

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): Please use the template provided on the application platform.
- » 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.

Visit the [EPICUR website](#) for more details on the [PhD Exchange Programme](#) and the European University EPICUR.



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Requirements for participation

- » Currently pursuing a doctoral degree at an EPICUR university
- » Doctoral/PhD candidates from any field may apply
- » 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 or submit a general application
- » Submit the application via the [EPICUR Inter-University Campus](#)
- » **NEW!** Rolling admissions: This programme accepts applications on an ongoing basis. However, they will be reviewed on a monthly basis, so there is a deadline on the last day of each month. When applying for a specific position, please take note of the desired start date and duration as indicated by the research institute.

Contact the EPICUR PhD Exchange Programme Team

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PhD Exchange Programme – Research, Training and Skills Development

Be EPICURious – be an Explorer!

- » Cross-border exchange opportunities for doctoral/PhD candidates at research institutes of the EPICUR partner universities or in their regions
- » Unique combination of research, training and skills development with guidance from a mentor
- » Interdisciplinary research projects related to current societal challenges (including sustainability, mobility & migration and public health)
- » Gain access to other research infrastructures and establish networks in the partner university's region
- » Ultimate flexibility – Apply year-round for acquired positions or submit a general application



European University EPICUR

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



*The University of Southern Denmark will begin participating in activities from November 2022.

EPICUR is a place where all boundlessly mobile students, doctoral/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 and intercultural skills, developing models for innovative teaching & learning, creating boundless connectivity through the EPICUR Inter-University Campus, and building bridges between local societies and entrepreneurial ecosystems surrounding the universities.

Programme overview

- » **NEW!** Two-pronged approach: Doctoral/PhD candidates have the option of:
 - » Applying for acquired research stay positions at the EPICUR universities or at research institutes in their regions
- OR**
 - » Submitting a general application and receiving support in finding a suitable research stay that matches the applicant's interests
- » Collaboration on research projects related to the **EPICChallenges (Sustainability Research; Mobility, Migration & Identity; Transition of Public Health)**
- » Participants define their research focus and training needs with the mentor at the receiving institute
- » **Duration of exchanges:** 1-6 months
- » 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 doctoral/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
- » Receive support in finding a suitable research stay
- » Benefit from a flexible programme tailored to your research and training needs
- » 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

