



CENTRE FOR IT & IP LAW

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Call for KCDS-CiTiP Fellowships

The Flemish Knowledge Centre Data & Society (KCDS) focuses on the interplay between data, artificial intelligence (AI) and society. The Centre serves as a knowledge hub and monitors AI-related developments around the world. It aims to enable Flemish stakeholders such as companies, policy-makers, citizens and regulators to achieve the greatest social and/or economic benefits of AI. The Knowledge Centre Data & Society provides practical information on AI and will develop an appropriate legal/ethical framework. It comprises three existing research centres: imec-SMIT (Free University of Brussels), imec-MICT (Ghent University) and the Centre for IT & IP Law (KU Leuven). The Flemish Department on Economy, Science and Innovation funds the initiative.

The Centre for IT & IP Law (CiTiP) is actively involved in the activities of the Flemish Centre on Data & Society. It especially examines the legal, regulatory and ethical aspects of AI. Considering the global impact of AI, we are convinced that interdisciplinary and cross-national collaborations are very useful to provide inspiration for the regulation of AI in Flanders. CiTiP, therefore, invites **applications for Visiting Fellowships** for a period no longer than a week.

The KCDS-CiTiP Visiting Fellowship program is open for (1) **postdoctoral and senior academic researchers** focusing on legal or/and ethical aspects of AI or (2) other **professionals** with an **exceptional background and expertise** in legal and ethical aspects of AI.

It is envisaged that Visiting Fellows will:

- participate in the intellectual life of CiTiP and KCDS;
- meet with PhD students and researchers;
- give a presentation of their research on AI and submit a short vision paper on that topic before the end of the visit. This paper should not be an academic piece but rather give an overview of challenges, opportunities and policy recommendations (i.e. what Flanders might learn).

CiTiP will cover travel expenses as well as accommodation during the Fellow's stay in Leuven.

If you are interested in the KCDS-CiTiP Visiting Fellowship program, please email professor Peggy Valcke (peggy.valcke@kuleuven.be) and Dr. Jan De Bruyne (jan.debruyne@kuleuven.be) attaching the following documents:

- A cover letter (max. 2 pages) explaining your research on legal and ethical aspects of AI, how it relates to the activities/research agenda of CiTiP and/or KCDM, and a clear indication of potential for furthering links/collaboration with CiTiP-KCDS;
- CV with list of publications/research projects you are involved in.

Applications can be submitted on a rolling basis. We cannot in anyway guarantee that an application will be successful due to the very high number of applications.