

UNA EUROPA UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE EUROPE

CALL FOR III UNA EUROPA DOCTORAL WORKSHOP- SUSTAINABILITY

1.- PURPOSE OF THE CALL

Within the framework of UNA Europa alliance (Freie Universität Berlin, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie, KU Leuven, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Edinburgh University and University of Helsinki), it was decided to organize annual **Doctoral Workshops** for PhD students from each of these eight 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 eight 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 eight 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 be organized by **Freie Universität Berlin** in **April 2-3, 2020**, within the framework of their Spring Campus Conference. 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, 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

At the moment of submitting their application, candidates:

1. Must be enrolled in the last two years of doctoral studies, or to be a first-year post-doc.
2. Their Doctoral studies should be thematically related to the workshop topics, which are:
 - *“Sustainable Development Research – an Interdisciplinary Chance or Challenge?”*
 - *“Unlocking and Transitioning – Strategies and Policies for a Sustainable World”*

4. GRANTS OFFERED AND FINANCING:

The UCM offers 5 grants of **500€** to cover travel and accommodation expenses of the selected students. Freie Berlin Universität will provide with information, if needed. Fee waiver for the workshop.

The financing of this call, for a maximum amount of **2,500€**, will be charged to the budgetary application G/6420150/5000 of the 2020 Budget of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid - University of Madrid, in which, according to the accounting document number 1001256583, there is credit been reserved for the maximum amount indicated.

5. SUBMISSION

PhD students must submit their application and the required documentation (see section 6) from 7th to 18th (23:59) of February 2020 through the on-line form that can be found at:

<https://ucm.moveon4.de/form/53bd38820f9d308854000001/spa>

Candidates will have to select the central theme from the ones specified in section 3.2 to which they are ascribing their application.

For any questions related to the application, contact us by email at: una-europa@ucm.es

6.- DOCUMENTS THAT DOCTORAL STUDENTS MUST PRESENT

Candidates must upload on the **on-line application** the following requested documents:

1. **Summary of the doctoral thesis** (maximum 2 pages).
2. **Curriculum Vitae** (maximum 3 pages; including scientific activities).
3. **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).
4. **Abstract (max. 500 words)** outlining the aims and methods of individual papers.
5. **Official English Certification** (minimum **B2 level** of Cambridge exams, TOEFL, CSIM...)
6. **Letter of Recommendation** from the thesis supervisor (1 page).

Applications submitted after the deadline and which do not comply with the regulations detailed above will be considered null and void.

7.- EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The evaluation of applications shall be made according to the following criteria (maximum score 10 points):

- Quality of the Thesis summary and relevance with the Workshop's theme (0 to 3 points)
- Curriculum Vitae (0 to 3 points).
- Letter of motivation according to the call (0 to 2 point)
- Abstract (0 to 1)
- Level of English superior to B2 (0 to 1 point)

The selection committee will be composed by the Vice-rector for International Relations & Cooperation and two members of the UNA EUROPA Self-Steering Committee in Sustainability at the UCM.

The list of selected candidates will be published no later than 10 days after the deadline for their submission, in an irrevocable decision, on the website: <https://www.ucm.es/resolucion-de-convocatorias>.

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.

Madrid, 7th February 2020

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