**Special research Fund 2018**

**call for doctoraL grants**

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ISTC is pleased to announce the call for its 2018 Doctoral Research Grant in Economy, Law or Political Sciences. The research topic shall be related to developments and trends of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons nonproliferation; strategic trade control or national and international trade control systems.

**Eligibility**: The Doctoral Research Grant is open to postgraduate students (regardless citizenship) in social sciences holding a Master’s degree from an University established in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Mongolia. Applicants will have to be registered in a PhD program in EU University and shall have two supervisors. One shall hold an academic position in the EU university where he/she will be registered and the other shall hold an academic position in any of the TI participating Countries University.

The ISTC Special research fund is offering a four-year contract to a doctoral student. The contract starts on September, 2018 (subject to validation of the Master’s degree). If duly justified, the start date may be changed at the applicant's request, subject to the mentors’ agreement. No contract may start later than November.

The selected doctoral student will be hosted simultaneously by the universities of his/her supervisors or with their agreement by any research center or universities conducting research related to his/her doctorate.

The completion of the research may entail special funding (for example, to finance data collection, partly or entirely). The budget required to complete the research must be assessed and presented in the application.

All information and documents required for the application must be English. The application form and the list of necessary documents are attached to the present call.

Application should be send by email to Mr. Eddie Maier (eddie.maier@ec.europa.eu) and Mr. David Cleave (cleave@istc.int). The deadline for the call for applications is 15 May, 2018 at midday, Brussels time.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you should have any questions, please contact Maria Espona at espona@istc.int