

# European Doctoral School

**Internationalisation  
Strategy**

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## Our Strategy

The European Doctoral School Internationalisation Strategy, which is part of our Strategic Plan, is dedicated to building a globally engaged academic community through international partnerships, cross-cultural collaboration, and impactful doctoral research, preparing leaders to make a difference on a global scale.

# Internationalisation Strategy

The European Doctoral School Internationalisation Strategy aims to expand global partnerships, foster cross-cultural collaboration, and enhance the international experience for our doctoral candidates.

By connecting with leading institutions and industries worldwide, we empower our scholars to address global challenges, gain diverse perspectives, and develop the skills necessary to lead in an interconnected world.

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## Our Vision

To establish EDS as a globally recognised institution in doctoral education, known for its commitment to international collaboration, diverse academic networks, and impactful research that transcends borders.

“ We educate our doctoral candidates to be prepared to make significant contributions in a wide range of careers in Europe and around the world. ”

# Strategic Objectives

## 1. Global Partnerships and Collaborative Research

- **Approach:** Forge strategic partnerships with leading universities, research institutions, and industries across Europe, North America, Asia, and beyond. These alliances promote joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and shared resources, broadening the impact of EDS's research and enhancing the educational experience for our candidates.

## 2. Cross-Cultural Learning and Mobility

- **Approach:** Provide doctoral candidates with opportunities to engage in international exchanges, research placements, and virtual global classrooms. These experiences foster cross-cultural competence and equip candidates to conduct doctoral research with a global perspective, preparing them for international careers.

## 3. Attracting International Talent

- **Approach:** Encourage diverse viewpoints in doctoral research, recognising the value of varied perspectives in fostering innovation and addressing complex global issues.

## 4. Global Curriculum and Research Themes

- **Approach:** Develop a globally relevant curriculum that incorporates international research themes, such as climate change, global health, and digital innovation. These themes encourage our candidates to address issues with international significance, contributing doctoral research that resonates beyond national borders.

## 5. Promoting Intercultural Competence

- **Approach:** Incorporate intercultural communication and global awareness into training and development initiatives. This prepares candidates to collaborate effectively with peers and experts worldwide, fostering a collaborative spirit essential for addressing today's complex global issues.

## Innovative International Approaches

- **Virtual International Collaborations:** Harness cutting-edge digital tools to build a vibrant virtual network, sparking collaboration and knowledge-sharing among global doctoral research leaders.
- **Global Alumni Network:** Establish an international EDS alumni network to facilitate ongoing connections, mentorship, and opportunities for current and former doctoral candidates.
- **International Research Funding Opportunities:** Provide guidance on international research funding, supporting candidates in obtaining resources for impactful global research projects.

The Internationalisation Strategy underscores our commitment to building a globally engaged academic community, enriched by diverse perspectives and united by a shared purpose.

By expanding our international reach and fostering global collaboration, we ensure that EDS graduates are prepared to lead with insight and empathy in an interconnected world. With this Strategy, EDS aims to cultivate global leaders capable of generating solutions with a lasting international impact.

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to Tackle Global Challenges

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