



Call for Proposals

The European Union Centers of Excellence at Berkeley, Boulder, and Seattle present:

The 2012 Western U.S. Graduate Research Workshop on the European Union

May 4-5, 2012

University of California, Berkeley

The European Union Center of Excellence at the University of California, Berkeley; the Colorado European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Colorado Boulder; and the European Union Center of Excellence of Seattle at the University of Washington are pleased to announce and solicit applications for the fourth Western United States Graduate Research Workshop on the European Union, to be held at the University of California, Berkeley on May 4-5, 2012. **Applications will be accepted through April 2, 2012.**

The workshop advances two direct aims: to provide a forum for US-based graduate students at the dissertation level to present research focused on the EU to an audience of knowledgeable, supportive, yet critical faculty and peers; and to provide methodological instruction to students in a way that is relevant to European Union-related work. Instruction will be organized around and informed by the research problems and opportunities presented by the EU and European integration. Professors Christine Neuhold (University of Maastricht) and Beverly Crawford (University of California, Berkeley) will be responsible for organizing and conducting the workshops. A more general goal is to improve EU research in the United States by building a strong cadre of students with some sense of a shared project and a commitment to carry out sound research with an eye toward completion of the degree and publication of research results.

Doctoral students with approved dissertation topics focusing on the EU in any academic field and enrolled at institutions in the US may apply to attend the workshop. Applicants should submit a 5-page research proposal and curriculum vitae, to be sent by email to eucenter@berkeley.edu. Applicants should note the current stage of their research and the name of their dissertation/thesis adviser. These can be emailed directly to Noga Wizansky at eucenter@berkeley.edu. The deadline for receipt of application materials is April 2, 2012 with selection decisions to be announced shortly thereafter.

Graduate students selected to participate in the 2012 workshop will be expected to give a formal presentation of their research proposal and participate in all planned workshop activities. Students will receive up to 335€ (dollar equivalent at time of disbursement) reimbursement for a round trip economy airfare from their home city to Berkeley, along with two nights' hotel and most meals. This workshop is made possible by the generous funding of the European Union Delegation to the United States through the EU Centers of Excellence program, establishing the Network of European Union Centers of Excellence.

Please address inquiries to the EU Center of Excellence at the University of California, Berkeley (eucenter@berkeley.edu, tel. 510-643-4558).