

INDIVIDUAL AFR GRANT - CALL FOR PHD APPLICANTS IN PUBLIC HISTORY

The [*Public History as the New Citizen Science of the Past*](#) (PHACS) team at the [Center for Contemporary and Digital History](#) (C²DH) (University of Luxembourg) calls for PhD applicants in Public History (f/m)

The *Public History as the New Citizen Science of the Past* (PHACS) team is looking for motivated and qualified candidates who are interested in developing, with our help, an application for an individual [AFR PhD grant](#) by the *National Research Fund*.

The doctoral project represents an excellent opportunity for qualified students to contribute to the knowledge and practice of public history in a European context.

If selected for an AFR, the PhD candidate will be offered a **work contract (up to 4 years)** and will work on their PhD thesis with supervisors in the PHACS team.

We particularly welcome applicants who would like to develop a PhD project along the research areas listed below, but other research proposals that contribute to diversify and push the field of public history further, on a practical or theoretical level, are also welcome.

- History, theory and methodology of public history
- Actors, means and infrastructures of collaboration, participation and shared authority in public history
- Public history and/in cultural heritage institutions (museums, archives, foundations...)
- Digital public history

Your profile

- Candidates should have (or expect to achieve) a Master degree in History, Cultural Studies or a related field in the Humanities
- Excellent verbal communication and academic writing skills in English;
- Enthusiasm for research and critical thinking.
- Experience in cultural heritage, cultural institutions, and/or public engagement is an asset

We actively encourage applicants from underrepresented social, economic, and cultural backgrounds to apply, as we strongly believe that an intercultural and diverse team strengthens the research and practice of public history.

Successful AFR applicants will be offered:

- An exciting multi-disciplinary and international research environment with ample opportunities to exchange with scholars at the University of Luxembourg;
- A highly competitive salary for a full-time PhD position for a period of maximum 4 consecutive years (3+1 years);

- A package of mentoring, training and career development as well as access to a wide range of courses and seminars offered by the University of Luxembourg.

Doctoral candidates are encouraged to actively engage in disciplinary, interdisciplinary as well as transferable skills trainings and to develop their scientific profile and network through participation in international conferences.

About the University of Luxembourg and C²DH

Founded in 2003, the University of Luxembourg is the only public university of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Multilingual, international and research-oriented, it is also a modern institution with a personal atmosphere. 1,420 academic staff (including 950 doctoral candidates) supporting 268 professors, assistant professors and lecturers in their teaching. The academic staff originates from 94 different countries, and the 6,783 students from 130 different countries.

The Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH) is the University of Luxembourg's third interdisciplinary research centre, focusing on high-quality research, analysis and public dissemination in the field of contemporary Luxembourgish and European history. It promotes an interdisciplinary approach with a particular focus on new digital methods and tools for historical research and teaching.

How to apply?

Prepare your complete application including:

1. a cover letter including your personal motivation for the PhD project;
2. a CV (incl. links to publications and/or previous projects);
3. a project description for your PhD project (max. 2 pages) that includes the research area, objectives, and (as far as possible) a connection with the PHACS areas of research.

Please send your application to phacs@uni.lu .

Deadline for applications: **January 22, 2023** at midnight CET (Luxembourg time).

Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application by the beginning of February. The shortlisted candidates might be invited for virtual interviews soon thereafter.

The deadline for submitting the AFR grant applications is **March 8, 2023**

The applicants will be informed by July 2023 whether the application has been accepted for funding.