



Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA)

The Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA) of Maastricht University's School of Business and Economics is seeking to appoint a PhD-candidate on the topic:

Working across the border

Previous research indicates considerable additional costs of both job search and recruitment of personnel across the border. From an economic point of view, when borders are abolished an optimal re-allocation of skills results into productivity increases. The PhD candidate is expected to study the impact of various additional costs that are involved with cross-border mobility due to for example:

- Informational and network costs on job search and recruitment across the border.
- Commuting costs due to lack of adequate transport infrastructure when crossing borders.
- Costs involved with different tax, pension and social security systems between neighboring countries.
- Costs involved with impediments in diploma recognition between neighboring countries.
- Costs due to different cultures and languages across the border.

Furthermore, the PhD candidate is expected to estimate to what extent previous study, work and other experiences at the other side of the border are associated with lower costs of cross-border mobility. Finally, we would like to know to what extent these experiences increase the likelihood of cross-border careers.

The PhD is based at the Research for Education and the Labour Market (ROA) of the School of Business and Economics (SBE), and is expected to collaborate with researchers from the Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross border cooperation and Mobility (ITEM) and the Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development (MACIMIDE).

The PhD candidate will be supervised by Prof. Dr. Frank Cörvers (ROA).

Selection requirements

Candidates will be judged on the basis of the requirements outlined below. To be considered, candidates should make sure that their application letter demonstrates how they meet these requirements:

- Successful completion of a (Research) Master degree in Economics, Economic Geography, Demography, Econometrics, or similar studies.

- Advanced skills in research design and relevant quantitative analysis, as demonstrated in education and/or work so far.
- Strong analytical skills.

Conditions of employment

Salary scale: PhD (Dutch University Salary Scales)

Employment basis: Temporary for specified period

Duration of the contract: 4 years

Maximum hours per week: 38

Additional duties: restricted involvement as a teacher in tutorials

Additional Information

Additional information about the vacancies can be obtained from:

- Prof. Dr. Frank Cörvers

Application

Please apply for this vacancy via www.academictransfer.nl