



European Research Council
Established by the European Commission



**Western Banks in Eastern Europe:
New Geographies of Financialisation**

PhD scholarship (ERC research project GEOFIN – Western Banks in Eastern Europe: New Geographies of Financialisation), Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Post Title: PhD scholarship (ERC research project GEOFIN)

Post Status: Up to 4 Years, Full-Time

Salary/Scholarship: cca. €24,000 per annum which includes: stipend of €17,000 per annum (tax-free) and fully covered academic tuition fees at the EU rates (currently €7,013 p.a.).

Application via email to: geofin@tcd.ie

Application deadline: Monday 4th September 2017 (12 Noon, Irish Standard Mean Time).

Decision by: 15th September 2017

Starting date: Between October 2017 and January 2018.

Location: GEOFIN Project within the Finance, Economy & Society (FES) Research Group, Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Ireland.

Funding body: European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant (Project 683197)

Post Summary

Applications are invited for a fully-funded, 4-year PhD scholarship based at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, Ireland, under the supervision of Dr Martin Sokol, Associate Professor in Geography. The PhD project is tied to a prestigious European Research Council (ERC) research grant GEOFIN (Western Banks in Eastern Europe: New Geographies of Financialisation). The key aim of GEOFIN is to examine how states, banks and households in post-socialist contexts of East-Central Europe have been financialised and to consider what implications this has for the societies in question and for Europe as a whole.

The PhD project will examine sub-national banking strategies of West-European banking groups operating in East-Central Europe. The focus will be on retail banks, geography of their delivery channels (especially bank branch networks) and their lending strategies and practices at local and regional levels (especially lending to households). The PhD project will thus help to explore the ways in which finance is both shaping, and is shaped by, uneven geographical landscapes of post-socialist societies. The successful candidate will engage in both desk-top and fieldwork research, using a range of research methods (including interviews with bank branch managers and other relevant actors). The PhD project will deliver (a) an overview of bank branch networks and retail banking strategies across East-Central Europe and (b) one or more in-depth national case studies of sub-national banking geographies in selected countries of East-Central Europe.

Informal enquiries concerning the post should be addressed to Dr Martin Sokol, GEOFIN's Principal Investigator: sokolm@tcd.ie with a copy to Ms Paddi Leinster, GEOFIN's Research Project Officer: geofin@tcd.ie

More info at: <https://www.tcd.ie/Geography/research/gof/GEOFIN.php>

GEOFIN project on ResearchGate:

<https://www.researchgate.net/project/GEOFIN-Western-Banks-in-Eastern-Europe-New-Geographies-of-Financialisation>
