



Research Studentship at the School of Entrepreneurship and Business, University of Essex, in co-operation with the OECD Local Economic and Employment Development Programme

The School of Entrepreneurship and Business (SEB) at the University of Essex has been an active partner of the OECD Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Programme (website: www.oecd.org and: www.oecd.org/cfe/leed).

As part of this partnership, and in keeping with the portfolio of research and development activities concerned with entrepreneurship, innovation, and regional development, SEB and the OECD LEED Programme (in conjunction with the OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development based in Trento, Italy, website: www.Trento.oecd.org) announce the launch of two innovative partial studentships for PhD studies, which combine research excellence with related R&D work experience.

The studentships are concerned with the study and investigation of entrepreneurship and regional development in Central and Eastern European countries. In particular, applicants are invited to submit proposals for PhD research, which purport to explore issues on the development of an entrepreneurial culture for the growth and development of either high technology businesses or social enterprises.

Successful applicants will pursue their PhD studies under the supervision guidance of Professor Jay Mitra, Head of SEB. Students will be required to spend a period of ten weeks at any one time at the OECD LEED Trento Centre in Italy. During this period only they will be paid 600 Euros per month (or their accommodation costs will be covered). Travel costs (economy class air fares) to and from the UK will also be covered.

In addition to their research activities students will be expected to contribute to the work of the OECD Trento Centre during their time in Trento and produce an analytical paper on a theme pertinent to their research and OECD LEED Trento Centre work (regional and local innovation strategies; entrepreneurship policies developed at subnational level; the balance between central and local government responsibilities in entrepreneurship policies; measuring local economic development performance; improving the culture of evaluation of local development policies and programmes).

Selected students will be expected to rotate their time each year to ensure consecutive presence in Trento. The balance of their time will be spent at SEB, at the University's Southend Campus in the UK. All students will be expected to cover the full cost of the fees for their studies at the University of Essex.

The partial studentships are available from October 2007 and will have duration of three years.

Interested applicants may contact Professor Jay Mitra for an informal discussion on the studentships, telephone: +44 (0)1702 328390, e-mail: jmitra@essex.ac.uk. Prospective students are urged to make early applications to the University of Essex.

Details of applications can be downloaded from the University's website at: www.essex.ac.uk or obtained in writing from Gary Royston, Admissions Adviser, University of Essex, Southend Campus, Elmer Approach, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1LW.