

University of California, Berkeley and Université Libre de Bruxelles

Visiting Student Exchange Program

Content

Four fellowships will be awarded to PhD students so as to support the framework of their **doctoral dissertation preparation**. These fellowships will help alleviate the costs of a *short-term¹ research stay* at the University of California, Berkeley.

Grant

Four grants of US\$2000 are awarded by the Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs (VSPA) Program located within the Berkeley campus.

Fields

PhD students from the following disciplines are eligible: astronomy, chemical engineering, chemistry, engineering, education, energy and resources, environmental science and policy management, life sciences, law, math, optometry, physics, psychology, public health, and statistics.

University of California, Berkeley Fees

\$500 University Services Fee (waived by the VSPA)

\$500 J-1 Exchange Visa Application Fee (to be paid by the student)

Departmental Affiliation Fee

Some departments have an affiliation fee. Selected student will be responsible for these fees. Please inquire prior to contacting prospective faculty sponsor.

¹ minimum eight weeks

Visa Requirements

All selected students must enter the United States with a J-1 Exchange Scholar visa. Visa waivers may not be used to conduct research in the United States. Failure to secure the J-1 Exchange Scholar visa will negate the ability to conduct research at the University of California, Berkeley. Once selected as the exchange student from the ULB, immediately make contact with the Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs (VSPA) Program. After registration with the VSPA Program, the Berkeley International Office (BIO) will assist the prospective researcher with visa assistance. For more information about BIO and the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa, click [here](#).

- **Eligibility**

- The application should be received by the ULB International Office by **January 15, 2018** at the latest for a stay during the year 2017.
- The applicant should seek out a faculty sponsor at the University of California, Berkeley to mentor your research experience.
- For help in seeking a faculty sponsor, contact the ULB International Office so that they may consult with the VSPA Program.
- The selection of the grantees will be made on the following criteria: the quality of the candidate's curriculum vitae as well as the proposed research project. Special consideration will be provided to applications that provide benefits to the selected students as well to both universities.

- The application² must contain

- Curriculum vitae of the student applicant
- A reference letter from your ULB faculty supervisor
- Content of the research project
- An invitation letter from the University of California, Berkeley faculty sponsor

² The application must be written in English