

WHAT IS CLEAR-DOC?

The CLEAR-Doc project aims at attracting 30 Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) from around the world in order to strengthen their research capacity and soft skills through high standards and fair selection, as well as supervision. It includes 6-month mandatory secondments (with at least 3 months as an international mobility), as means to facilitate their professional integration.

2 worldwide open calls for 2 cohorts, in 2022 and 2023

30 promising ESRs for a 36-months PhD fellowship in the best working conditions with specific trainings

Excellence in selection, supervision and research through 3 cross disciplinary challenges

Intersectorial, international and interdisciplinary (3i) in research, training, mobility and career development

The major aim of the **CLEAR-Doc's** programme towards excellence is to build a strong community that will gather and share a common knowledge on Urban Studies. **CLEAR-Doc** will promote an approach through cross-disciplinary challenges shared at international level and aligned with several [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the [Green Deal](#).

With two cohorts of 15 ESRs each and with the support of its academic and non-academic partners, the ambition of the **CLEAR-Doc** will be to contribute significantly to the training of tomorrow's actors in urban research and innovation.

CLEAR-Doc will offer:

- ▶ The opportunity to explore **urban scientific challenges** of tomorrow entailing **innovative and disruptive knowledge production** that anticipates complex urban metamorphoses and proposes breakthrough solutions.
- ▶ The **multidisciplinary capabilities**, the **complementary skills and environments** (academic and applied research, innovation, education) from the funding partners in their respective fields, providing a fully adapted framework to address the challenging topic of **continuous transformation of cities**.



ELIGIBILITY RULES

In order to be eligible, applicants must comply with all the following rules:

- At the **time of the deadline**, applicants must be in possession or finalizing their Master's degree or equivalent/postgraduate degree.
- At the **time of recruitment**, applicants must be in possession of their Master's degree or equivalent/postgraduate degree which would formally entitle to embark on a doctorate.
- Applicants must be in the **first four years** (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research career (career breaks excluded) and **not yet been awarded a doctoral degree**. Career breaks refer to periods of time where the candidate was not active in research, regardless of his/her employment status (sick leave, maternity leave etc). Short stays such as holidays and/or compulsory national service are not taken into account.
- Applicants must fulfil the transnational mobility rule: applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in France for **more than 12 months** in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.
- Applicants must be available to start the programme on schedule (October or November 2022).

There are no restrictions concerning the age, gender or nationality of the candidates. Applicants with career breaks or variations in the chronological sequence of their career, with mobility experience or with interdisciplinary background or private sector experience are welcome to apply.

At the end of the call and after verification, applicants will be informed of their eligibility. Once the eligibility check is done, the applicants will be evaluated. Applicants not meeting the eligibility criteria will not be evaluated.

The Call Deadline for the first call is March 21st 2022 at 5:00 pm (Paris Time).



WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

a) Work Environment

Université Gustave Eiffel's offer and environment for ESRs

22 research labs and 5 international laboratories
1 200 academics, 13 doctoral schools
25% of the French research and training efforts on "Cities"

50 active European projects
1000 international peer-reviewed publication per year (130 in the top 10% Leiden ranking)
Over 200 international partners

7 campuses in France
17 000 students
500 PhD students (45% of international students)

- ▶ **CLEAR-Doc** community of excellence will be built through the connections between you, your fellow ESRs and the experts providing the supervision and close follow-up of the thesis.
- ▶ You will benefit from an **outstanding environment**, under the supervision of an excellent network of researchers.
- ▶ A **6-month mandatory secondment during the PhD** (including at least 3 months abroad), will place you in the centre of an excellent programme with regular opportunities to learn from and with others.
- ▶ You will have access to [remarkable word-class research equipment](#).

b) Work Conditions

Application rules are enforced by the French doctoral system, which specifies a **standard duration of 3 years for a full-time PhD** together with the MSCA standards and the OTM-R European rules.

You will have an **employment contract from UNI EIFFEL**.

This contract will fall under French public law, which includes **full social coverage** (including sick and maternity leave), starting from day 1.

Scientific supports of high quality will be provided:

- Access to all online subscriptions (Elsevier, Springer-Nature, IEEE, Web of Science; Scopus, etc.) and all campuses' libraries;
- Access to the unique entrepreneurial ecosystem of UNI EIFFEL (hackathons, co-working spaces, incubators, fab-labs, and private chairs).
- Access to a dedicated training programme (foreign language courses, personal development trainings, career development trainings, technical skills, etc.).



HOW TO APPLY?

➔ [Click here to access the Online application platform](#) ➔



CLEAR-DOC'S SELECTION PROCESS

CLEAR-Doc's selection process is designed to select the best candidates, in line with the principles of the [European Charter for Researchers](#) and the [Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers](#).

Selection process will run from:

“Eligibility Check”: 22nd March 2022 to 24^h April 2022

Stage 1 Candidate's files selection: 25th April to 19th June

Stage 2 “Audition”: 20th June to 7th July

Final decision: Principal list (15 candidates) / reserve list (15 candidates) 15th July

PhD contracts will start 1st October or 1st November 2022.



SUPPORTS AND CONTACTS

CLEAR-Doc Helpdesk

Support service is available during every step of the application process by email: clear-doc@univ-eiffel.fr
Please mention the PhD topic (starting by #CD-21-XX) in the object of the email.