

**First call for INGENIUM Scholarships to support mobility and research stay of PhD students**

The INGENIUM Alliance (UNIOVI – ES, MUS - BG, UoC - EL, HKA - DE, XAMK - FI, Ud’A - IT, HiS - SE, MTU - IE, URN – FR and TUIASI - RO) is pleased to announce its first PhD mobility scholarship program, providing an extraordinary opportunity to enhance the flow of early-stage researchers between partner universities and beyond. PhD candidates from INGENIUM universities can use [CONNECT](https://connect.unich.it/), a specialized research matching platform developed at Ud'A, to identify and connect with potential partners. Moreover, a comprehensive list of research groups and labs from INGENIUM institutions willing to host early-stage researchers is available [here](https://ingenium-university.eu/ingenium-staff-academy-call-for-proposals/research/phd-scholarship/).

Deadline for manifestation of interest (mandatory): **15 November 2024**

Deadline for application: **16 December 2024**

For more information about the registration and submission procedure, please visit:

https://ingenium-university.eu/scholarships/

**Please note that in order to upload your application, you must first complete the registration process. The approval of your registration may take up to 48 hours.**

**Who Can Apply**

Scholarships are available to PhD candidates from INGENIUM Universities in any discipline areas to support mobility projects involving at least two Alliance partners: the candidate's home INGENIUM University and a hosting INGENIUM University.

**Types of Eligible Projects**

Eligible projects must meet the following criteria: i) they must involve research stays of no more than 3 months; ii) they should include a period in a research unit belonging to the Alliance, different from the candidate’s institution; iii) they need to be connected to a research project or research line that is being developed or intended to be addressed as a research area in the short term by the proposers, in cooperation with the Alliance.

**How Proposals Will Be Evaluated**

Submitted applications will be evaluated by a panel composed of members from the INGENIUM Research School Board (IRSB) and expert advisors from the INGENIUM universities. In cases where members of the evaluation panel are directly involved in an application, either in their individual or institutional roles, the member in question will abstain from the evaluation of the relevant proposal. Each application will be evaluated by two members of the evaluation panel. Proposals will be evaluated based on: i) the potential for strengthening collaboration between Alliance partner universities; ii) the relevance, impact and feasibility of the proposed project; iii) the academic and research credentials of the applicant; iv) availability of funds.

**Funding Available**

Successful applicants will be supported by the candidate's home INGENIUM University. INGENIUM partner universities have varying capacities for financing research proposals under this call. For detailed information on available funding, please contact the local grant coordinating unit at each participating university (refer to the CONTACT LIST and TIMELINE below). This funding can be combined with other funds for PhD students, such as Erasmus or PhD fellowships.

**Eligible Expenses**

The grants will be mostly dedicated to support travel expenses (economy / 2nd class) for the round trip to the host institution. However, applicants may propose alternative uses of the funds, in line with local regulations. These alternatives could include accommodation costs during the research stay, daily living expenses, or research-related costs such as materials, equipment, or access fees. Salaries are not eligible for funding. The total budget and proposed allocation of resources must be approved by the local grant coordination unit at the applicant's home INGENIUM University.

**Duration of the research stay**

Research stays can last no more than 3 months. A minimum of 1 consecutive month is strongly encouraged.

**Deliverables**

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a detailed report on their research stay, outlining the outcomes and future research plans, within one month after the end of the project. Additionally, they will be required to present their findings at a seminar or workshop organized by the Alliance, such as the INGENIUM Summer and Winter Schools.

**Application Process**

To apply, candidates must:

1. Send the *Expression of Interest* via email to irsb@ingenium-university.eu and to the local grant coordinating unit (refer to the CONTACT LIST below) by 15 November 2024. This document includes the following information: Affiliation of the PhD student, Student’s year in the PhD program, Hosting INGENIUM University, Time and duration of the research stay. The document must be signed by both the Principal Investigator of the Hosting INGENIUM research group and the PhD student's supervisor at their home INGENIUM University. The *Expression of Interest* formcan be downloaded from the [submission platform](https://ingenium-university.eu/scholarships/).
2. Submit their Full Proposal by 16 December 2024 on the [submission platform](https://ingenium-university.eu/scholarships/). The Full Proposal should include: i) objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes; ii) a curriculum vitae highlighting academic achievements and research experience; iii) a budget outline for the proposed research project.

All applicants should apply following the instructions available [here](https://ingenium-university.eu/scholarships/).

*Applications should be submitted by the set deadline: 12:00 pm (CEST) – 16 DECEMBER 2024.*

**TIMELINE:**

30 September 2024 – Call for Proposals announced

15 November 2024 - Expression of interest deadline

16 December 2024 – Application deadline

17 February 2025– Review Process completed

28 February 2025 – Announcement of winners

28 February 2026 – Spending deadline

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