



2024 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS on PhD's Mobility

1. About EULiST

European Universities Linking Society and Technology (EULiST) is a European university created in 2020 and funded in 2023 as part of a European Commission initiative to modernize higher education in Europe in a comprehensive and sustainable way.

EULiST brings together 10 partners, among which IMT, with complementary strengths in the engineering, humanities and social sciences: Leibniz University Hannover (Germany), National Technical University of Athens (Greece), Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic), Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (Slovakia), Lappeenranta University of Technology (Finland), Jönköping University (Sweden), Rey Juan Carlos University (Spain), Vienna University of Technology (Austria), University of L'Aquila (Italy) and Institut Mines-Télécom (France).

EULiST aims at developing new solutions adapted to the ecological transition and climate change, in response to the main socio-economic challenges. It intends to build a sustainable future, with a strong emphasis on technology at the service of society.

The EULiST Alliance comprises over 200,000 students and 20,000 academic and administrative staff.

2. Objectives of the Call for Proposals

The aim of this call is to enhance research and innovation collaboration between EULiST partners. To achieve this goal, IMT will grant PhD students mobilities opened to the 9 other universities of the consortium (with potential reciprocity if accepted by the partner), enabling them to pursue research opportunities between these countries. Through these mobility grants, doctoral students can conduct research stays at the partner premises.

Expected outcomes of the exchange:

- Establish long-term relationships between EULiST partners either by creating new relationships or enhance existing ones,
- Grant the label "Doctor Europaeus" (Doctorat Européen) to the PhD candidate,
- Promote European mobility and develop cross-disciplinary skills,
- Share knowledge and advance research on a European level,
- At least one cosigned scientific article on a joint project must be published,
- Whenever possible setting-up of research proposals for public funding such as Horizon Europe.

A final report presenting the results of the exchange in English must be provided to EULiST.

3. Details of the Mobility Grants

This call for projects is aimed primarily at creating new collaborations / enhancing existing collaborations with EULiST partners and develop this Alliance of European Universities:

- The total budget is **120,000** euros. The total number of candidates selected will depend on the amount requested per grants accepted,
- The mobility grant is equal to **2,000** euros per month,



- Applications can be submitted by doctoral students from all schools of IMT for a mobility within at least one EULiST university,
- Each party (doctoral student/sending university/host university) must have a scientific interest in the exchange,
- The exchange can take place **as soon as possible**. The funding is allocated for a period of **up to 6 months and 3 months minimum**¹. In case of a longer stay for research purposes, the funding can be used as complementary funding,
- Research topics that fit in with the objectives of the scientific communities of IMT will be given priority,
- A final report presenting the results of the exchange in English must be provided to EULiST.

EULiST team at IMT is available to help identifying the best suitable scientific partners within EULiST partners. This team is composed, among others, of Antoinette Humeau (antoinette.humeau@imt.fr) and Olivier Epinette (olivier.epinette@imt.fr) both from International Affairs Directorate of IMT General Directorate, as well as Marc Delage (marc.delage@imt.fr) from Scientific Directorate of IMT General Directorate.

4. Evaluation and Funding

The evaluation will be conducted by experts from the scientific communities of IMT and EULiST Board at IMT (Scientific Directorate and International Affairs Directorate).

The program's beneficiaries will receive up to **12,000** euros to cover travel and accommodation expenses for the duration of their stay.

5. Time Frame

Launch of the call: Monday, March 18th, 2024.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, June 28th, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Evaluation Committee: July 2024.

Notification of the selected projects: Thursday, August 1st, 2024.

The proposals should be submitted in accordance with the template provided in the appendix of this document.

The final proposals must be sent by **Friday, June 28th, 2024, 12:00 p.m.** by e-mail to: eulist@imt.fr.

6. Contact

Please contact the project managers of EULiST should you need any further information and help in identifying researchers at the partner institution and experts from industry.

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- Marc Delage: marc.delage@imt.fr
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¹ As the 3 months threshold is requested for the "Doctor Europaeus" label (Doctorat Européen). Other conditions are required for the label such as 1) the doctorate must have been prepared, in part, during a stay of at least three months in another European state 2) Authorization to defend is granted based on reports written by at least two professors or equivalent belonging to two higher education institutions in two European states other than the one in which the doctorate is defended 3) At least one member of the jury must belong to a higher education institution in a European state other than the one in which the doctorate is defended 4) Part of the defense must be conducted in a European national language other than the national language(s) of the country where the PhD is defended.