

## **Impact Investing: Funding Sustainable Startups via Venture Capital**

### **Institution and Supervision**

The selected Ph.D. student will be part of the Finance group in UPEC and will work directly with Professors Emmanuelle Dubocage and Benjamin Le Pendeven (Audencia Business School).

### **Research Topic**

The proposal focuses on impact investing, and in particular Venture Capital impact investors addressing global social and environmental issues. The thesis seeks to analyze the dynamics and mechanisms of impact investing Venture Capital funds and their potential to accelerate the global ecological and social transitions and meet the climate objectives.

### **Research Funding**

The candidate may apply for funding request through UPEC PhD contracts/scholarships “The acceptance is conditional by IRG and OMI” or have funding from other institutional sources.

### **Calendar**

Submission of applications until May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Applications will be evaluated until the completion of the recruitment. The project is expected to start in September/October 2023.

### **Required Profile**

- Application is open for candidates holding, or in the process of completing, a Master 2 diploma (or equivalent). The candidate must preferably have a relevant diploma in the fields of Management Science, Economics, Finance and Public Policy with a focus on issues tackling venture capital, green innovation, sustainable finance, corporate social responsibility.
- Knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods, e.g., STATA, R, Python.
- Previous experience in academic research would be considered as an advantage.
- Professional experience in Finance with climate change impact (impact investing, green funds, GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions, green venture capital, etc.) or in sustainable innovation/entrepreneurship is greatly appreciated.
- Demonstrated ability of professional oral communication and academic writing skills in English. French is a plus but not mandatory.
- Applications are accepted by all candidates, regardless of gender, age, and nationality.

### **Documents to be Submitted**

Interested candidates must send their applications to Emmanuelle Dubocage ([emmanuelle.dubocage@upec.fr](mailto:emmanuelle.dubocage@upec.fr)) and Benjamin Le Pendeven ([blependeven@audencia.com](mailto:blependeven@audencia.com)), including the following documents following documents:

- Up-to-date CV
- Cover Letter
- Academic record for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years of the master’s degree
- Master Thesis
- Recommendation letter from the director of the Master program and/or thesis supervisor

The applications will be examined until the fulfillment of the position, at the latest by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.