

## Company Description

Deusto University is headed by the love of wisdom and the desire to learn and inquire rigorously scientific methodology and the structure of reality. Therefore it seeks excellence in research and teaching, simultaneously seeks the formation of free competent professionals, those endowed with knowledge, values and skills that enable them to engage in the promotion of knowledge and the transformation of society, responsible citizens.

## Information

 Deadline: 2019-01-30  
 Category: Academia  
 Province: Bizkaia

 Country: Basque Country  
 City: Bilbao

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## Main functions, requisites & benefits

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The Human Rights Institute of the University of Deusto (Bilbao, Spain), opens a call for applications for one (1) PhD researcher, two (2) postdoctoral researchers and one (1) research manager in the project RIVERS - Water/human rights beyond the human? Indigenous water ontologies, plurilegal encounters and interlegal translation, funded by the European Research Council (Grant agreement: ERC-2018-StG-804003), and coordinated by Dr. Lieselotte Viaene.

Under the supervision of RIVERS's Principal Investigator, the PhD candidate will develop his/her dissertation within the research stream "Indigenous visions/practices: beyond water as a natural resource and a human right" which will examine multiple and contested meanings attached by Latin American and Asian indigenous peoples to rivers and will interrogate the extent to which these counter-hegemonic understandings can be translated in courtroom settings investigating alleged human rights violations by extractive projects in their territories.

Applicants must be willing to enrol in the PhD programme in Human Rights: Ethical, Social and Political Challenges, offered by the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences.

### Requisites

- Outstanding research qualities manifested in a high-quality MA thesis in Social Sciences (such as cultural/visual anthropology, international human rights law, indigenous peoples' rights, Latin American studies, development studies, sociology)
- Previous experience and/or interest in developing a PhD research project in the fields of legal anthropology or anthropology of human rights, political ontology, decolonial human rights theory, indigenous peoples' rights;
- Interest and/or previous experiences (training/courses, Master's field work) in using
  - ethnographic research methods such as participant observation, focus groups interviews, life histories; a commitment to ethnographic fieldwork;
- Knowledge and/or research experience with indigenous peoples in Colombia and/or another Latin American country