

Expression of interest – Applied Economist focusing on Culture, human capital, and local labour markets

Call for Expressions of Interest for a Faculty Position (Assistant or Associate Professor) in Applied Economics in the Social Sciences Area of the Gran Sasso Science Institute – School of Advanced Studies.

The Social Sciences Area of the Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI) invites expressions of interest for a faculty position at either Assistant (tenure-track) or Associate Professor level from highly qualified researchers worldwide, who carry out research in Applied Economics or Economic Geography, focusing on any of the following fields of study: culture, human capital, and local labour markets. A strong spatial focus applied to the research work is a valuable plus.

The GSSI is an International School of Advanced Doctoral Studies in the areas of Social Sciences (with a strong focus on Regional Science and Economic Geography), Physics, Computer science, and Mathematics. Located in the city of L'Aquila, in the heart of the Apennine Mountains (east of Rome) the institute offers a stimulating environment with PhD students and postdoctoral researchers selected internationally every year. English is the official language for all the activities at the Institute (teaching, seminars, tutoring, etc.). Interdisciplinary projects aimed at increasing the connections within the Social Sciences area, as well as other areas, are encouraged.

The faculty at the GSSI Social Sciences area hosts scientists carrying out research on a variety of topics within Applied Economics and Economic Geography, ranging from Regional Development, Cities, Migration, Climate change and disasters, Innovation, Tourism and Culture. A more detailed list of our research interests can be found at: <https://www.gssi.it/research-area/social-science-gssi-cities-research>

The present call for expressions of interest is aimed at exploring the international community for scholars who might want to join the GSSI faculty. We emphasize that all non-Italian citizens and all Italian candidates having led at least two years of research and/or teaching activities at university level abroad might be entitled to tax reductions for at least the first 6 years of employment, as per current Italian laws.

Successful candidates will be scientists with an outstanding record of achievements (relative to their seniority) in the field of Applied Economics, Economic Geography, or related field. They should be able to provide scientific leadership and actively contribute to the academic program, strategy, and governance of the Social Sciences Area.

Candidates are required to have a proven record of achievements, a clear potential to promote and lead research activities and teach PhD students. GSSI is a residential school, which attracts highly qualified early career researchers. The duties of the faculty appointed for this position include: providing supervision of the research activity of PhD students, establishing collaborations within other Italian and international institutions, securing research funding both at national and European level, contributing to the organization of scientific events, as well as to outreach activities.

A curriculum vitae, list of publications and a brief research statement should be sent by email to Eolss@gssi.it, together with a short motivation letter in which the candidate discusses the reasons for their interest in joining the GSSI team. The expressions of interest should be sent no later than **March 1st, 2024**.

GSSI is committed to diversity and equal opportunities. We aim to increase the proportion of women and minorities in areas where they are underrepresented and to facilitate their careers. We therefore strongly encourage women and minorities with relevant qualifications to apply.