

DISSECT's second recruitment wave for interdisciplinary projects

Q & A

How precise does my project need to be?

It is recognised that prospective candidates will probably never have thought, prior to reading the vacancy notice, of a truly interdisciplinary research project which could exactly fit DISSECT's purposes. This is why this vacancy is open for a longer period than usual: to give candidates a chance to think about the kind of interdisciplinary project related to evidence and with relevance to international human rights adjudication they wish to devise. Obviously, all other things being equal, the more elaborate your ideas about the project by the time you apply, the better chances you will have to be selected. Think especially about what it would be interesting to ask and how you could go about answering the questions you have formulated. Explain how any experience and/or academic background you have puts you in a good position to conduct the project.

Are the disciplines that can be brought into the project limited to those listed in the vacancy document?

No, other disciplines may be brought in, for example, in a non-exhaustive list, Cultural Studies, History, Politics, Philosophy or Sociology. Be aware, however, that if you are applying to do a PhD, a doctoral co-supervisor able and willing to supervise the aspect of the project related to 'your' additional discipline will need to be identified. This person may but need not be based at Ghent University.

Who will constitute doctoral supervision teams?

This responsibility will fall primarily on the PI (Prof Dembour). However, if you think you know someone who could take on this role, feel free to mention this in your application, as a question mark regarding the availability of a suitable co-supervisor is likely to lead to your project being rejected for not being (immediately) feasible.

Co-supervisors have already been identified for co-supervising the three illustrative projects mentioned in the vacancy document - related to digitalisation, unconscious bias, and evidence and science.

Where can I access more information about the overall DISSECT regime?

Please consult this [pdf file](#).

I do not have a text or publication that I can append as a writing sample. Can I still apply?

You certainly can but you are likely be at a disadvantage compared to candidates who submit a writing sample of excellent quality. To mitigate this disadvantage, you may submit a paper which, although unrelated to the field of the vacancy, will still give the appointing panel the opportunity to assess your analytical and writing skills.

Assuming I get the post, will I need to be based at Ghent throughout the tenure?

The intention is to develop the project in such a way that the research team really coheres. Our ideal is therefore for candidates who will reside in Ghent, or nearby. Researchers who know they will not be in a position to be based in Ghent can apply, but all other things being equal, preference will be given to candidates who are willing and able to be physically available to meet and work with the other members of the team on a regular basis.

This document may be updated from time to time, up to the submission deadline, in response to queries of general significance received from prospective candidates