



## **CALL FOR APPLICATION:**

# **Cross-border Workshop: PhD what comes next?**

**A 3-day workshop dedicated to doctoral candidates from all fields in the France, Germany and Luxembourg**

**Luxembourg, 18th – 20th of November 2020**  
**Youth Hostel, 17 boulevard Kennedy, L-4170 Esch-sur-Alzette**

In the past decades and at a time when innovation is a keyword for economic and societal growth, the doctorate has become a gateway to a diversity of career options, way beyond academic research. However, doctoral candidates do not have a clear vision of their options and may lack self-confidence when it comes to market their research experience or identify their skills.

That is why ABG, the French-German University, Luxembourg National Research Fund, the University of Luxembourg and Luxembourgish national research institutes (LIH, LISER and LIST) have joined forces to organise a seminar specifically for:

- doctoral candidates from the three countries
- unemployed doctorate holders, who graduated for less than 6 months at the time of the workshop
- international doctorate holders interested in working in one of the three countries after their PhD

This seminar, held in English, will allow them to pinpoint their specific skills, go over their work history, define their future career plan in a new perspective and efficiently communicate with recruiters in France, Germany and Luxembourg. A specific part will be dedicated to the preparation of an international mobility project as part of their career plan.

The seminar is based on an interactive methodology: participants are expected to be proactive during the 3 days. That is why organisers put emphasis on participants' motivation and commitment.

Participants from France and Germany will be accommodated in the [youth hostel of Esch-sur-Alzette](#), where the seminar takes place.

### **GOALS**

- exploring the job market and opportunities for PhDs in the three countries
- designing their career plan

- analyzing their previous experience and/or future goals regarding international mobility and planning the next steps
- assessing and illustrating their skillset

**Program** (see the attached document)

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

*Candidates from Luxembourg are subject to a specific call – read it*

The seminar is open to:

- doctoral candidates from all fields and all nationalities, doing their doctorate in France or Germany (PhD candidates doing a joint PhD with one of the three countries or doing an industrial PhD are eligible)
- unemployed doctorate holders who graduated for less than 6 months at the time of the workshop
- international doctorate holders doing their PhD outside France, Germany or Luxembourg and who are interested in working in one of the three countries after their PhD

The participants must have a good English level (at least B2)

Priority is given to advanced doctoral candidates (i.e. from late 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their PhD onwards).

### **REGISTRATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The main seminar costs will be covered by the partner institutions. Each participant is required to contribute a fee of 50€ and cover his/her own travel costs.

Application consists in:

- a registration form (cf template)
- a CV (in French, German or English)
- a cover letter in English (motivation and expectations – a specific paragraph must be dedicated to the presentation of the participants' career goals)

Applications have to be submitted at the deadline to the respective institutional coordinators (cf contact details below).

The selection process includes 2 steps:

- pre-selection made by each institution, based on candidates' eligibility and motivation
- final selection made by a selection committee (composed of the project coordinators of each institution) to establish the final list of attendees.

### **CALENDER**

	For France and Germany (or any other cases)
Application deadline	July 14
Final selection and participation confirmation	July 20

Deadline for payment of fees	September 3
Workshop	November 18 – 20

## **CONTACT**

For more information, please contact the coordinator at your institution.

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## **PARTNERS**

### **ABG**

Association Bernard Gregory (ABG) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980. Its mission is to bring together doctorate holders and employers. To be more specific, it helps PhD students and PhD graduates from all scientific fields to steer their career. It also helps companies recruit PhDs.

Its capacity for innovation and its customer-oriented approach result in a constant evolution of its services.

Since March 2008, a Franco-German branch office has been created to focus on researcher's mobility between France and Germany and more largely on the European level.

[www.abg.asso.fr](http://www.abg.asso.fr)

### **Franco-German University**

The Franco-German University (FGU) consists of a group of affiliated member universities from France and Germany, the administration of which is located in Saarbr ucken. It was established in 1997 as an institution under international law by means of an intergovernmental agreement (Weimar Agreement). The FGU has adopted a specialist role in Franco-German university relations with the aim of reinforcing cooperation between France and Germany in the field of higher education and research. One of the fundamental tasks of the FGU is the initiation, coordination and financing of structured study programmes at all the development levels laid down in the Bologna process. Among its research supporting tools: thesis joint supervision, Franco-German doctoral colleges, summer schools, workshops and partnerships between researchers' teams.

[www.dfh-ufa.org](http://www.dfh-ufa.org)

### **Luxembourg Institute of Health**

The Luxembourg Institute of Health is a public research organisation at the forefront of biomedical sciences. With its strong expertise in population health, oncology, infection and immunity as well as storage and handling of biological samples, its research activities are dedicated to people's health. At the Luxembourg Institute of Health, more than 300 individuals are working together, aiming at investigating disease mechanisms and developing new diagnostics, innovative therapies and effective tools to implement personalised medicine. The institution is the first supplier of public health information in Luxembourg, a strong cooperation partner in local and international projects and an attractive training place for ambitious early-stage researchers.

[www.lih.lu](http://www.lih.lu)

### **LISER**

The Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (LISER) is an independent research institute predominantly funded by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. It is aiming at the provision of evidence based advice to society and policy makers, based on state-of-the-art scientific methodology. The research agenda of the institute is covered by three research departments: Labour Market, Living Conditions, and Urban Development and Mobility. By bringing together mostly economists, sociologists, and geographers, interdisciplinarity is used as a key element for stimulating scientific innovation. The institute is also closely collaborating with the University of Luxembourg. Via its research network, the institute attracts top level researchers from all over the world as active visitors.

[www.liser.lu](http://www.liser.lu)

### **Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology**

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is a Research and Technology Organisation (RTO) active in the fields of materials, environment and IT. It is under the trusteeship of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Our mission is twofold. We contribute to Luxembourg's reputation through our participation in several targeted research areas among the best RTOs in Europe, and by doing so, accelerate the country's socio-economic development. In a nutshell, LIST contributes strongly to building the Luxembourg of tomorrow.

Our ambitions are:

- To be the catalyst of national ambition in innovation
- To accelerate the marketing of technological innovations
- To be a positive driving force for industry and innovation in Luxembourg
- To promote Luxembourg as a testbed of European innovation
- To provide advice and expertise for national policies

[www.list.lu](http://www.list.lu)

### **University of Luxembourg**

The University of Luxembourg (UL) was founded in 2003, and is, thus, one of the youngest and fast growing universities in Europe. Based at the heart of the European Union, it offers a range of high-quality programmes at all levels. The UL is an international (with an academic staff of 17 nationalities, and students from 95 nationalities), multilingual (three official languages: English, French and German) and research-led University, with a strong focus on six main areas:

- Computational Sciences
- Law, with focus on European Law
- Luxembourg School of Finance
- Educational Sciences
- Security, Reliability and Trust in Information Technology
- Systems Biomedicine

All six priorities are expected to perform highest quality basic research, but all of them should do so on projects with potential relevance for the societal and economic development of the country. The University of Luxembourg is actively participating in multiple European projects within its areas of expertise, since the last 5 years its third party funding (including European) has grown by 29%. Beyond being such a young university, it

has been successful in a number of European applications: by the beginning of 2014, the UL was already involved in 36 European projects either as a coordinator or partner.

[www.uni.lu](http://www.uni.lu)

### **Luxembourg National Research Fund**

The Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) is the main funder of research activities in Luxembourg. Our vision is to establish Luxembourg as a leading knowledge-based society through science, research and innovation, thereby contributing to the country's economic diversification and future prosperity. We aim to set up a sustainable world-class research system in Luxembourg that will generate societal and economic impact in key strategic areas. To this end, the FNR invests public funds into research projects in various branches of science and humanities, with an emphasis on core strategic areas. Furthermore, the FNR supports and coordinates activities to promote scientific culture and to raise public awareness for research and science.

[www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu)