

## **Call for Applications: Public Policy Track of Doctoral Program in Political Science, Central European University AY 2011-12**

We invite applications for the CEU **Doctoral Program in Political Science, Public Policy Track**, for the Academic Year 2011-2012. The Doctoral Program's Public Policy Track is designed to prepare students for a career in academia and institutions of applied research such as think tanks. It is highly competitive and welcomes applications from graduates of Public Policy, Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Law and related disciplines.

### **About the Program**

The Doctoral Program in Public Policy is a specialized track in CEU's political science PhD program. It is operated by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations. PhD studies comprise coursework and a research phase. Probationary Doctoral Candidates first earn 24 credits over the course of their first two academic years. Course work period focus on the development of professional level research and analytical skills in the fields of training in Public Policy, Public Administration, EU Governance and Public Policy. Course work also entails a comprehensive and rigorous methods training component. After passing the comprehensive examination and successfully defending the Prospectus, PhD Candidates conduct research on their doctoral project. During the research period for their dissertation, students are encouraged to spend time both in the field bit and at another university. Much of the student work in the doctoral program is centered on doctoral student workshops and departmental seminars, where PhD candidates also have the opportunity to get in touch with visiting scholars from the most outstanding European and US universities. As the department's faculty is actively involved in European Union-funded research projects, doctoral candidates gain direct access to academic networks, workshops, conferences in their field, both at CEU and beyond.

### **Selected Areas of Research**

Among other, the Public Policy Track in CEU's Political Science Program welcomes applications in the following research areas:

- Public administration, bureaucratic politics and policy learning
- European integration, EU public policy and comparative European politics
- International political economy, global governance, international trade and development
- Civil society, minorities and policy reform
- Public services and utilities (particularly media and communications, energy and higher education)
- Economic and labor market policy

### **Funding**

Students admitted into CEU doctoral programs are eligible to receive the CEU Doctoral Fellowship for up to three years. Doctoral enrollment may continue up to a maximum of six years. Numerous additional funding opportunities exist, such as the Doctoral Research Support Grant Program, the Erasmus Mobility Scheme, and various research and travel funds. Travel support from CEU for participation in major academic conferences and summer schools is also available. Further information on financial aid is available at: [www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid/doctoral](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid/doctoral).

### **Career Paths**

Upon completion of the program, alumni of the department continue their career in higher education, policy analysis, the media, civil service, international NGOs and research organizations. Additional information on CEU graduates' career paths is available at: [www.ceu.hu/alumnicareer/lifeafterceu](http://www.ceu.hu/alumnicareer/lifeafterceu)

### **Admissions**

All applicants must meet the General CEU Admissions Requirements (see: [www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply](http://www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply)), and submit:

- curriculum vitae;
- proof of relevant English language competency;
- a 1,500-word research proposal;
- a 500-word statement of purpose;
- two confidential letters of recommendation;
- relevant undergraduate and graduate transcripts and diplomas;
- a summary of the MA thesis.

The deadlines for applications are

- January 24, 2011, 24:00 Pacific Standard Time (PST): for applicants who wish/are required to take any CEU-administered admissions examinations and/or are requesting exemption from the English language proficiency requirement.
- March 14, 2011, 24:00 Pacific Standard Time (PST): for applicants submitting applications complete with language scores.

### **More information and inquiries**

For further information on the Public Policy Track please visit

<http://publicpolicy.ceu.hu/studies/phd-program> or contact Andreas Goldthau at the Department of Public Policy, Central European University.

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For further information on the Doctoral School's academic programs and courses, specific entry requirements, and a list of faculty, visit the Doctoral School's website and contact the Doctoral School at <http://pds.ceu.hu>.

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