriate discipline. They must demonstrate a strong interest in academic research and undertaking a PhD and experience of managing a research project is a plus. Candidates must be fluent in English with a minimum British Council IELTS band score 6.0 (with not less than 5.5 in any component) or internet based TOEFL (iBT) overall 87 with not less than 20 in listening, 21 in writing, 20 in reading and 22 in speaking.

The contract is for a period of 4 years commencing January 2020. The PhD candidate will receive comprehensive support for their research activities. This includes a salary of EUR 24,600 per year as well as additional funding for research visits and international conferences. All tuition fees for the successful candidate will also be covered.

Interested candidates should include the following information in their application:

- Cover letter demonstrating your motivation and eligibility for the PhD position
- Current CV
- Copy of undergraduate and post graduate degrees
- A short research proposal (3-5 pages)
- Two letters of recommendation

Interested candidates should send their applications by email to breeda.comyns@kedgebs.com

Applications should be received before 10th November 2019.

For further information on this position, please contact Dr Breeda Comyns at breeda.comyns@kedgebs.com.