



## Ray Pahl Research Fellowship in Urban Studies, 2016

**The Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), University of Chile, Catholic University of Chile, Universidad Diego Portales and Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez.**

The Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS), a charity associated with the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, wishes to appoint a post-doctoral Research Fellow, for the calendar year 2016. The Fellowship will be based at the Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES) for a period of twelve months, starting in April 2016. The Fellowship is open to any scholar of recent postdoctoral standing who is a citizen of a Latin American country (excluding Chile) and who would find at the COES a congenial work environment for intellectual reflection, scholarly engagement and debate, and writing.

Preference will be given to scholars whose work relates to cities of Latin America, with a special focus on social conflict or social cohesion, examining debates about social justice and urban spaces; or the spatial dimension of inequality; space and territory as the location of social conflicts over belonging, diversity and segregation, among others. The research proposal may address a full range of spatial scales from the neighborhood's everyday interactions to the city as a whole. Important elements of this research may include but is not restricted to: urban conflict; urban segregation, fear, risk and security in cities; heritage policies; social exclusion; intercultural life in neighborhoods; housing policies; sense of place; belonging; protests and demonstrations; among others. The postdoctoral position not constrained by a single disciplinary perspective.

The stipend for 2016 is U\$39.000 inclusive of U\$3.000 settling-in allowance. This sum excludes one economy-class return airfare between Santiago and the Fellow's home, which will be reimbursed by FURS. The purpose of the Fellowship is to extend the applicant's doctoral research into a publishable research monograph or papers, or to begin new research in urban and regional studies.

The successful candidate must have an excellent educational record, showing outstanding performance as a student in undergraduate and postgraduate taught degree courses, and holding a doctorate in a discipline such as urban sociology, urban and regional geography, urban anthropology, urban economics or urban and regional planning. Applicants must have been awarded their PhD at the time of application but not be more than five years from this date (excluding periods of leave such as for maternity or national service.) Applicants must demonstrate research expertise in the chosen field as evidenced by published or forthcoming chapters from their thesis, books or articles in refereed journals.

Application details and further particulars are available from the COES website ([www.coes.cl](http://www.coes.cl)) and from the IJURR website ([www.ijurr.org](http://www.ijurr.org)).

Applications are due in Santiago by **4<sup>th</sup> March 2016**. FURS and COES are committed to equal opportunities policies.

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## Further Particulars

The Fellowship, to be held in the Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES), Universidad Diego Portales will ideally be for a **twelve months period, starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. The starting date may be changed in exceptional cases to accommodate personal circumstances. The Research Fellowship is for twelve calendar months only. No extension will be considered, and the Fellow can have no expectations of subsequent employment in the COES.

Candidates must:

- 1) have an excellent educational record, showing outstanding performance in undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and research degrees.
- 2) have been awarded a PhD at the time of application but not more than 5 years ago.
- 3) have research expertise in the field of urban and regional studies as demonstrated by a completed doctoral thesis and -desirably but not essentially- published or forthcoming books, or articles in refereed journals.
- 4) have demonstrable ability to present research findings effectively to fellow professionals at national and international conferences or in professional research seminars.
- 5) have a coherent plan of research for the duration of the Fellowship, which must lead to a substantial publication (for example, a book or article from their PhD).

It is not expected that applicants' research should focus on **Santiago**: excepting for research already started there, or being undertaken by researchers familiar with the city. **COES** is eager to support any advanced research that will illuminate and advance urban knowledge and policy in the global South, particularly **Latin American** cities. **COES** will provide funding for up to US 10.000 for research expenses or travel expenses in case of conferences.

Successful candidates will be expected to contribute to the aims and purposes of FURS (see <http://www.ijurr.org/furs/home.html> ) and the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research. The Fellow must submit at least one paper to the Journal during the tenure of the Fellowship. The author's institutional affiliation on the published paper will be recorded as the **COES**, and appropriate acknowledgement will be given to the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies as the funder. The Fellow will agree to acknowledge COES and FURS in further publications that may be appear and that were prepared during the stay at COES.

The Fellow will be expected to participate actively in the affairs of the **COES**, including presentation of a Research Seminar, chairing and leading discussion at selected events, and publishing in **COES** outlets.

The Fellow is entitled to apply for one conference travel grant outside of the Fellowship for attendance at an International Sociological Association meeting. **COES will provide funding for the allowances involved (tickets, accommodation, registration fees).**

The **COES** will provide a desk, share of an office, library access, computer network facilities, and a mentor.

Applications must include:

- 1) A formal letter of application, including a statement of your availability in the **2016** calendar year, and the names of at least two academic referees who you have requested to support your application with confidential letters of reference submitted independently.
- 2) an up-to-date cv, including publications.
- 3) a clear, officially certified copy of degree certificates.
- 4) a one-page outline of your PhD research.
- 5) a two-page outline of the research you propose during the Fellowship.
- 6) an e-mail address for acknowledgement of safe receipt by **COES**.

Applications and letters of reference should be sent electronically to [icaceresd@fen.uchile.cl](mailto:icaceresd@fen.uchile.cl). The e-mail subject must be 'RAY PAHL FELLOWSHIP'. If you do not have e-mail access, please address hardcopy applications to:

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If your referees wish to e-mail letters of reference these must be scanned and signed as a pdf document on letterhead paper from the referee's place of employment, with her / his e-mail & telephone details. E-mailed reference letters should be sent to [icaceresd@fen.uchile.cl](mailto:icaceresd@fen.uchile.cl). Ask your referees to use the e-mail subject 'RAY PAHL FELLOWSHIP'.

The closing time and date for receipt of applications and letters of reference is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.

Shortlisting and appointing procedures will be conducted in March. A panel of senior **COES** scholars will shortlist applications. Final selection will involve a FURS representative and most probably a skype interview. The successful applicant will have ten days to accept the offer, after which it may be withdrawn.

No correspondence will be entered into with unsuccessful applicants.

The start of the Fellowship, and the first payment, will be subject to provision by the successful applicant of proof of the right to remain in **Chile** during the period of the Fellowship.

The successful applicant will be entirely and solely responsible for arranging the necessary visa for permission to study in **Chile** for twelve months. The **COES** will provide the Fellow with written confirmation of the duration and amount of the award, and the settling in allowance, which the authorities will require. The process can be extremely lengthy, and early preparation is essential. The **COES** will arrange **two weeks** of temporary accommodation for the successful applicant, if requested, on the understanding that payment is from the Fellow's account.