



CALL FOR APPLICATION:

Cross-border Workshop: PhD what comes next?

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

Online

6th - 7th – 8th December 2023

The doctorate has become a gateway to a diversity of career options, way beyond academic research. However, PhD candidates do not always have a clear vision of their options and may lack self-confidence when it comes to identifying their skills and marketing their research experience for positions outside academia.

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

- PhD candidates from France, Germany, and Luxembourg
- Recent PhD graduates who are unemployed or on a short-term contract at the time of the workshop

This seminar, held in English, will allow them to go over their work history, reflect on their future career plans, pinpoint their specific skills, and efficiently communicate with recruiters in France, Germany, and Luxembourg. Particular attention will be given to networking as one of the key tools for the career planning and job search for internationally mobile researchers. In addition to training sessions, the participants will have the opportunity to meet and exchange with PhDs working outside academia in one of the three countries during a virtual round table.

The seminar is based on an interactive methodology: **participants are expected to be present and active during discussions and practical exercises over the 3 days**. That is why organizers seek motivated and committed participants.

GOALS

- exploring the job market and opportunities for PhDs outside academia in Europe and more specifically in France, Germany, and Luxembourg
- designing a career plan
- analyzing your previous experience and future goals regarding international mobility and planning the next steps
- taking stock of and illustrating your skillset
- developing and maintaining a professional network
- preparing for the recruitment process outside academia

Draft Program (see the attached document)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The seminar is open to:

- PhD candidates from all fields and all nationalities, doing their doctorate in France, Germany, or Luxembourg (PhD candidates doing a joint PhD with one of the three countries or doing an industrial PhD are eligible)
- PhD holders who are unemployed or on a short-term contract and who graduated less than 6 months before the workshop

The participants must be **motivated to explore the opportunities outside academia** and have a **good level of English (at least B2)**.

Priority is given to advanced PhD candidates (i.e., from the 2nd 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 30€ (non-refundable)**.

The application is made up of:

- a registration form (cf template)
- a CV (in English)
- an accompanying e-mail in English: motivation and expectations, including a specific paragraph dedicated to the presentation of the participants' career goals (**approx. 300 words**).

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

CALENDAR

	For France & Germany (Except the University of Trier)
Call for applications opened as of:	August 23
Application deadline	October 6
Final selection and participation confirmation	October 13
Deadline for payment of fees	November 3
Workshop	December 6-8

	For Luxembourg
Call for applications opened as of:	August 30

Application deadline	October 1
Final selection and participation confirmation	October 13
Deadline for payment of fees	November 3
Workshop	December 6-8

	For the University of Trier
Call for applications opened as of:	July 5
Application deadline	October 1
Final selection and participation confirmation	October 13
Deadline for payment of fees	November 3
Workshop	December 6-8

CONTACT

- **If you are a PhD candidate from one of the Luxembourgish institutions below or from the University of Trier, please contact the coordinator at your institution.**
- **Candidates or institutions from France or Germany, please contact ABG.**

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ABG

Association Bernard Gregory (ABG) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980, specialized in career development of PhD candidates and holders. Through its recruitment, training and communication services, it helps PhDs from all scientific fields to steer their career, and companies and other employers to recruit PhDs.

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 in Saarbrücken. 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 programs 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

Luxembourg Institute of Health

The Luxembourg Institute of Health is a public research organization 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 400 individuals are working together, aiming at investigating disease mechanisms, and developing new diagnostics, innovative therapies and effective tools to implement personalized 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

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

Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is a Research and Technology Organization (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

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 programs 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 several 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

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

University of Trier

Founded in 1970, Trier University with its 12,000 students (including more than 11% international students) embraces contrast: young, yet true to tradition; internationally oriented and regionally rooted; on the geographic edge of Germany, but in the heart of Europe close to France, Luxemburg, and Belgium. With a strong focus on the humanities, social sciences, law, business and economics, geography and geo sciences, there are six faculties covering more than thirty subject areas. The balance between teaching and research, and the university's increasing internationalization characterize many of the courses and degree programs. Interdisciplinary cooperation between faculties allows for multifaceted studies and interesting subject combinations.

www.uni-trier.de