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**EUROPEAN SHOPPING PLACES TRUST APPLICATION**

**Grant application for the**

***REVO Diploma in Retail & Leisure Place Management***

**at Solent University, Southampton, UK – starting 20 April 2023/24**

**The aim of the European Shopping Places Trust (ESPT) is to aid and support the attainment of professional education and help further the career development of the next generation of professionals. It does this through sponsorship of individual students through a number of recognised courses, approved educational activities and career development initiatives**

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ESPT collaborate with the Revo Education Trust to make this accredited university diploma accessible to international students through the convenience of remote learning.

The following information will assist you in applying for financial support from the ESPT. The Trust fund is managed for the benefit of those seeking financial assistance for educational initiatives within the European retail property industry. <http://europeanshoppingplacestrust.com/>

Priority is given to young professionals or those in higher education as the Trust seeks to support the next generation of innovators and influencers and relevant pan-European research that can inform and highlight future trends within the wider retail property industry across Europe.

**The Trust is actively seeking applications from National Council for shopping places members across Europe.**

**Starting April 2023**

The Trust will be supporting 50% of course fees for up to five European students to study on the REVO Diploma which will be conducted on-line and in the English language. Students will be expected to proficient in business level English. The value of the funding is £4,625.00 (€5330) per student plus a contribution to agreed and reasonable travel expenses.

* REVO Diploma in Retail & Leisure Place Management in collaboration with Solent University Southampton, UK. (18 months – part time, remote learning).

<https://www.solent.ac.uk/courses/cpd-professional/retail-and-leisure-place-management-he-cert>

**Who can apply?**

Applications are welcome from young professionals across Europe, those who are members or associated with their National Councils or those working or planning to work in businesses or professions linked to the retail, leisure, destination and place making industry, also those in higher education seeking to develop the experiences and skills needed to enter the industry.

The criteria for selection will be based on the prospective student’s application form, references and personal statement regarding the value of the award to the individual’s professional development. The overall financial investment to the REVO Diploma will reflect a true diversity of the students and the countries they come from. The awards decision will be made independently by the ESPT Trustees and are considered final.

**When to apply?**

Applications for the 2023/24 REVO course must be made by 1 February 2023.

The Course Leader, Harjinder Virdee is available to answer questions on the course content. Harjinder.virdee@solent.ac.uk

The Trustees meet regularly to consider applications and will make a swift decision regarding the 2023/24 REVO Diploma. You can apply to the Chairman/Treasurer by emailing a completed application form.

Applicants are encouraged to make early contact with the Chairman or individual Trustees initially to ask any questions.

**How to apply?**

It is important that the Application form is fully completed.

Please include a personal statement on how the grant will assist in your career development.

**General Information**

A full CV from the applicant should be included together with at least one professional/education reference in support of any application.

**Interviews**

Applicants should bear in mind that they may be contacted for interview by a current or former Trustee which may be by telephone or by video call.

**Funding**

If the Trustees decide to make a grant this will be conditional on the balance of money required being secured, and paid from elsewhere, for example personal or employer contribution.

The Trust funds will then be paid direct to Solent University.

The payment is towards course fees only.

The funding is dependent on the candidate being accepted on the course by Solent University and you should make early contact with the University to confirm your place.

**Follow Up Requirements**

A successful applicant will be expected to complete the course and provide the Trust with a report/resume of the activity/course/ project that can be used within the ESPT website and other communication channels, including national councils and relevant publications, including a release to use materials or photographic images to encourage future participation with the Trust.

For further information please contact -

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**Application Form**

***Please complete all sections of the form in English***

Name:

Qualifications:

Job Title:

Company/Academic Institute

Address:

Date of Birth:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

**Reference available from -**

Name: Title:

Company/Academic Institute:

Contact details: Email: Telephone:

Relationship to applicant:

Please confirm that the referee has knowledge of the grant application and is willing to be contacted. Yes No

Explain in 100 words or less the outline of your application and key personal and business goals.

**Finance**

How much support are you asking the ESPT to contribute? €/£

Over what period:

Is this part or full funding and from where is any other funding being sought?

The grant will be paid direct to Solent University.

When is the (first) payment due?

**Applicant Signature**  **Date**

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*By signing the Application you are confirming that all the information provided is correct and can be verified.*

*All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and held under current GDPR legislation.*

**Please ensure that your application includes a CV and full contact details. Thank you.**

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