

Visiting PhD Student at American University of Sharjah

The **Sheikh Saoud bin Khalid bin Khalid Al-Qassimi Chair in Family Business** at AUS is seeking PhD students who are interested in visiting the School of Business Administration to collaborate on family business research with faculty. Visiting students will work with **Prof. Rodrigo Basco** and a group of international scholars with the aim of developing high-impact research on family business. The duration of the visiting appointment is for four-and-a-half months.

To support research on family business in the Arab World, the *Sheikh Saoud bin Khalid bin Khalid Al-Qassimi Chair in Family Business* and the *Family Business in the Arab World Observatory* are going to sponsor PhD students. Successful applicants will receive a stipend to help offset travel related expenses such as roundtrip airfare, accommodation at AUS campus and, in some cases, research expenses. In addition, they will have access to office space, library, and additional research material such as databases.

The application process is competitive and up to two visiting positions will be awarded for the 2019/2020 academic year. Applicants should identify areas of mutual research interest before applying, and be as specific as possible about the proposed research in the application. Main topics: family business in the Arab world, family business and context, family business and regional development, and family entrepreneurship

Additional Resources

- International sources:
 - Access to STEP project. Demographics of Family Firms around the world dataset
 - Access to GUESSS project. Career intention around the world dataset
 - Longitudinal data base – listed firms around the world
- Local resources
 - Longitudinal data base - GCC listed family and non-family firms (financial information, ownership composition, governance information).
 - Interviews and additional material– Project succession intention in the Arab world
 - Next-Gen - family business objectives data base

Application Procedure for Fall semester 2019

July 10, 2019: Deadline for interested applicants to send a cover letter to Prof. Basco Rodrigo (rbasco@aus.edu) describing their research interests and a CV. It is possible to coordinate a meeting in any of the following conferences: 1) 15th EIASM Workshop on Family Firm Management (Nantes, France), 2) EURAM 2019 Conference - European Academy of Management (Lisbon, Portugal), and 3) Regional Studies Association Annual Conference (Santiago de Compostela, Spain).

The Sheikh Saoud bin Khalid bin Khalid Al-Qassimi Chair in Family Business at AUS

The Sheikh Saoud Bin Khalid Bin Khalid Al Qassimi Chair in Family Business was established to honor Sheikh Saoud Khalid Al Qassimi's legacy. He was a Sharjah businessman who founded a family business back in the 1970s that is now in its third generation. The Chair, holds by Prof. Rodrigo Basco, which is the first of its kind in the United Arab Emirates, aims to become a recognized family business knowledge hub in the regional, national and international context. The chair's objective is to create ground-breaking knowledge of family business which will be useful for promoting sustainable firms and cohesive and happy families for the regional well-being and competitiveness.