



PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH POSITION “Intersectional inequalities and political activism”

We are inviting applications for a **doctoral research project** on intersectional inequalities and political activism within the framework of the strategic research programme on Enhancing Democratic Governance in Europe ([EDGE](#)) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. EDGE explores innovative ways of political decision-making that help both effectively tackle real-world challenges to democracy and strengthen European democracies. We welcome research proposals that aim to enhance our understanding of **minority groups’ intersectional experiences and activism** on inequality and discrimination.

We welcome applications from motivated candidates with a **Master degree** in Gender and Diversity, Political Sciences, Sociology and/or any other relevant study area, who have **excellent study results** and a specific interest in **qualitative research** on inequality and discrimination. The selection for the position will be based on your **academic qualifications** and the **quality of your research proposal**.

What we offer

- A full-time **doctoral scholarship** for 1 year, renewable to **max. 48 months** after a positive evaluation, starting on **1 February 2024** (or as soon as possible thereafter).
- A multidisciplinary, internationally networked and dynamic **research team**, effective supervision by qualified researchers and financial means to **support** your research
- An open and diverse working environment in the heart of Europe, with capacity-building and **training opportunities** to develop your research skills and future career
- A grant linked to the scales set by the government, extensive home-working options, **35 days of leave** per year and various other **benefits** like reimbursement of home-to-work commute with public transport, hospitalisation insurance, child care facilities, eco-cheques etc. (more info on working at the VUB see: <https://jobs.vub.be/>)

Interested?

Please send your application by **8 December 2023** to Jessie.Scheldewaert@vub.be, indicating subject “**EDGE PRE-DOC APPLICATION WP 3**”.

Your application includes:

- Letter of motivation.
- CV, including 2 references (name, institute, email address) and diploma
- A short research proposal of 1000 words (including central research puzzle/question, relevance, research design and methods).
- Please also submit 1 recent publication or writing sample (e.g. master’s thesis).

Questions may be addressed to: gily.coene@vub.be