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EUROTAST -- A Marie Curie Initial Training Network on the History, Archaeology and New Genetics of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Thirteen PhD Fellowships in history, archaeology, bioarchaeology, social anthropology, genetics and bioinformatics.

EUROTAST is a new European-funded research network that will bring together an unprecedented range of young researchers to examine the history of the transatlantic slave trade and to explore its long-term effects. As part of the project, we are currently hiring 13 Early Stage Researchers to work on various projects relating to the slave trade. Each Fellowship is equivalent to a 3-year fully funded PhD position and must commence on 1 May 2012. The successful applicants will be recruited from a wide range of disciplines including history, archaeology, social anthropology, genetics and bioinformatics and will be based at 10 partner institutions across Europe. By bringing together researchers from these various fields, we will generate new data that will add to our knowledge of how the slave trade operated and how it impacted the lives of millions of people. For more details on the individual projects please visit our website at www.eurotast.eu or contact us at enquiries@eurotast.eu.

Academic Requirements -- Eligible applicants for the ESR Fellowships (equivalent to a PhD position) must be in possession of a Master’s or Bachelor’s degree, in a relevant field. However, individual departments and universities will have their own specific entry requirements. Eligibility criteria set by the European Union for Marie Curie ESR fellowships require that the applicants have no more than 4 years research experience prior to the envisaged starting date.

Marie Curie ITN mobility requirement -- Researchers can be nationals of any country other than the country of the premises of the host organisation where they will carry out their project. However, the ESR Fellowships only cover the fee levels for EU citizens, not those for students from outside the EU. At the time of the selection, applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country where their Fellowship is to be held for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the starting date of
the fellowship.

Application process -- Please note that applications are welcomed from any qualified applicants, regardless of gender, ethnicity or country of origin, but will only be considered if eligibility requirements are met and the application guidelines are strictly adhered to. Applicants should send a full CV, a short cover letter outlining briefly why they are suitable for the position(s), and the names of 2 referees to applications@eurotast.eu. For full details on how to apply please visit our website at www.eurotast.eu. Deadline for applications is 31 January 2012.