



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: INCOMING MOBILITY RESEARCH GRANTS

The International Centre for Reproductive Health (Department of Public Health & Primary Care, Ghent University, Belgium) invites expressions of interest for applications from foreign post doctoral researchers for funded **Research Stays of up to 6 months**.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

The International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH) is a multidisciplinary research centre operating within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Ghent University. It is a WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on Sexual and Reproductive Health, directed by Prof. Dr. Olivier Degomme. ICRH is one of the largest academic units of its kind in Europe and enjoys a high-level profile both nationally and internationally.

As an academic institution, ICRH's activities revolve around three axes of research, capacity building and service delivery. Within these activities, ICRH's topical focus covers: (1) contraception, maternal and newborn health, (2) interpersonal violence, (3) harmful cultural practices, and (4) sexually transmitted infections (i.e. human papillomavirus, HIV). ICRH orients its focus towards the sexual and reproductive needs and rights of adolescents, migrants, and other vulnerable populations.

ICRH was established by Prof. Marleen Temmerman in 1994 in response to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, Cairo, 1994), where reproductive rights were strongly put on the international agenda. In the ICPD Programme of Action, signing governments agreed to provide universal access to family planning, SRH services and reproductive rights. Women's equality and empowerment were defined as global priorities. It is with these goals in mind that, over the past 20 years, ICRH has provided extensive technical assistance to national and international departments of health in the fields of HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted infections/diseases (STIs/STDs), barrier methods, family planning, maternal and neonatal, harmful traditional practices, and sexual and gender-based violence.



INCOMING MOBILITY

The UGent Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Mobility Fund aims to attract foreign postdoctoral researchers whose expertise will provide significant added value to Ghent University's research groups. The foreign postdoctoral researchers must be able to demonstrate at least 2 years of postdoctoral experience and must be internationally renowned for their expertise and research experience. The length of the research stay is a minimum of 1 week and a maximum of 6 months.

The Mobility Fund provides an one-time travel allowance and a stipend during the stay. The specific details of the allowance can be found here: https://www.ugent.be/ge/en/research/research-funding/facmobrules.pdf/at_download/file

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ICRH will support foreign researchers to apply for an Incoming Mobility grant, with a preference for postdoctoral researchers with:

- an interest in spending between 4-6 months at the ICRH premises;
- at least 6 A1 publications (i.e. articles in journals referenced in the Web of Science);
- a clear scientific output to be achieved in collaboration with ICRH researchers during the stay (i.e. joint journal publication(s) and/or project proposal(s) and/or other outputs);
- an innovative sexual and reproductive health research project (in terms of its subject, theory, method, or approach) that is complementary to but not already addressed in ICRH's existing research projects (found here: http://icrhb.org/sites/default/files/content/news/ICRH%20brochure_low_res.pdf)

Note that full-time foreign professors may apply for a stay of 1 week up to 3 months. ICRH prefers longer research stays.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Expressions of interest should be sent via email to katrina.perehudoff@ugent.be and be received by **25 March 2019**. Applications should include:

- a cover letter explaining how the candidate satisfies the eligibility criteria, the desired dates of the research stay, and the motivation for a research stay at the UGent and ICRH;
- an up-to-date CV including a publications list; and
- a half-page overview of the planned research proposal to be carried out at ICRH.

Following the March 25th deadline, selected candidates will be invited to apply to the Faculty Mobility Fund with ICRH's support (deadline 1 April 2019).