

Call for applications

Annual PhD Workshop & Early-Stage Researcher Symposium

5-7 June 2024

Luiss Campus at Viale Romania 32, Rome, Italy

ENGAGE.EU is an alliance of leading European universities in business, economics, law, and social sciences, which aims to provide European citizens with the set of skills and competencies they need to face the challenges of the future. This three-day event brings together PhD students and early-stage researchers (i.e. up to 4 years after the PhD) from the ENGAGE.EU partner universities for stimulating intellectual exchanges and personal development and to benefit from the expertise embedded in the ENGAGE.EU network. The aim is to deepen the discussion on research projects and to develop ideas in relation to the three societal themes which are at the core of the ENGAGE.EU alliance. To maximize the opportunities for feedback and networking, senior scholars from all partner universities will also be invited to the event.

Interested participants can apply to join and submit their work to one of the three interdisciplinary “thematic tracks”:

- I Artificial intelligence and society;
- I Leading the green transition;
- I Inequalities and just mobility opportunities.

The core activities during the workshop will be the presentations (20-30 minutes slots) by PhD students and early-stage researchers of their own research work in relation to one of the three themes, followed by discussion and feedback from senior researchers and peers. Each participant will also be asked to make themselves available as discussant for at least one other paper. Senior discussants will also be invited to guide and connect the discussion to the wider context of the research theme.

In addition to working in small groups, there will also be plenary keynote speakers and career development sessions that bring together workshop participants from all three tracks. Some of the career development sessions follow the format of “bring your own challenge” (e.g. how to respond to manuscript reviewers, how to build a productive relationship with your advisor or co-authors, how to manage access to data, among others) that allow for rich exchange on questions and issues relating to starting a research career.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING PHD STUDENTS AND EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHERS

The workshop format will offer you rich feedback on your work and opportunities to connect with other researchers that have related interests, in your own field and in neighboring disciplines. There will also be time for social activities to allow all participants to network with each other. The idea is to create an opportunity for rich exchanges, networking and feedback provision and community building inside the ENGAGE.EU alliance. We expect three to five PhD students and early-stage researchers students from each of the 9 partner universities to attend.

If your application is accepted, your travel expenses from your home institution to and from Rome, and accommodation costs will be covered, under the ENGAGE.EU programme, by your home university. For funding please contact your local coordinator (check the list of coordinators [here](#). The additional costs for academic and cultural events during the research stay will be met by the host university. There is no registration/participation fee.

YOUR PROFILE

The ENGAGE.EU Annual PhD Workshop & Early-stage Researcher Symposium is open to PhD students and early-stage researchers (up to 4 years after the PhD) from all disciplines affiliated with the universities of the ENGAGE.EU alliance who:

- I work on a research topic related to at least one of the three proposed “tracks”,
- I are interested in collaborative interdisciplinary dialogue,
- I want to engage in a pioneering project within a growing European network.



Our expectations

As part of the ENGAGE.EU Annual PhD Workshop & Early-stage Researcher Symposium, interested participants are invited to:

In advance:

Provide an extended abstract of no more than 3000 words (incl. figures, references, tables etc.) related to the chosen topic by 26 April 2024.

During:

Actively participate in Annual PhD Workshop & Early-stage Researcher Symposium such as the paper presentation sessions, workshop sessions, lunch meetings and other group events

Before, during and after the event:

Be willing to exchange ideas and interact with other participants about their research and related projects.

PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION MEETING AND CONTACT POINTS

An information meeting will be held on 9 April 2024 at 5:00 pm CEST. The aim of this session is to introduce the call for applications and to answer any questions you may have on the application process and the event.

Link to join the meeting on 9 April at 5:00 pm CEST: <https://luiss.webex.com/meet/fhomborg>

GENERAL SUPPORT

- I For funding-related questions please contact the ENGAGE.EU institutional coordinator at your home institution. Your local contact is listed [here](#)
- I For any general questions about the workshop organisation feel free to contact the Luiss Team at engage.eu@luiss.it
- I For any questions related to the academic programme you can contact Fabian Homberg at fhomborg@luiss.it or Marion Fortin at marion.fortin@ut-capitole.fr

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

If you are interested in joining the ENGAGE.EU Annual PHD Workshop & Early-stage Researcher Symposium at Luiss University in Rome, we invite you to apply. Applications are open for individual researchers and should include:

- I the completed questionnaire to express your interest (including information on the working paper you could present if selected)
- I a CV
- I An extended abstract of max. 3000 words including references, figures, tables etc.

ENGAGE.EU strongly encourages scholars of all genders and scholars belonging to underrepresented groups to apply.

Please fill in the form below and submit your CV electronically (in a PDF file) and extended abstract by **26 April 2024**. Applications received after this date may not be considered. Invitations to participate will be communicated no later than **6 May 2024**.

Application

