

Call for Expressions of Interest Workshop Convenors DOC-CAREERS II Project

EUA welcomes expressions of interest of universities or groups of universities willing to host one of the five events of a new EUA project called “Promoting collaborative doctoral education for enhanced career opportunities”) [DOC-CAREERS II](#). This project is a follow up of the [DOC-CAREERS project](#), which systematically analysed the nature and extent of collaborative doctoral programmes and the employability of doctorate holders in non-academic environments. While the previous project studied partnerships between universities and mainly large industry, DOC-CAREERS II will gather and disseminate evidence of good practice in current doctoral projects in cooperation with a broader range of non-academic partners such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Research and Technology Offices (RTOs), professional bodies, regional offices, public authorities, etc.

The project activities will include presentations of hands-on case studies and discussions on the transferability of practices which may have specific regional characteristics. The main instrument will be dialogue workshops with both a clear regional focus and a European perspective to study the specific characteristics related to the host region (encapsulated by the expression: “the way we do things here”) and the potential transferability of these practices to other European regions. Panellists and participants in the workshops will include a broad range of partners reflecting on the nature of the case studies.

EUA will select the workshops’ locations 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. in one of the following three broad 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 different sectors involved in the university partnerships to make contributions to the event and the capacity to involve neighbouring universities for mutual learning.
- Geographical spread of workshops and case studies throughout Europe

EUA encourages its members to respond to this call and share their practices within the DOC-CAREERS II project. The outcomes of this project will feed into other initiatives currently in progress in EUA, such as the role of universities in regional innovation, doctoral programmes reform and research policy dialogue on the European Research Area.

The expression of interest

The expression of interest should include a description of your developments in the above mentioned areas clearly indicating your commitment to convene 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).

Please send your expression of interest before **26 February 2010** to Gemma Applebee gemma.applebee@eua.be.