LERU Doctoral Summer School 2015

Date: 13 -17 July 2015
Theme: Sharing Excellence – The Value of Knowledge Exchange
Venue: University of Oxford
Application deadline: Friday March 20, 2015

Theme

The theme of the summer school is knowledge exchange - the mutually beneficial sharing of ideas, data, experience, and expertise between academics and non-academic organisations or the public as a means of fostering innovation and excellence, which is relevant to all disciplines and subject areas, across both the arts and sciences.

The programme will include workshops, plenary sessions, arts-/sciences-focused case study discussions, networking opportunities, and a visit to industry.

Objectives

To encourage doctoral candidates to gain a better understanding of the benefits and impact of information sharing and collaboration, and to assist them to develop the core skills needed for involvement in knowledge exchange in order to enrich and advance their own research excellence as well as that of others.

Expected learning outcomes

- An understanding of what knowledge exchange is, and its benefits, both to researchers and partners;
- Recognition of the resources students already have to offer, both in terms of knowledge and transferrable skills;
- An awareness of the different types of potential knowledge exchange partners and how they might be approached and engaged;
Development of some of the core skills required for knowledge exchange, including communicating about research, networking, negotiation, and securing funding.

Applicants shall meet the following requirements:

- Must be registered as a doctoral candidate at Lund University
- Should be approximately half way in their doctoral education
- Must be keenly motivated to work on the topic of the LERU Summer school
- Must be able to participate in all activities in the programme
- Must be fluent in written and spoken English - the sessions will all be conducted in English

Doctoral candidates from all academic disciplines with an interest in this topic are invited to apply, describing the contribution they can make to the conference.

Selection Criteria and Conditions

The selection criteria are relevance to the theme of the conference, the quality of the statement of purpose and the potential impact of the research.

There are 42 places for candidates from LERU universities. Lund University will provide LERU with a list of ranked candidates. The first-ranked candidate is automatically accepted. Second places (and any further places, should they be available) are decided by organisers of the Summed school at the University of Oxford and the LERU Doctoral Studies Community steering group after consideration of all applications, aiming to achieve a balanced representation with regard to disciplines, gender and university affiliation with due consideration of rank order and merit.

Costs

The participation fee is £400 (approximately €500) per participant. This cost includes course materials, accommodation in an Oxford college (Mansfield College) for five nights from 12-17 July (Sunday night – Friday morning), and meals. Lund University will cover the cost for the conference fee, € 500 per candidate.

Travel to and from Oxford is not included in the summer school cost. Lund University will contribute with 3000 SEK for travel costs. Each participant will need to arrange their own travel and travel insurance.

Participants will be expected to cover the cost of any additional social activities undertaken.
The application, in English, shall include:

1. Statement of purpose including the theme of the own research project and a description of the contribution you can make to the conference - 1 A4 page
2. Letter of recommendation from Professor/Head of Department
3. CV
4. Excerpt from LADOK

Application deadline is Friday March 20, 2015. Applications with reference number STUD 2014/5852 are to be sent by e-mail to Registrar@lu.se.

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