LERU Doctoral Summer School 2020

Date: 28 June – 3 July 2020
Theme: Reasserting the Value of the Expert; The role of Doctoral Research and Researchers in Promoting the Importance of the ‘Expert’ in Europe

Venue: Trinity College Dublin

Application deadline: Monday March 16 2020

Theme

The theme of the LERU Doctoral Summer School, 28 June – 3 July 2020 is Reasserting the Value of the Expert; The role of Doctoral Research and Researchers in Promoting the Importance of the ‘Expert’ in Europe.

The focus of this summer school is on how the next generation of researchers can reclaim the role of the expert and convince people (including the suspicious and the cynical) as to the value of expertise and thus of research and researchers.

In the LERU Doctoral Summer School 2020 participants each day of the Summer School will have a keynote lecture by an ‘expert’ speaker, group discussions about the issues raised and also a cultural event, including meeting with significant Irish politicians and other policy makers.

These events will help to generate the proposed output from the program, to prepare and draft of a “LERU Doctoral students position paper on strategies to reclaim the importance of the expert” to be submitted to LERU.
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.

The maximum number of participants in the summer school is 46. Lund University conducts a selection procedure and nominates two, and if relevant, more, ranked candidates to LERU. The first-ranked candidate from each university is unquestionably accepted. Second places (and any if further places, based on availability) are decided by the organizers of the Doctoral Summer School at the Trinity College Dublin 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 Monday March 16, 2020. Applications with reference number U 2019/649 are to be sent by e-mail to registrator@lu.se.
Costs

The participation fee is €500 per participant. This includes course materials, University accommodation for five nights from Sunday night 28 June – Friday 3 July 2020, meals and participation in the social program. 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 activity undertaken.

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