Application documents

- » Master's degree
- » Transcript of records from master's degree programme
- » Transcript of records from doctoral programme, if available
- » CV (in English)
- » Proof of enrolment (if applicable)
- » Recommendation letter from doctoral thesis supervisor
- » Letter of motivation in English (compulsory) and in the language of the target country (optional)
- » Language certificate(s): Either an official language test certificate (e.g. IELTS/TOEFL) or a certificate issued by a language instructor at the home university showing the CEFR level will be accepted.

Save-the-Date: Join us for a virtual info session on 7th September 2021 from 13h00 - 14h30 (CET)!

Visit the **EPICUR website** for more details on the info session, the PhD Exchange Programme and the European University EPICUR.



Requirements for participation

- » Currently pursuing a doctoral degree at an EPICUR university
- » PhD candidates from any field may apply, as long as it is relevant for the respective position
- » English (if not working language): minimum B2 for participation in the programme
- » Unless explicitly stated otherwise in the position description, working language (English, local language or any other language agreed on by the research institute) should be understood as B2 required, C1 desired
- » Other languages (if applicable): required/desired level to be determined by research institute

How to apply

- » Log into the **EPICUR Inter-University Campus** to review available positions
- » Submit the application via the **EPICUR Inter-University Campus** in September 2021

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PhD Exchange Programme -Research, Training and Skills Development

Be EPICURious – be an Explorer!

- » Cross-border exchange opportunities for PhD candidates at research institutes of the **EPICUR** partner universities or in their regions
- » Unique combination of research and training and skills development with guidance from a mentor
- » Interdisciplinary research projects related to the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**
- » Gain access to other research infrastructures and establish networks in the partner university's region
- » Inclusive formats of exchange: both physical and virtual are possible between February and **July 2022**



European University EPICUR

EPICUR is a first-generation European University. It has been funded by the European Union since November 2019 and connects eight Higher Education Institutions from six European countries:



EPICUR is a place where all boundlessly mobile students, PhD candidates and staff acquire a broad, interdisciplinary, academic perspective irrespective of their nationality, mother tongue, cultural or socio-economic background. EPICUR aims at nurturing multilingualism & inter-cultural skills, developing models for innovative teaching & learning, creating boundless connectivity through the EPICUR Inter-University Campus, and building bridges between local societies & entrepreneurial ecosystems surrounding the universities.

Programme overview

- » PhD candidates will be involved in current research projects at the providing research institutes (at the EPICUR university or in the region)
- » Collaboration on research projects related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN
- » Tailor-made approach: PhD candidates apply for acquired positions and define research focus and training needs with mentor at the receiving institute
- **» Duration of exchanges:** 2-6 months (between February and July 2022)
- » Please note that the programme does not offer any funding. However, participants will have the opportunity to apply for various scholarships.

Programme components



- » The EPICUR PhD Exchange Programme offers participants the opportunity to collaborate with researchers and other PhD candidates within the EPICUR consortium on interdisciplinary research projects
- » Programme participants will be invited to participate in virtual workshops on the topic of intercultural competence and other additional skills to support and complement research expertise (not mandatory)

- » Participants will be assigned a mentor at the receiving institute to provide ongoing guidance and support
- » The programme includes virtual introductory and closing sessions and offers peer networking opportunities

Your benefits

- » Gain access to exclusive exchange positions at research institutes within the EPICUR alliance
- » Gain first-hand research experience with world-leading experts and access to other research infrastructures
- » Foster an interdisciplinary approach to research topics
- » Develop intercultural competence and other transversal skills through additional training to support and complement research expertise
- » Receive ongoing support and guidance from a mentor
- » Collaboration may lead to possible joint research publications
- » Apply theory to practice
- » Build networks and enhance CV

