

2017 Grant: Coimbra Group-UNICA PhD Workshop in Dubrovnik

The Vice Rectorate for Internationalization and the International School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Granada are pleased to announce to PhD students the call for a place at the second Coimbra Group-UNICA joint PhD training workshop: **Navigating your career: international training workshop for PhD candidates on career preparation** that will take place at the Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in **Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 15-18 October 2017**.

Preface

During their PhD journey, doctoral candidates become attuned to facing the unknown. As they move forward with their work, they develop competences related to solving complex problems, searching and identifying opportunities, and adapting to changing environments. After completing their PhD, they are again confronted with the unknown: their future career in a global job market, which can present a threat and an opportunity.

Aim of the meeting

This joint initiative by two networks, both taking an active role in the further development of doctoral education in Europe, intends to bring together doctoral candidates from universities across Europe in a highly international and multicultural setting, which will allow them to meet peers who may have had a very different experience.

Far from their daily obligations towards their research, participants will have the opportunity to step back and reflect, in a structured and guided manner, on the broad skills they have gained during their doctoral studies and that are key in the ever-dynamic global employment market, such as building a network of international peers, functioning in international, cross-functional teams and being exposed to acting outside their daily research environment. While their PhD is a tangible proof of the level and depth of their expertise, it is a deeper understanding of these broad skills that will equip them for a wide range of careers.

The aim of this initiative is not to provide job interview training, but rather to create a space for reflection on employability prospects and on the soft, transversal skills needed to respond to a global setting in constant change.

Program

The 3 ½ day programme (start: Sunday, 15 October afternoon; end: Wednesday, 18 October) will include presentations from keynote speakers, training sessions aimed at improving specific competences, debates and space for self-assessment and reflection. The Centre for Advanced Academic Studies (CAAS) of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik will offer a perfect setting for discussion, learning, networking and recreation.

Participants

A well-balanced geographical spread of participants is assured. Each University is invited to nominate **one doctoral student** to take part in the training.

The Organising Committee, composed of representatives of the UNICA and Coimbra Group networks, will select 40 participants (20 participants from the Coimbra Group and 20 participants from UNICA) who will take part in the training.

Grant

The University of Granada will grant the selected candidate with the fee for the participation in the training (€550, that includes 4 nights accommodation at the CAAS Residence, meals -breakfasts, coffee breaks, lunches, 2 dinners-and the participation in the social programme) and will cover all the travel costs.

Application

The following items should be provided by **12 May 2017** to **epinternacional@ugr.es** (subject "Application CG-UNICA workshop Navigate your Career"). All documents should be provided in English (items are mandatory, except the last one):

- **Candidate's CV**
- **Statement of interest**
- **Transference program** (Initiatives, such as courses, talks, seminars, etc for PhD students, management positions, and governing bodies of the University of Granada, to be developed by the selected candidate upon return to UGR to address key points of the conference and suggestions for improving student's doctoral training at UGR).
- **Statements of participation in:**
 - Organizing Committees of International Events
 - Organizing Committees of Doctoral Studies Events
 - Coimbra Group Initiatives (e.g., 3MT Competition)
 - Mobility programs of Vice Rectorate for Internationalization/EIP
- **English language certification** (minimum B2 or equivalent; recommended C1)
- **Other actions/merits/awards/distinctions in the fields of internationalization and doctoral training** (not research).

Evaluation of Applications

A committee composed by representatives of Vice Rectorate for Internationalization and EIP will evaluate the applications.

Contact

For any questions you may have, please contact **epinternacional@ugr.es** (subject “Question CG-UNICA workshop Navigate your Career”).

The Vice Rectorate for Internationalization and the International School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Granada are looking forward to receive your application and have the opportunity to broad your doctoral training with other European PhD students in Dubrovnik!