



EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

Call for Papers – EFTA Research Grant EFTA's 60th anniversary Conference May/June 2020, Geneva, Switzerland

In 2020 EFTA will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Therefore, EFTA will provide up to three grants for the purpose of researching EFTA's history, economic impact and politics from 1960 to 2020 and beyond. EFTA specifically seeks to support young researchers interested in EFTA's history, economic impact and politics. Successful applicants will receive a grant to conduct and write studies on EFTA and to cover travel and research expenses. The applications and papers will be reviewed by a scientific committee, presented at EFTA's 60th anniversary Conference and included in the respective publication. This conference is a unique setting and opportunity for PhD students, post-docs and early career researchers to present their research related to the history and politics of the European Free Trade Association to an international audience.

Scientific Committee

Youssef Cassis, European University Institute
Dieter Schlenker, Historical Archives of the European Union
Henri Gétaz, European Free Trade Association

Eligibility and How to Apply

PhD students and early career researchers are invited to submit proposals covering the following areas within the timeframe of 1960 to 2020 and beyond:

- EFTA as a global player in trade, economics and international relations
- EFTA's role in European Construction and Integration
- EFTA's relations with other international organisations: e.g. OECD, OSCE, WTO

Papers may take a political science perspective, a legal perspective, a historical perspective, an economics perspective or a combination of all these and ideally include lessons learned for the future.

Applicants should submit an abstract of no more than 500 words and a short CV and a list of publications. The deadline for submissions is **20 September 2019**.

Applications are to be submitted electronically and in English. Selected applicants will be informed **by 31 September 2019**.

Application is open to all young researchers who

- completed their Master's degrees no more than two years prior to applying, or
- are writing their doctoral thesis, or
- have completed their PhD within the last 3 years.

Only applications fulfilling the formal criteria will be considered for assessment by the Scientific Committee.

Conditions

Up to three successful applicants will receive a grant as financial assistance for their research.

Grant amount: 4500 Euros

The grant recipients are highly encouraged to conduct their research making use of the EFTA Archives at the Historical Archives of the European Union in Florence and EFTA's Archives in Geneva.

The grant amount covers all travel and accommodation expenses as well as additional research expenses.

The grant recipients should submit a 15-20 pages scientific paper by **15 March 2020**. Papers are to be submitted in English. The papers will be presented by the researchers at EFTA's 60th anniversary Conference in Geneva and published in the proceedings of EFTA's 60th anniversary Conference.

The researchers may publish their papers in a relevant journal, as well.

Contacts

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