

**Ghent University - Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
(Ghent, Belgium)**

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**UCLouvain - Economics School of Louvain
(Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)**

invites an application for

A DOCTORAL RESEARCHER (M/F)

In the field of Micro-Econometrics Applied to Labour Economics

starting in October 2017

Job Description

- The candidate writes a doctoral thesis under the supervision of Profs. Bart Cockx (SHERPPA, UGent), Muriel Dejemepe (IRES, UCL) and Bruno Van der Linden (IRES, UCL). The objective is to obtain a joint PhD degree in economics of UGent and UCLouvain.
- The research is focused on a project entitled “**Scrapping Benefits for Youth: Does it Bring Jobs or Just Misery?**”. The description of the research project can be downloaded on
 - http://users.ugent.be/~bcockx/research_proposal_17.pdf
- The competencies and research interests of the promoters are described on
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/bartcockxsite/>
 - <https://perso.uclouvain.be/muriel.dejemepe/>
 - <http://perso.uclouvain.be/bruno.vanderlinden/>
- In addition to executing the tasks described in the research project, the PhD candidate will improve his/her research skills by completing a **doctoral training programme**. This includes advanced courses within the Belgian Graduate School in Economics, and attending and presenting research in seminars and international conferences. For more information on a Ph.D. in Economics at UGent and UCL
 - <http://www.ugent.be/eb/en/research/doctorates-phds/apply-doctorate/overview.htm>
 - <https://uclouvain.be/en/faculties/espo/esl/ph-d-esl.html>

Profile

- As of the date of hiring, you are holder of a **Master degree (120 credits) in Economics, Business Economics, Business Engineering, or Statistics**, which you should have completed **at least with honours**.
- You can work independently, accurately and systematically.
- You have an interest in applied quantitative methods, labour economics and micro-econometric evaluation of labour market policies.
- Knowledge of French and/or Dutch is not required but is an asset.

Offer

- A full-time position of research assistant **for one year, with the possibility of renewal up to two or three additional years**.
- Salary net of taxes is of the order of 1,900 € per month. The recruited person benefits from the complete Belgian insurance scheme without additional expenses.
- SHERPPA (UGent) and IRES (UCL) will provide the PhD student with office space and computer facilities. The PhD student will divide his/her time between the two research centres according to arrangements to be agreed upon.

Interested?

Send **not later than July 13, 2017** to prof. Bruno Van der Linden bruno.vanderlinden@uclouvain.be

- a letter of motivation,
- a transcript of your grades (of all subjects) and/or your degree(s) at university,
- the master thesis (if available, full text and abstract),
- GRE scores (if available)
- your CV, in which you mention two academic referees who could be contacted for reference letters.

A decision will be taken shortly afterwards. Do not hesitate to send a mail for more info.