

CALL FOR DOCTORAL WORKSHOPS

1.- PURPOSE OF THE CALL:

Within the framework of the agreement signed in Bologna on 20th April 2018 between six European universities (Freie Universität Berlin, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie, KU Leuven, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), it was decided to organize two annual **Doctoral Workshops** for PhD students from each of these six universities. The aim is to create a multi-disciplinary, multi-university and multi-locational forum for young researchers, that will link research on particular areas with critical thinking on the challenges facing today's Europe.

Doctoral Workshops create a unique opportunity to be part of a network of Doctoral candidates from six prestigious European universities, in which the selected scholars will be able to confront their doctoral research with that of other scholars, which will enable them to draw on the combined resources of six of Europe's leading universities, and to learn how to work as a team. Moreover, the students participating in the doctoral workshops will have the opportunity to visit key European institutions and learn about how they function in conversation with leading academics and will build up a network of contacts within their academic field.

The **Workshops** aim to encourage the exchange of proposals, work methodologies and also to be a forum for the debate of the various challenges facing the university-research binomial in the near future.

2.- PROGRAMME OF THE DOCTORAL WORKSHOP.

The working language of the **Doctoral Workshop** will be English, and it will have a duration between 1-4 days. Besides the participation of Doctoral candidates, it will also include plenary lectures by renowned researchers from the participating universities.

Doctoral Workshops include presentations of Doctoral candidates, round tables, forums, poster sessions, etc. They have an interactive format in order to facilitate PhD students' interactions and debates. The selected PhD students will have active participation in the workshop. They will be expected to present their research, and, upon completion, they will be required to write a brief report stating individual results of the workshop.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

1. To be enrolled in the last two years of doctoral studies (according to the provisions of the university legislation of each country).
2. Doctoral studies should be thematically related to the workshop theme.

4. GRANTS OFFERED:

There will be up to 5 grants offered per Workshop by each participating university for a maximum of 30 PhD Students per Workshop. Each university will be responsible for the travel, living and accommodation expenses of the students they have selected. The organizing university will take care of the logistics. Grants cover travel, lodging expenses and cultural activities organized by the host university.

5. PERIOD:

Workshops will take place twice a year. Students will have one month to submit their proposals and the required documentation – detailed below.

6.- DOCUMENTS THAT DOCTORAL STUDENTS MUST PRESENT:

A scientific committee (SC) composed by one professor from each university will be responsible for defining the scientific programme of the workshop and each university will have the responsibility of the selection of the PhD candidates who will participate in each **Doctoral Workshop**. The SC member of the organizing university will be the Workshop coordinator.

The criteria of selection are the thematic relation of the PhD research with the theme, and the quality of the on-going studies. Participants should respond before the deadline of the call for submissions of the Workshop.

Candidates must submit the application form together with the following requested documents:

1. Copy of the **ID card** or equivalent official identification document
2. **Certificate** of academic studies (including BA and MA) and certificate that proves the candidate's enrollment in a Doctoral Programme.

3. **Summary of the doctoral thesis** (maximum 2 pages)
4. **Curriculum Vitae** (maximum 3 pages; including scientific activities)
5. Official Certification of a **B2 level in English** (Cambridge exams, TOEFL, etc)
6. **Letter of Motivation** (stating the candidates' interest in the subject matter of the workshop, their contribution to the debate, and the added value to the research they are currently carrying out (1 page)
7. **Letter of Recommendation** from the thesis supervisor (1 page)

Applications will be sent to the SC member of each university. **Applications** submitted after the deadline and which do not comply with the regulations detailed above will be considered null and void.

7.- EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Each university evaluates applications according to the following criteria (maximum score 10 points):

- Average grade of academic studies (Including BA and MA): (0 to 3 points).
- Curriculum Vitae (0 to 2 points).
- Letter of motivation according to the call (0 to 2 point)
- Quality of the abstract and relevance with the Workshop's theme (0 to 2 points)
- Level of English superior to B2 (0 to 1 point)

The scientific committee will publish the list of the selected PhD candidates no later than 10 days after the deadline for their submission, in an irrevocable decision. The scientific committee will communicate the decision to each university through the Vice-rectorate for International Affairs and the Vice-rectorate of Research and Doctoral studies.

8.- OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP.

- Gaining interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary competences in the research field of the PhD student.
- Substantive support in the final process of preparing a doctoral dissertation.
- Strengthening scientific relationships aiming at an increase of the students' professional potential.
- Co-operation in the field of the workshop theme, which will result in joint research projects: publications, participation in conferences, etc.