

## **Call for Expressions of Interest Case Studies for DOC-CAREERS II Project**

EUA welcomes expressions of interest from universities willing to contribute with a Case Study to EUA DOC-CAREERS II project (“Promoting collaborative doctoral education for enhanced career opportunities”). This project is a follow up of the DOC-CAREERS project, which analysed systematically collaborative doctoral programmes and the employability of doctoral holders in non-academic environments, particularly large R&D enterprises DOC-CAREERS report.

The DOC-CAREERS II Case Studies are aimed at collecting practices in establishing and taking forward collaborative doctoral projects and programmes in cooperation with external non-academic partners such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Research and Technology Offices (RTOs), professional bodies, regional offices, public authorities, etc.

In this project EUA is gathering input both from the university sector itself – academic supervisors, doctoral candidates – and from their external partners involved in project theses or doctoral programmes. Universities providing Case Studies will be invited to participate to one of the DOC-CAREERS II workshop series for further discussion with experts from different sectors.

EUA will select Case Studies according to the following general criteria:

- Demonstrated evidence of on-going doctoral projects and or programmes in cooperation with regional non-academic partners such as SMEs, RTOs, public bodies, etc.
- Fields of knowledge: i) Science Engineering and Technology (SET); ii) Biotechnology, Medical, Life Sciences (BML), iii) Economic, Social Sciences and Humanities (ESSH).
- The ability to bring together partners from the different sectors involved in the university partnerships and doctoral processes.
- Geographical spread of workshops and case studies throughout Europe. In this second Call we particularly welcome Case Studies from Eastern and Southern Europe.

The outcomes of this project will feed into other initiatives currently in progress in EUA on the role of universities in regional innovation, doctoral programme reform and research policy dialogue on the future development of the European Research Area.

### **The expression of interest**

The expression of interest should include a description of your doctoral project/programme taking account of the above criteria indicating your commitment to present your case study at one of the five dialogue workshops of the project. The length of the expression should be of maximum 2 pages (Arial 10-type font size).

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