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PRINCE BERNHARD SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Prince Bernhard Scholarships were established in 1991 by the Foundation "The Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Institute", together with Utrecht University, on the occasion of the 80th birthday of the late Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. Each year two scholarships of 5,000 euros are awarded to promising young researchers from the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, or Latin America. The scholarships are meant to support innovative research carried out in the fields of economic, political, or cultural relations between the Netherlands/Europe and Latin America. Projects concerning questions of sustainability are particularly invited. At least one of the scholarships will be awarded to a research proposal in the field of sustainability. The proposed sustainability research project should be related to social, legal, economic or environmental aspects of the following topics:

- Climate change
- Biological mechanisms and changes
- Energy for sustainable development
- Land use dynamics and land use planning
- Ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation

Who can apply

Excellent PhD Students and graduate students (intending to do a PhD) from The Netherlands, Spain, Portugal and Latin America are invited to submit an application.

Requirements for Eligibility

- Candidates must submit a research proposal for a three month research project that makes a valuable contribution to the international economic, political, or cultural relations between the Netherlands/Europe and Latin America.
- Research proposals including collaboration with researchers at Utrecht University will be given preference.
- Candidates are supposed to master either the Spanish or Portuguese language, as they will have to present their research proposal in Spanish or Portuguese during the ceremony for the award of the scholarships.

Documentation

The application should include:

- Research proposal in English.
Besides an outline of the project, the research proposal itself (max. 4,000 words) should include a clear description of the intended method, a short bibliography, an estimation of the costs to be incurred and the expected results.
- Letter of recommendation by a professor, or senior researcher.
- C.V.



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Deadline for submission

Applications must be submitted either by post or e-mail before **1st September, 2010** to the following address:

Utrecht University
Academic Affairs Office
Prince Bernhard Scholarships
P.O. Box 80.125
3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands
Phone +31 (0)30 2534274
Fax +31 (0)30 2537752
Email: C.F.M.deBok@uu.nl (please mention PBS2010 in the subject line)

Selection procedure

The selection of the scholarship winners will be decided upon by a Scientific Committee consisting of five professors of Utrecht University, working in various disciplines. The research proposals will be evaluated on the scientific relevance, its innovative aspects, the research method and planning and its feasibility.

The winners of the scholarships will be notified before **November 15, 2010**.

The scholarships will be officially awarded by Prince Bernard's grandson, Prince Carlos de Bourbon de Parme. The ceremony (early 2011) will be attended by the Board of the Foundation, as well as by the members of the Scientific Committee, authorities of Utrecht University, and the ambassadors of Spain, Portugal, and the Latin American countries. The winners of the Prince Bernhard Scholarships are expected to give a short presentation of their research project (in Spanish, or Portuguese) in the Spanish or Portuguese embassy in The Hague.

More information:

http://www.uu.nl/EN/research/international_collaboration/latinamerica/Pages/default.aspx