15 PhD positions in the EU Horizon 2020
Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Project: MSCA-ITN-HERILAND

Would you like to become part of a new generation of cultural heritage managers and planners? Would you like be employed and trained as a PhD researcher and to work, with a prestigious European fellowship, in an international and multidisciplinary team of researchers, professionals and entrepreneurs in the field of cultural heritage? Then, the HERILAND partners would like to hear from you. Apply to undertake a doctorate in one of our 15 research and training projects in Italy, Israel, the UK, Sweden, Poland and the Netherlands. You should apply via www.heriland.eu

The European Training Network “Cultural HERItage and the planning of European LANDscapes” (HERILAND) invites applications for 15 PhD fellowships to be funded by the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie ITN Action as part of the H2020 Programme of the European Commission. HERILAND is a consortium of high-profile universities, institutions with acknowledged heritage, landscape and planning expertise, civil society organizations and SMEs, located in Italy, Poland, Israel, Sweden, the UK and the Netherlands.

Short programme description

HERILAND is rooted in Europe's long history of conserving its rich heritage and landscape assets in town and country, and of capitalising on them culturally and economically. Throughout the 20th century, great progress was made in creating structures and promulgating principles to guide heritage and landscape conservation, but as the 21st century proceeds, society is challenged by new far-reaching changes. These include various forms of migration, greater digital connection, environmental degradation and climate change. Confronted with such a fast-changing context, heritage management needs new ideas, tools and training to ensure that interdisciplinary, research-based heritage, landscape management and spatial planning are positively integrated with business activity, with city and rural development, and with democratic participation in decision making that shapes the future landscape.

This challenge is key to HERILAND, a consortium of 7 key academic and non-academic organizations, with 21 partners in civil society and business. The project aims to empower a new generation of academics, policy makers, practitioners, professionals and entrepreneurs. Our research design positions heritage in the frame of five transformation processes which we identify as key challenges to the heritage management of the 21st century: The Spatial Turn, Democratization, Digital Transformations, Shifting Demographies and Contested Identities, and Changing Environments. Using this framework, we will be provide our 15 PhD researchers with advanced training, combining theoretical and instrumental knowledge in a series of research seminars, living labs, conferences, workshops and secondments. By doing this, HERILAND will establish a new pan-European, transnational, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research and training standard; see www.heriland.eu.
Principal HERILAND partners and hosts for PhDs

- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUA; HERILAND coordinator): CLUE+, Interfaculty research institute for Culture, Cognition, History and Heritage
- Newcastle University (UNEW): School of History, Classics and Archaeology
- Göteborgs Universitet (UGOT): Department of Conservation
- Università degli Studi Roma 3 (ROM3): Department of Architecture
- Technische Universiteit Delft (TUD): Department of Architectural Engineering + Technology
- Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design (BEZAL): The Graduate Program in Urban Design
- UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre (GRIDW): GIS Unit

Number of PhD positions available
15

Career Stage
Early stage researcher (ESR), i.e., postgraduate with 0-4 years of academic research experience at the date of recruitment.

Research Fields

Diversity
Diversity is a core value of HERILAND. We are an inclusive community, and we believe that diversity and international activities enhance the quality of research and training. We are looking for people who can enhance diversity in our team thanks to their background and experience.

Benefits, salary and duration
The successful candidates will receive an attractive salary in accordance with the MSCA regulations for Early Stage Researchers. The exact (net) salary will be confirmed upon appointment and is dependent on local tax regulations and on the country correction factor (to allow for the difference in cost of living in different EU Member States). The salary includes a living allowance, a mobility allowance and a family allowance (if married). The guaranteed PhD funding is for 36 months (i.e. EC funding. Additional funding is in some cases possible, depending on the local supervisor).

EU Marie Curie eligibility criteria
Applicants can be of any nationality. They need to fully respect all two eligibility criteria (to be demonstrated in the Europass cv):

- Early-stage researchers (ESR) are those who are, at the time of recruitment by the host, in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers. This is measured from the date when they obtained the degree which formally entitles them to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the research training is provided, irrespective of whether or not a doctorate was envisaged.
- Conditions of international mobility of researchers: Researchers are required to undertake trans-national mobility (i.e. move from one country to another) when taking up the appointment. At the time of selection by the host
organisation, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their recruitment. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account.

General requirements (check the individual projects for specific requirements)

- a (R)MA, MSc or MPhil degree in a relevant discipline (e.g.; Heritage and Memory Studies, (Art-/Architectural) History, Archaeology, European Studies, Cultural Studies, Cultural/Social/Historical Geography, Governance Studies, Anthropology, Urban/Spatial Planning and Design, Participatory Design, (Landscape-) Architecture, Computer Science; check the specific projects);
- excellent research skills and experience in research by means of scientific publications will be favoured (e.g. conference papers, journal articles, book chapters);
- high level of proficiency in English language
- outstanding communication skills as well as organizational talent and willingness to engage in international, interdisciplinary collaborative research, workshops and secondments;
- ability to work on own initiative and manage own workload, to keep to tight deadlines

Recruitment Procedure

All applications proceed via the local on-line channels of the HERILAND partners, accessible via the HERILAND recruitment website, www.heriland.eu. You can apply for more than one position (but no more than 3). Candidates provide all requested information including a detailed CV and cover letter. During the registration, applicants will need to prove that they are eligible (cf. ESR definition, mobility criteria, and English language proficiency).

Key dates

01.04.2019: Deadline for online application for PhD fellowships
May 2019: Recruitment
01.10.2019: Start date of PhD projects

The 15 PhD positions that are available:

Work package ‘The Spatial Turn’

2. Heritage in economic growth and social renewal. Host: UGOT (SE)
3. Making trans-sectoral connections in governance, regulation and legislative frameworks. Host: UNEW (UK)

Work package ‘Democratization’

4. Innovative governance systems for future heritage planning. Host: VUA (NL)
5. Inclusive heritage management processes. Host: TUD (NL)
6. Urban heritage and mass tourism. Host: ROMA3 (IT)

Work package ‘Digital transformations’

7. Citizen Science and big data for collaborative, heritage-based planning of city development. Host: GRIDW (PL)
8. Gamification methods for collaborative heritage planning. Host: VUA (NL)
9. Datascape methods for heritage planning professionals. Host: BEZAL (IL)

Work package ‘Shifting demographies and contested identities’

10. Adaptation of urban heritage in multicultural society. Host: BEZAL (IL)
11. Urban regeneration and cultural identity. Host: ROMA3 (IT)
12. Heritage zoning and population decline and growth. Host: TUD (NL)
Work package ‘Changing Environments’

13. Heritage development in large scale infrastructural project – a collaborative and trans-disciplinary approach. Host: UGOT (SE)


15. Heritage as lever of economic growth and social renewal in post-industrial landscapes. Host: UNEW (UK)