



ESF-APE-INV, a project on Academic Patenting in Europe

Funding opportunities for short and exchange visits

ESF-APE-INV offers grants for either short stays or exchange visits at European universities and public research organizations, for researchers working on empirical projects related to academic patenting and/or analysis of patents at the inventor's level. Applications for academic year 2009-10 will be examined by November **15, 2009**. Conditional on the availability of funds, more calls may be launched later on for the same academic year. It is expected to offer 5 to 6 grants for shorter stays (max 15 days), of around €1000 each; and 1 grant for longer visits (max 6 months), of around €4000. Both types of grants will cover exclusively travel & accommodation expenses.

Participation is open to all those who wish to contribute to the creation and/or analysis of a database on **Academic Patenting in Europe**. The database will be organized **at the inventor level**, with inventors' names matched to those of academic researchers, as from public archives or bibliometric data. Applications by PhD students and young PostDocs are encouraged, from all disciplines. At this stage of the ESF-APE-INV project, special consideration will be given to proposals involving substantial work on:

- ⇒ PATSTAT data at the inventor level, with special reference to name cleaning and name standardization issues;
- ⇒ retrieval/cleaning of scientists' data, from universities and/or large public research organizations, and/or harmonization of related info on academic ranks and disciplines;
- ⇒ interface creation between existing datasets on academic patents;
- ⇒ exploratory analysis of existing datasets on academic patents or inventor-based patent data (e.g. citation analysis, network analysis...).

Potential applicants can get more information on the project by visiting the official ESF-APE-INV website (www.academicpatenting.eu) or by e-mailing the project's coordinator, Giulia Tarantola (giulia.tarantola@unibocconi.it). Applications must be submitted online to the European Science Foundation, together with the appropriate documentation:

Short visits

- ⇒ Short description of the proposed project work (~250 words)
- ⇒ Curriculum vitae of two A4 pages
- ⇒ Full address details of the prospective host(s)
- ⇒ Proposed starting date
- ⇒ Estimated travel costs

Exchange visits

- ⇒ Short description of the proposed project work (~1000 words)
- ⇒ Curriculum vitae of two A4 pages
- ⇒ List of five most recent publications
- ⇒ Letter of recommendation
- ⇒ Letter of acceptance from the host at the receiving institution
- ⇒ Full address details of the host(s)
- ⇒ Proposed starting date
- ⇒ Estimated travel costs

Applications deemed valuable, but rejected for lack of funds will be given priority in future calls. All applicants will be invited to further ESF-APE-INV activities (*the running period of the project is four years, from June 2009 to September 2013*)