

2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS on PhD's Mobility

1. About EULiST

European Universities Linking Society and Technology (EULiST) is a European university created 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 can be, among others:

- Establish long-term relationships between EULiST partners either by creating new relationships of enhance existing ones,
- Grant the label “Doctor Europaeus” (Doctorat Européen) to the PhD candidate, in case of a mobility of 3 months at least¹.
- Promote European mobility and develop cross-disciplinary skills,
- Share knowledge and advance research on a European scale,
- 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 in English detailing the outcomes of the exchange shall be submitted to EULiST within three months following the completion of the mobility period.

3. Details of the Mobility Grants

¹ Additional eligibility criteria are requested for such a label, such as : 1) Authorisation to defend a thesis is granted on the basis of reports drawn up by at least two professors or equivalent belonging to higher education establishments in two European countries other than the country in which the defence takes place, 2) At least one member of the thesis defence jury must belong to a higher education establishment in a European country other than that in which the doctorate is being defended, 3) Part of the defence of the thesis must be conducted in a European national language other than the national language(s) of the country where the defence takes place. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR DOCTORAL SCHOOL

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 mobility grant will reimburse:
 - o Travel to and from the exchange university, with the agreement of the EULiST team,
 - o Local public transports in the exchange location area,
 - o Daily allowances (100% on the first day and 37% on the other days, based on the amount set by the French Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty).
- Applications can be submitted by doctoral students, **employed by IMT**, 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 1 month minimum** (3 months and more grants will be preferred²). 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 will be given priority.
- A final report presenting the results of the exchange in English has to be provided to EULiST.

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

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 financial terms of the exchange are explained in the previous point. This sum may also cover the travel of supervisors who wish to visit doctoral students, but this must not interfere with the doctoral student's life on site.

5. Time Frame

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The proposals must be sent 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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² As the 3 months threshold is requested for the "Doctor Europaeus" label (Doctorat Européen).