

Call for the organization of *top level* Multi- or Interdisciplinary Seasonal 'Summer/Autumn/Winter/Spring' Schools

Academic year 2023-2024

The Doctoral School calls upon professors and postdoctoral fellows to organise **top level multi- or interdisciplinary** Seasonal Schools. The objective is to invite **top researchers** as guest lecturers *on a topic that can be studied from the perspective of multiple disciplines* or that allows an integrated interdisciplinary approach.

A Seasonal School should aim at providing a setting in which top researchers give a number of **advanced lectures**, in the first place directed at Ghent University PhD candidates. In addition, intense **interaction between guest lecturers** should be provided so as to obtain a better understanding of the different (complementary or opposing) insights of the different disciplines into the chosen topic.

The organisation of a **public lecture** in the wake of a Seasonal School in which the guest lecturers share their insights into the chosen topic with a wider audience would be an asset as this will enhance the outreach of a Seasonal School to the wider society.

Topics could be, amongst others:

1. International migration
2. Climate change
3. Behavioural economics
4. Socioeconomic and cultural inequality
5. Freedom and security
6. Digital humanities
7. Ageing society
8. Discrimination
9. Challenges in health care
10. Sustainable development

Conditions for funding

1. Organisation in 2023 or 2024.
2. The organising committee should include professors and/or postdoctoral fellows from two or more faculties.
3. The invited guest lecturers should come from different academic disciplines.
4. The guest lecturers should be top researchers in their field. Their reputation should be established in an objective way, preferably on the basis of internationally recognized bibliographic information, such as Google scholar citations and/or recognized disciplinary rankings.
5. The requested funding should be in line with the size (in terms of contact hours and/or number of participants) of the seasonal school.
6. Participation in a Seasonal School should be free of charge for Ghent University PhD researchers. For other participants a registration fee should be requested covering the organisation cost per person. For Ghent University personnel who are not PhD researchers a discount may be offered.
7. Applicants are required to use the application form.

Priority for funding

1. Inter-university partnerships in the organisation, involving at least two other Flemish universities.

2. Organisation of a public event in the wake of a Seasonal School that enhances the outreach of a Seasonal School to the wider society.

Guidelines with regard to the budgeting

1. A separate budget needs to be made for a Seasonal School and for an outreach event (if applicable). Each budget contains a three column table with a detailed overview of the expenditures:
 - i. Column 1 describes the budgetary items
 - ii. Column 2 indicates the funding source: the name of the institution from which reimbursement is requested, the name of the co-sponsor, or "fees" if a registration fee is charged. Items funded by multiple sources must be split up according to the corresponding sources. Further details of the funding source can be provided in the notes below the table.
 - iii. Column 3: The budgeted amount in euros. Please refer to the funding rules on [our website](#).
2. Costs for receptions, lunches and dinners are not reimbursed, with the exception of sandwich lunches for participants in a Seasonal School and a reception for an outreach event.
3. In order to attract top researchers a fee that exceeds the standard rates for specialist courses can be proposed.
4. Ghent University PhD researchers cannot be charged a registration fee for participation in a Seasonal School or an outreach event.
5. The amount reimbursed by the Doctoral School for a Seasonal School will not exceed € 20,000. The amount reimbursed for an outreach event will not exceed € 3,000.

Submission procedure

The application form should be sent by e-mail to the Doctoral School Office (doctoralschools@ugent.be), and will be reviewed by the Doctoral School.

Incomplete proposals not containing the required information will not be taken into consideration.

Further information

Please contact the Doctoral School Office (doctoralschools@ugent.be)