

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

Academic year 2021 -2022

The Doctoral Schools call 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 PhD candidates of one or more Doctoral Schools. 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 2021 or 2022
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 PhD researchers of the (co-)funding Doctoral School(s). For other participants a registration fee should be requested covering the organisation cost per person. For UGent 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 corresponding Doctoral School/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
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. PhD researchers of the funding Doctoral School(s) cannot be charged a registration fee for participation in a Seasonal School or an outreach event.
5. The amount reimbursed by the Doctoral Schools for a Seasonal School will not exceed € 20,000. The amount reimbursed for an outreach event will not exceed € 3,000.

Deadline for submission

15 October 2021 – in particular for a Seasonal School organized in the Winter or Spring 2021 -2022

15 February 2022 – in particular for a Seasonal School organized in the Summer or Autumn 2022

Submission procedure

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

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

Further information

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