Announcement of LERU Doctoral Summer School 2018

Date:    9 -13 July 2018
Theme:  The Global Society - The Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Tackle Societal Challenges
Venue:  KU Leuven

Application deadline:  Friday March 16, 2018

Theme

The theme of the LERU Doctoral Summer School, 9-13 July 2018 is
The Global Society - The Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Tackle Societal Challenges.

The focus of this summer school is the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration to tackle major challenges in today’s global society. The summer school brings together participants and experts with a wide variety of academic backgrounds. It aims to create a unique international, intersectorial and interdisciplinary environment, in view of proposing solutions for major societal challenges.

The participants will work in separate interdisciplinary teams on the solution of the selected challenge. Furthermore, they will receive high-level information and training from various experts in thematic sessions.

Learning Objectives

- Intercultural communication: Doctoral candidates will learn how to communicate values, ideas and opinions to a mixed audience more
effectively. Through personal coaching and peer-assessment they will learn how to give and receive constructive feedback and effectively convey a message in a culturally diverse group.

- Novel collaboration methods and social entrepreneurship: Using successful business examples as a starting point, the doctoral candidates will improve their responsiveness to opportunities and gain insight into new concepts to find solutions for societal problems.
- Increased self-confidence and strengthened leadership skills: Doctoral candidates will develop a personal (management) style and influence decision-making.
- Acknowledgement of the added value of 3I collaboration: Doctoral candidates will gain a deeper insight into and appreciation of their own and other disciplines. They will learn to identify potential in other team members and use interdisciplinary collaboration as a tool for problem solving and creative thinking.

**Applicants shall meet the following requirements:**

- Must be registered as a doctoral candidate at Lund University
- Should be approximately half way or more in their doctoral education
- Must be keenly motivated to work on the topic of the LERU Summer School as set out in the program and description
- Must be able to participate in all activities in the program
- Must be fluent in written and spoken English

Doctoral candidates from all academic disciplines with an interest in this topic are invited to apply.

**Selection Criteria and Conditions**

The selection criteria are the quality of the statement of purpose, arguments for participation, relevance to the theme of the conference and overall judgement of application, grades and CV.

Participants should be interested in interdisciplinary collaboration in science in general and in science with and for society issues in particular, and be willing to actively work on a project which deals with major challenges in today’s global society.

Lund University conducts a selection procedure and nominates two, and if relevant, more, ranked candidates to LERU. The first-ranked candidate is unquestionably accepted. Second places (and any if further places, should they be available) are decided by the organizers of the Doctoral Summer School at KU Leuven and 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.

_The Application, in English, shall include:_

1. Statement of purpose with motivation of 1 A4 page. It should explain the candidate’s interest for the topic of the summer school, a description of what makes the candidate a suitable representative for Lund University and the contribution the candidate can make to the conference. It should also include the theme and title of the candidate’s own research project.
2. Letter of recommendation from Head of Department
3. CV
4. Excerpt from Ladok showing admission date and accomplishments

**Application deadline is Friday March 16, 2018.** Applications with reference number STUD 2018/1076 are to be sent by e-mail to registrator@lu.se.

**Costs**

The participation fee is €500 per participant. This includes course materials, accommodation in Leuven for five nights from 8 -13 July 2018 (Sunday night to Friday morning) and meals and transportation within Leuven.

Lund University will cover the participation cost € 500. Lund University will furthermore contribute with 3000 SEK for travel costs for each participant. Participants will need to arrange their own travel and travel insurance. Booking of travel should be done through the university procured agency.

Participants are expected to cover the cost of any additional social activity undertaken.

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