

RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL TRANSFER GRANT FOR AN INTERNSHIP AT THE OECD (2016/2017)

The Fundació Jaume Bofill, with the support of the Catalan Secretariat for Foreign and European Union Affairs, offers a grant addressed to researchers interested in obtaining an internship at the OECD Directorate for Education in Paris. The internship allows working in a benchmark institution in the field of comparative research at an international scale.

The initiative is aimed to:

- The improvement and development of the research in education and to carry out in Catalonia prospecting activities regarding the most relevant issues within the educational field at an international scale. For this reason, we offer to the researcher the opportunity of working with an international team that pioneers the field of the research in the educational field.

We are looking for someone who can, first and foremost:

- Identify some of the leading researchers/writers on teaching, pedagogy and innovation.
- Grasp the key research findings and ideas associated with those researchers/writers (some understanding of teaching/education, and sympathy with innovation).
- Express arguments in clear concise English.

TERMS AND FUNDING

- Research grant for an internship at the OECD Directorate for Education in Paris.
- The internship, which will begin in April 2016, has a duration of six months that can be extended up to **one year**.
- The grant has been allocated the amount of €27,000 (split in €13,500 per semester, and subject to review in case there are other fixed incomes), plus the round trip ticket.
- The intern will join a project about INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES FOR POWERFUL LEARNING, under the umbrella of the on-going work on Innovative Teaching for Effective Learning (ITEL), intended to make a major contribution to a sustained OECD focus on pedagogy lead by its Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI).

- The intern can participate in the publication of OECD official reports and working papers and/or articles in academic journals.
- The intern's performance both in the research and in the development of the project will be followed up by the Fundació Jaume Bofill.
- By accepting the grant, the selected person agrees to stay at the Fundació Jaume Bofill at the beginning and at the end of the period agreed for the grant, and also agrees that, during the stay at the OECD, part of his/her time will have to be invested in the transfer and dissemination of knowledge in Catalonia: periodical reports, monographic sessions and participation in potential conferences and seminars held by the Foundation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

- Applicants must have master studies in educational sciences, sociology, psychology, political sciences, and economics or related to innovation.
- Applicants with doctoral studies or having a doctorate will be preferred.
- Proven researching skills, with the view to identifying key authors.
- Experience in applying quantitative and qualitative methods to research.
- Familiarity with work of and on schools, teachers, teaching-capacity to appreciate the practitioner perspective.
- Excellent English, especially reading and speaking; ability to research other language literatures an advantage but not essential. The applicants selected will have to go through an English language test.
- Skills for writing reports of results in a propositional way, focussing on the recommendation of public policies and best practices.
- Sympathy with innovation and finding new ways of teaching and solving problems.
- Awareness of international literature beyond Catalan and Spanish languages, but no need for proven deep knowledge of other systems and literatures.
- Reading texts with viewpoints of policy folks and practitioners in mind, and offering feedback.
- Feedback regarding understandability and stylistic formulation seen from a non-native English speaker perspective.
- Previous experience in comparative research at an international scale will be considered.
- Background and interest in the improvement and development of the research in education and social inequalities in Catalonia will be considered.

- Capacity to see bigger picture and to work with some autonomy and also ability to work as part of a team.
- Possible experience with formatting graphics.
- Preferably, applicants must be born after 1975.

APPLICANTS AND DEADLINES

The deadline for the submission of applications and documents finishes on **February 29th 2016**. The applications and documents below indicated must be sent to becaocde@fbofill.cat:

- Application form available [here](#).
- A CV showing that the applicant complies with the requirements above mentioned in English.
- Cover letter and the reasons for applying in English.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

An interdisciplinary committee composed of researchers and academic experts and the Head of international projects of the Fundació Jaume Bofill will carry out a first selection of five applicants. The five selected applicants will be notified and they will have to go through an English language examination, interview and an online OECD test. These tests will conclude with three applicants selected that will go through a final panel interview, where an OECD committee will issue the final decision (the interview will be held in English).

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