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5 PhD students for research on cooperatives

The Centre of Expertise for Cooperative Entrepreneurship (KCO) of KU Leuven is looking for 5 full-time PhD students to pursue research on cooperatives in various areas of business economics and management.

Cooperative enterprises are value-driven member-owned and democratically controlled organizations that operate primarily and philosophically outside of the traditional profit to capital owners' model. Governance is often set forth as the most distinctive element of cooperatives. However, cooperatives are confronted with several pressures that challenge the nature of their governance, which a broad FWO-SBO project resulting from the collaboration between the KCO at the Faculty of Economics and Business of KU Leuven and Saint-Mary's University in Halifax aims to investigate.

We are looking for motivated and outstanding PhD students to conduct research on

- the dynamics within the [board](#) of directors of cooperatives;
- member [participation](#) and democratic governance;
- the role of ownership structure in [insurance companies](#);
- the [dynamic business model](#) qualities of the cooperative model;
- and new models of cooperatives in the [digital](#) era (e.g., platform cooperatives).

We offer you a full-time employment, starting October 1, 2019. The appointment will be for 4 years, annually renewable. You will enter the doctoral program of the Faculty of Economics and Business and will develop a doctoral dissertation in Business Economics at KU Leuven. You can apply for these positions until April 14, 2019 on KU Leuven's jobsite.

More information on the vacancies, ideal profiles of candidates, job conditions, and application procedure can be found by following the respective links above, or on [KU Leuven's jobsite](#).

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