



DocTalent4EU Summer School

Call for Applications:

DocTalent4EU Summer School on “Enhancing Communication and Negotiation Skills for PhD Candidates”

University of Limerick, Ireland,

Tuesday, May 28th to Thursday, May 30th, 2024

University of Limerick Doctoral College is proud to announce the DocTalent4EU Summer School, a unique and immersive learning experience focused on effective communication and negotiation skills for PhD candidates. The Summer School takes place at the University of Limerick, Ireland on Tuesday, May 28th to Thursday, May 30th, 2024

The DocTalent4EU Summer School is a unique opportunity for PhD candidates from different backgrounds to benefit from a comprehensive learning experience that combines online and face-to-face training, networking opportunities with other participants from the seven partner institutions¹ as well as instructors, and the acquisition of valuable knowledge and skills that will enhance participants' professional qualifications and career prospects.

The successful completion of the training programme will entitle participants to qualify for DocTalent4EU digital credentials delivered by the hosting institution.

¹ **Université Cote d’Azur**, Nice, France; **University of Alcalá**, Spain; **University of Porto**, Portugal; **University of Limerick**, Ireland; **Western Norway University of Applied Sciences**, Bergen, Norway; **Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi**, Romania; **UiT The Arctic University of Norway**, Tromsø, Norway; **European University Foundation (EUF)**, Brussels, Belgium.



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Eligibility: Applicants must be PhD candidates with fluent English, from any discipline.

Selection criteria: In line with the objectives of the DocTalent4EU project, participation is open to PhD candidates of any background.

Funding level: The travel grant, paid by the hosting institution, will cover transportation costs, shared hotel accommodation (twin rooms), participation in the Summer School and Hackathon, as well as coffee breaks and lunches for the 3-day event. ***A number of maximum 4 grants will be covered.***

Ability to travel: Before applying, please check your eligibility to travel to Ireland for the Summer School. EU nationals can use a national identity card or a valid passport to enter the Republic of Ireland.

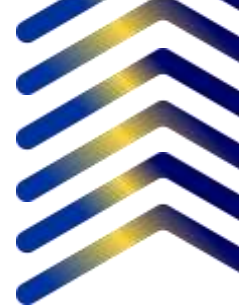
However, please be aware that the Republic of Ireland is NOT a Schengen country and that you may be asked to produce your passport when you arrive here. Always check what form of ID is required by your individual airline, ferry company or travel agent before travelling. Find out about visa requirements from your local embassy or consulate.

If you are not an European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) citizen, you may need to acquire a [Short Study Visit 'C' Visa](#) before coming to Ireland. A Schengen visa or UK visa is not valid for travel to Ireland. If you are not sure whether you need to apply for a visa in order to travel to Ireland for the Summer School please read the following: [Visas for Ireland](#).

Important Dates:

- Call for Applications sent out to PhD Candidates: **Friday, March 1st, 2024**
- Application deadline: **Wednesday, March 13th, 2024.**
- Online interviews: **Monday, March 18th, 2024.**
- Notification of acceptance: **Friday, March 22nd, 2024**





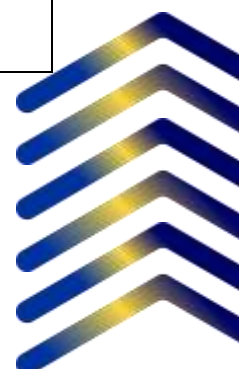
- MOOC open: **Monday, March 25th, 2024 to Friday, May 24th, 2024.**
- Summer school arrival: **Monday, May 27th, 2024**
- DocTalent4EU Summer School & Hackathon: Tuesday, **May 28th to Friday, May 30th**
- Summer school departure: **Friday, May 31st 2024**

The Summer School will be composed of two phases:

- An online MOOC to complete from March 25th to May 24th, 2024
- Face-to-face training programme and Hackathon at University of Limerick from May 28th to May 30th, 2024.

Agenda of the training:

<p>Module I - online</p> <p>March 25th to May 24th, 2024</p>	<p>MODULE 1: MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)</p> <p>The Doc Talent4EU MOOC on Enhancing Communication and Negotiation Skills for PhD Candidates is intended to provide doctoral candidates with the essential skills and knowledge required for effective communication and negotiation. The course aims to enhance participants' abilities to communicate their research effectively, negotiate effectively in academic and professional settings, and understand the role of such skills in advancing their research and careers.</p>
<p>Module II – on-site</p> <p>May 28th 2024 at</p> <p>University of Limerick</p>	<p>MODULE 2: Inter-disciplinary Teams and “Challenges”</p> <p>PhD candidates will meet face-to-face during the Summer School, and work together in inter-disciplinary groups on problems relating to effective communication and negotiation. Candidates will reflect on the online material in Module 1 and work on problem-based assignments. Participants will also map theory from Module 1 to their own research and discuss collaborative work across their respective disciplines.</p>





	<p>Group exercises will be related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and participants will examine the application of effective communication and negotiation skills to such problems.</p> <p>Two examples of this type of exercise are given below.</p> <p>Example 1: Interdisciplinary groups of PhD candidates are tasked with designing and implementing an initiative to promote gender equality in a chosen region or country, aligned with SDG 5, Gender Equality. The initiative should address multiple dimensions of gender inequality and empower women in the region. In this instance, PhD candidates from various disciplines, such as sociology, economics, public policy, and public health, come together to form a collaborative group and leverage their expertise to provide an initiative which promotes gender equality.</p> <p>Example 2: An interdisciplinary group of PhD candidates, is tasked with developing a sustainable transportation solution that addresses the unique challenges faced by urban areas. The solution, aligned with SDG 13, Climate Action, should aim to reduce carbon emissions, enhance energy efficiency, and improve accessibility while ensuring economic viability and public acceptance. In this instance, PhD candidates from fields such as engineering, social sciences, transportation planning, environmental science, and urban studies would come together to develop an integrative solution that tackles the complex challenges of achieving sustainable transportation in urban areas.</p>
<p>Module III – on-site</p> <p>May 29th & 30th 2024 at</p> <p>University of Limerick</p>	<p>MODULE 3: HACKATHON</p> <p>Industry representatives will work with academic faculty in order to provide participants with advice on project assignments that allow PhD candidates to communicate their research to non-academic audiences, build collaboration and networks with other researchers and meet and understand challenges in their own local contexts.</p> <p>FORMAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD candidates will form interdisciplinary teams (mixed-discipline groups) through a facilitated networking session.





- Each team will choose one challenge to work on during the Doc Talent4EU Hackathon and develop an innovative proposal addressing the problem.
- Mentors from academia and industry will provide guidance and support to the teams throughout the Hackathon.
- Workshops and training sessions will be conducted to enhance the teams' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, communication, and project management abilities.

Pitching Session and Judging:

- Each team will have a limited time to pitch their proposal to a panel of judges consisting of industry experts and academic representatives.
- The judging criteria will emphasise the interdisciplinary approach, innovation, societal impact, and feasibility of the proposals.

Final Hackathon Presentation:

- The Doc Talent4EU Hackathon results will be presented on the final day of the Doc Talent4EU Summer School in UL on May 30th, 2024.
- Winning teams will showcase their proposals to a broader audience, including stakeholders from academia, industry, and the public.

Application Process:

To apply, please send the documents (in word and signed pdf) to **Sabina Rotenstein** at ***sabina-nicoleta.rotenstein@staff.tuiasi.ro*** and provide the following information, concatenated in a SINGLE document named with your name (ex: Minea.doc and Minea_signed.pdf):





- **DocTalent4EU Summer School Application Form (The application form contains a Statement of Purpose (max. 500 words) outlining your motivation for joining the Summer School and how it aligns with your academic and personal goals)**
- **Completed Data Collection and Informed Consent Forms**
- **Short CV**

All the documents are available as template on the website, at: <https://doctorat.tuiasi.ro/proiecte/doctalent4eu/>. Please use **ONLY this template.**

Financial Information:

The DocTalent4EU Summer School covers travel and accommodation expenses for participants travelling to Ireland from our DocTalent4EU consortium partners (4 candidates per institution).

Participants from outside UL will stay at the [Castletroy Park Hotel](#) which is within walking distance of the University of Limerick.

Expand your horizons, develop valuable skills, and make lifelong connections with students and researchers from across Europe. Apply now and be part of this unique and transformative experience.

For further information about the Summer School and how to apply, please contact prof. **Alina Adriana MINEA** (email: alina-adriana.minea@academic.tuiasi.ro)



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