

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AT LIS AND LISER

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The LIS Data Center in Luxembourg (LIS) and the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) offer a Senior Fellowship visiting researchers programme. The programme is targeted at senior researchers willing to stay between 3 and 6 months in Luxembourg at Belval Campus, where LIS and LISER are located alongside the University of Luxembourg. While we are particularly interested in supporting research based on LIS/LWS data around the theme of **Policies to Fight Inequality**, we are open to all areas of research.

### CONTEXT

This initiative is in the context of the (LIS)<sup>2</sup>ER initiative – an institutional collaboration between the LIS Data Center in Luxembourg (LIS) and the Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (LISER). Both institutions are located in the Maison des Sciences Humaines at Belval Campus in Luxembourg.

The collaboration aims to foster collaborative research on **Policies to Fight Inequality**. The Senior Fellowship scheme is one of the instruments in place to this end - alongside a shorter term visiting researchers programme. Our Senior Fellowship programme is aimed at senior researchers.

Visitors will be hosted on LIS or LISER premises and will have privileged access to LIS and LWS microdata on-site in a secure data access lab for the duration of their visit.

We expect Senior Fellows to engage with local researchers at the LISER, LIS and the University of Luxembourg – all based on campus. To facilitate integration, Senior Fellows will be hosted within a research department at the LISER.

### RESEARCH AREA

While we invite applicants to propose a research in any topic, the objective of our project is to promote and develop data-driven knowledge about policies to fight inequalities in several domains and to deepen our understanding of ‘what works’ in reducing inequalities, building upon 40 years of household data from high-, middle- and more recently low-income countries collected in the LIS Data Center.

The current structure of the LIS and LWS Databases, covering a large array of countries over a long-time span (7 countries covered over 5 decades, becoming 20 over the last 4 decades, 30 over the last 3 decades and 46 over the last 2 decades) allows for studying the policy stances over the following

domains: taxation (progressivity, income pooling, deductibility); unemployment insurance; social assistance; pension provision; and family benefits.

This year a particular attention will be given to the **policies dealing with old-age and pensions and their impact on inequality and labour market outcomes.**

### EXPECTED OUTPUT

We expect Senior Fellows to:

- o produce a research paper to be included in both the LIS and LISER Working Paper Series,
- o produce a summary of the above paper to be included in the LIS *Inequality Matters* Newsletter and the LISER *Policy Brief Series*,
- o give a seminar to present the results of their research,
- o give an interview about their research at the end of their stay, which will be diffused in the research channels in Luxembourg.

### TIMING

This is an open call. We are happy to consider applications for visits of **at least three months** (up to six months) from March 2025 onwards (the period mid-July to mid-August is however best avoided).

### MID-SUMMER 2025 – THE (LIS)<sup>2</sup>ER RESEARCH FESTIVAL

To build up critical mass and maximize interactions and collaboration potential we encourage visits taking place (in full or in part) in the period early-June to mid-July 2025.

To complement regular seminars organized at LISER and the University of Luxembourg, a series of dedicated events will be scheduled in that period.

- Internal seminars will be scheduled every Friday to allow visitors to present their research projects and results to the local research community
- The LIS Summer Workshop will be held June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, including the LIS Summer Lecture.

### FUNDING

The selected visiting fellows will have free access to the research infrastructure (office space (shared), access to LIS/LWS microdata on secure data lab).

A fixed stipend of 3,000 EUR per month will be allocated to cover the costs of the visit. Accommodation will need to be arranged in the private rental market, but we will attempt to support in finding adequate locations.

One return trip to Luxembourg is covered.

### CALENDAR

Deadline for submission of proposals: None.

This is an open call. But contact should be made at least 4 months prior to the foreseen visit.

## **APPLICATION**

Applications should be emailed to [lis2er@lisdatacenter.org](mailto:lis2er@lisdatacenter.org).

The proposal should outline the research topic you intend to study, detail how you plan to interact with LIS and LISER staff, and describe how your project aligns with the objectives of the Senior Fellowship program. The proposal should also demonstrate your commitment to contributing to collaborative research efforts and leveraging the unique resources and expertise available at LIS and LISER.

## **CONTACT**

For questions and inquiries, please email [lis2er@lisdatacenter.org](mailto:lis2er@lisdatacenter.org) or contact Teresa Munzi ([munzi@lisdatacenter.org](mailto:munzi@lisdatacenter.org)), Kun Lee ([Kun.Lee@liser.lu](mailto:Kun.Lee@liser.lu)), Alessio Fusco ([alessio.fusco@liser.lu](mailto:alessio.fusco@liser.lu)) or Philippe Van Kerm ([philippe.vankerm@uni.lu](mailto:philippe.vankerm@uni.lu)).

## **THE LIS DATA CENTER IN LUXEMBOURG (LIS) AND THE LUXEMBOURG INSTITUTE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH (LISER)**

LIS (<http://www.lisdatacenter.org>) is a cross-national data and research center located in Luxembourg which serves a global community of researchers, educators, and policy makers. By providing access to harmonized household-record data covering numerous rich and middle-income countries, LIS has gained reputation as a data provider to researchers on inequality and social policy. Its local group is composed of about 10 staff involved in the preparation of the datasets, in assisting users and in conducting research.

LISER (<http://www.liser.lu>) is a publicly funded research institute located in Luxembourg and dedicated to applied empirical research in economic, social and spatial sciences. The Institute attracts top researchers from all over the world and high-level student training is a vibrant part of the Institute's activities. LISER staff consists of approx. 200 employees, about 60% of the staff being researchers; mainly from the fields of economics, geography and sociology. The vision of the institute is to be a socio-economic research institute internationally recognised, focused on scientific excellence and societal impact, able to contribute through multi-disciplinary and intersectoral research, in an active and inclusive way to a sustainable and inclusive society at national and international level.

Both institutions are located on the new Belval campus in the south of Luxembourg (Cité des Sciences, Luxembourg), and have close links with the University of Luxembourg, in particular with the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (<https://www.wen.uni.lu/fhse>), located in the same building.