

Call for PhD candidates to participate in external evaluation of doctoral study programmes in Croatia

Croatian Agency for Science & Higher Education (ASHE) is inviting PhD candidates interested in participating in the process of external evaluation of Croatian doctoral study programmes as members of expert panels. Students are key members of our (international) evaluation panels and young researchers/PhD candidates, particularly from the European Higher Education Area, are encouraged to apply.

Why you should apply

You are interested in quality assurance and want to become involved in changing PhD education policies. By participating in the external evaluation of Croatian PhD study programmes, you can make a significant contribution to their improvement. Your valuable insights and suggestions can make Croatian PhD training more internationally relevant and comparable, as well as more responsive to research and training needs of PhD candidates.

Time, place and language of evaluation

Usual duration of an evaluation is 3 days (joint meetings of the panel, site visits, arrival and departure time). Evaluations will take place in spring - April, May and June and fall of 2017 in Croatian university centres - Split, Zagreb, Rijeka and Osijek.

All the documents will be available in English, and the site visit will be conducted in English with the support of an interpreter if necessary.

What is expected of you

If you decide to participate and are appointed on the panel, you are expected to evaluate the quality of a PhD programme by reading a self-evaluation report (up to 50 pages) composed by the university and by participating in a site visit (meetings and interviews with representatives of the evaluated university). The panel is to submit a final report (apx. 10-15 pages long) in a month's time. There will be a coordinator provided by ASHE to support your work and guide you through the site visit. ASHE will also arrange virtual training and a joint meeting (ahead of site visits) of each panel to provide all necessary information and help international panels comprehend the local context.

Covered expenses

ASHE will bear all travelling and accommodation costs, working meals, transportation and an expert fee of EUR 200 per day.

Benefits

By participating in the review process, candidates will acquire valuable skills and experience which will greatly benefit their future career prospects. Candidates may also find the experience rewarding as they will make a significant contribution to the improvement of Croatian PhD study programmes. Working alongside renowned researchers in panels, PhD candidates may be able to use the acquired knowledge and information to their own benefit, as well as to the benefit of higher education and our communities as a whole.

If you are a PhD candidate in any of the following fields, you can apply to become a member of the expert panel through our online application <https://www.azvo.hr/en/PHD-candidates>:

Spring 2017:

- a) Information and Communication Sciences, Security of Information, Scientometrics and Bibliometrics, Transfer of Knowledge and Technologies
- b) Legal Sciences, Social Work and Social/Welfare Policies, Political Sciences, Human Rights, International Relations
- c) Economics, Econometrics, Business/Management/Organization Studies, Marketing Studies, Tourism, European Studies, Finances
- d) Sports Sciences/Kinesiology (Sport Medicine, Sport Education, Sport Nutrition, etc.)
- e) Religious/Theology Studies
- f) Art (PhD through performance, artefact, etc.)

Fall 2017:

- g) History and Archaeology, Philosophy, Literature and Art History and Theory, Ethnography, Cultural and Media Studies,
- h) Linguistics, Language and Cognitive Sciences
- i) Educational Sciences, Sociology, Psychology, Prevention, Rehabilitation, Development and Disability, Criminology.

Calls for PhD candidates in other fields will be issued in late 2017.

For additional information and questions, please visit our web pages and contact us:

W: <https://www.azvo.hr/en/evaluations/evaluations-in-higher-education/reaccreditation-of-doctoral-study-programmes>

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