

PhD position Real Estate, 1.0 fte

Organisation

Founded in 1614, the University of Groningen enjoys an international reputation as a dynamic and innovative institution of higher education offering high-quality teaching and research. Flexible study programs and academic career opportunities in a wide variety of disciplines encourage the 30,000 students and researchers alike to develop their own individual talents. Ranked among the European top in the field of academic research, the University of Groningen has joined forces with other top universities and networks worldwide to become a truly global centre of knowledge.

Job description

The Department of Economic Geography (Faculty of Spatial Sciences) invites outstanding candidates seeking to study for a PhD on Real Estate for a research project – to be proposed by the candidate – related to Retail Investments and Gentrification.

Retail as instrument in inner city urban renewal is under threat. Online shops soar, but street shops disappear. This development has considerable consequences for retail; both in large metropolitans as in small villages. Basically, three main societal issues can be observed, of how to create attractive shopping areas in terms of retail mix, to identify business opportunities for retail investors, and to use retail revitalization investments to help combating deprivation. It is to these societal questions to which this PhD research project seeks answers. The aim is to address the following overarching research question: What are the consequences of the changing retail landscape for retail investors. The propositions are tested using public data, and private data from existing University-Industry relations with real estate industry.

Qualifications

We seek an outstanding candidate with a (Research) Master's degree in economics, finance, economic geography, or an adjacent field and with interest in real estate. The candidate has a strong interest in research, and good knowledge of mathematical and statistical modelling, good communication skills and good command of English.

We are looking for the following competences in the PhD candidate:

- conceptual capacity & abstract reasoning
- communication skills (presenting)
- planning & organizing
- monitoring
- drive & enthusiasm

Conditions of employment

The PhD project will be carried out within the Faculty's research institute, Urban and Regional Science Institute (URSI), and within the Faculty's research agenda, tWIST (towards Well-being, Innovation and Spatial Transformation) at the University of Groningen. The teaching load is limited but allows building experience in teaching.

The University of Groningen offers a minimum salary of € 2,146 gross a month in the first year to a maximum of € 2,744 a month in the final year, based on a full time position (1.0 fte). The position is limited to a period of 4 years. The first year constitutes a probationary period, with an evaluation of the candidate's performance after the first year. The objective of this evaluation is to establish whether the candidate will be able to finish a PhD thesis in the remaining three years. If the performance evaluation is positive, the candidate's contract will be extended by another 3 years, for a total of 4 years. A PhD training program is part of the agreement and the successful candidate will be enrolled in the Graduate School of Spatial Sciences.

Applications

Applications for the position should include:

- A cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Research proposal (max. 500 words)
- Copy of the university marks (grade list of both Bachelor and Master degree)
- Names of two references

How to apply

You may apply for this position until 6 January 2016 Dutch local time by means of the application form (click on "Apply" below on the advertisement on the university website).

Applications will be considered immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Additional information: (please do not use for applications). –

For information you can contact:

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