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| **"BREATHING SPACE" PROGRAMME**  **SHORT STAY AT ULB (three months) FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMICS**  ALL ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES | |
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# **Description**

The Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) has decided to grant special funding to academics who, due to a crisissituation (internal or international armed conflict, political instability, and so forth.), are no longer able to pursue their academic activities in peaceful conditions in their country of origin.

The aim of this grant is to provide academics with “breathingspace”, enabling them to devote themselves fully to their research in a calm, safe environment.

# **Information about the academic stay:**

* Duration: one to three months (option to renew once)
* **Place: within a ULB centre or laboratory, in collaboration with a member of the University's academic staff.**
* **The grant covers:**
  + **accommodation** on the ULB campus
  + **transport (to and from)**
* The stay is limited to a maximum of three months with the option of one renewal.

# **Required qualifications**

Doctorate

# **Target audience**

Academic staff

# **Eligibility criteria**

* Hold a doctorate and an academic post at their home university;
* Be facing a crisis situation that prevents the academic from pursuing his/her academic activities in peace;
* Be able to remain in Belgium for the duration of the planned stay;
* Have a good knowledge of French or English;
* Have previously collaborated with a ULB professor in order to facilitate/ensure his/her integration into the university.

# **Selection criteria**

* The crisis situation facing the academic prevents him/her from pursuing his/her research;
* The scientific calibre of the candidate and the research project;
* The ability to integrate ULB's academic community.

Applicants are allowed to apply to the "Breathing Space" grant a maximum of two times in a five-year period.

# **Interested?**

<mailto:solidarityfund@ulb.be>Please send your application to: solidarityfund@ulb.be

* A confidential letter of application describing the applicant's situation (this letter must clearly indicate the applicant's administrative situation, including whether he/she has a valid passport and is able to travel, as well as his/her place of residence);
* The applicant's CV including a list of his/her publications;
* A brief description (minimum two pages and maximum four pages) of the research project on which the candidate will be working on at ULB;
* A copy of the applicant's doctoral diploma;
* A copy of the applicant's passport;
* The form below, duly completed by the ULB academic staff member who will be working closely with the academic, plus any other document the applicant deems relevant with regard to the crisis/conflict situation.

<http://cvchercheurs.ulb.ac.be/Site/repertoire.php>A list of ULB's academics can be found on this page: http://cvchercheurs.ulb.ac.be/Site/repertoire.php

**Only properly completed applications, i.e. including all the required documents, will be considered.**

# **Deadlines**

Applications may be submitted throughout the year.

All documents will be reviewed in the strictest of confidence by the selection panel.

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**Application assessment for the "BREATHING SPACE" PROGRAMME**

<mailto:solidarityfund@ulb.be>**Form to be completed by the sponsor at ULB, and sent to solidarityfund@ulb.be**

**indicating the name of the applicant in the subject field of the email.**

Surname and first name of the applicant:

Surname and first name of the sponsor at ULB:

Links between the applicant's research project, and the research being carried out at the ULB research centre/unit:

Reception and integration arrangements within the ULB centre or laboratory (e.g. provision of an office, availability of members of the research centre, involvement of the candidate in the activities of the research centre, etc.).