

Research stay (PhD students)

Students who are visiting Ghent University to perform research in the context of their PhD (for which they are enrolled at another university) and who are defending their PhD at their home institute and not (also) at UGent are administratively called "exchange PhD-students" or visiting students. This exchange can take place within Erasmus+ mobility or within another structure.

Students considering coming to Ghent University for an exchange within our programme are only eligible if:

- you speak and write English at least at B2 level
- you are a student of 3rd bachelor level or higher

For research stays also the following **additional requirements** apply:

- a) Ghent University welcomes all exchange PhD students who come to our University in order to conduct part of their research in the framework of their PhD. A bilateral agreement between your home institution and Ghent University in your field of study is not necessary but optional.
- b) However, if you want to follow courses as an exchange PhD student, an agreement between your home institution and Ghent University is obligatory.
- c) All applications need the explicit commitment of a Ghent University professor who will act as your research supervisor. So the first step is to approach a professor within your research area and discuss the possibilities. Once you have found a professor who is willing to act as your host you can submit an application.

How can I submit an application?

- a) Applications in the framework of PhD studies and research stays should be submitted at least two months prior to arrival. For students who need a visa to travel to Belgium it is advised to submit the application at least 3 months in advance.
- b) You need to create a Ghent University account and register via the [Oasis website](#). You will find general instructions in the [Oasis manual](#). In this procedure you need to select your faculty, the correct academic year of your exchange and choose the correct semester in which your exchange period would fall. Click on the link 'Exchange' under 'Curriculum'.
- c) You will have to upload some documents: (1) Proof of enrolment as a PhD student at your home University, and (2) A signed [learning agreement](#). All information can be found on following website: <https://www.ugent.be/en/research/globalSouth/exchange-phd/exchangePhD.htm>