

PhD Research Fellowship in Behavioral Supply Chain Management

MIT-Zaragoza International Logistics Program

A behavioral perspective on Supply Chain Management focuses on the attributes of human behavior and cognition that impact the design, management, and improvement of supply chains. This perspective may employ different empirical methods, such as experiments and surveys, and may build upon different levels of analysis, such as the individual (i.e. bounded rationality of individual decision takers) and the group (i.e. studies that explore the impact of social variables such as trust, dependency and learning on supply chain performance).

Tasks

As part of the research group of the Supply Chain Management Laboratory (scmLAB), the candidate should conduct empirical research to develop and test theories related to (inter)organizational learning in supply chain relationships which could be published in top international scientific journals. Related research lines of the research group can be consulted on the website www.zlc.edu.es/lab/scmlab.

Eligibility

Exceptional applicants from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. All applicants must, at a minimum, fulfill all of the admissions requirements for the [PhD in Logistics and Supply Chain Management](#) of Zaragoza Logistics Center in order to be considered. While applicants are expected to have an aptitude for analytical thinking, a previous degree in engineering is not required. Furthermore, candidates should have excellent research and writing skills, and be fluent in English. Spanish is not a requirement. Knowledge on experimental design is highly desirable.

What we offer

The fellow is appointed for one year with annual renewals, dependent on performance, for three consecutive years (four years in total) and will receive a monthly stipend of €1.250 gross, which includes National Health Service, as well as accident insurance. Furthermore there is funding for training activities and for travel related to the research project.

The fellow will be enrolled in the PhD in Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program of Zaragoza Logistics Center. PhD students for the first two years typically complete courses in the MIT-Zaragoza master's degree program (ZLOG) before continuing with advanced courses and dissertation work. Third year MIT-Zaragoza PhD students can go abroad and spend a semester or more at other leading business and engineering schools (usually MIT in Boston).

Start date of the special PhD-position

August 2010. Special cases will be discussed and depending on the personal circumstances, he/she could attend the [PhD Summer Academy 2010](#) organized by ZLC, held over the summer, before the beginning of the term.

Application Process

To apply, candidates must complete all the [application requirements for the PhD program](#). Additionally, we ask for a statement of no more than 500 words detailing your reasons in wishing to study the topic and a proposed research project including its broader significance. **The deadline for applications is April 15th, 2010.** Short-listed candidates will be notified before **May 7th, 2010** and interviews will then be arranged.

Please consult our web site for further information. Questions regarding the general process can be addressed to admission@zlc.edu.es or if it is regarding this specific position to financialaid@zlc.edu.es.