**Open competition for foreign academic staff selection within the framework of Project Applications Selection Round of Specific Objective 8.2.2 "To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization"**

**“**Academic Staff Renewal and Continuing Professional Development at the University of Latvia**”**

**The aim of the Project –** topromotethe employment of foreign academic staff in the study direction **Geography and Earth Sciences** thus contributing to the internationalization, export and international competitiveness of the University of Latvia.

**Project results** – 30% of the foreign academic staff who have received ESF funding continue to work as academic staff at the University of Latvia.

**Project time period -** from 4th quarter of 2018 to 3rd quarter of 2022, with minimum project participation set at 6 months.

**Requirements and selection criteria for the beneficiaries:**

1. Persons who have been employed in the academic position of any accredited foreign higher education institution during the previous five years;
2. Persons holding the doctoral degree in the corresponding field of science or the equivalent field of science;
3. Persons who have relevant scientific and academic work experience;
4. Persons who can run e-studies Web-based environment;
5. Persons who have participated in at least three international conferences with a presentation / report;
6. Persons who have published scientific articles, including in the indexed issues (at least three);
7. Partnership or participation in projects;
8. Excellent knowledge of foreign languages, especially English, and skills to use it for studies and methodological work.
9. Areas of work – physical geography, human geography, regional geography, geomatics, quaternary geology and geomorphology, applied geology, bedrock geology; study programmes - Bachelor’s, Master's, Doctoral study programmes “Geography” and “Geology”.

**When applying for ESF funding, the following documents are required:**

1. Application – Annex 1
2. CV - Europass or in a free form with respect to the above requirements and conditions

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Annex 1:

APPLICATION

**for ESF funding**

within the framework of Project Applications Selection Round of ESF project “To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization”

Study direction“**Geography and Earth Sciences**”

I hereby certify that when applying for ESF funding for the project “To Strengthen Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions in the Areas of Strategic Specialization” within the framework of the project application selection round in the field of study “**Geography and Earth Sciences**”, I will perform the duties of the academic staff in conformity with the academic work, duties, workload and remuneration agreed and defined by the Study direction Council.

ESF funding applicant \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_/

*signature printed name*

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*The data specified in the application will be used by the UL exclusively for the purposes of ESF funding administration.*