



CALL FOR PROPOSALS
CO-SUPERVISED
DOCTORATES 2020
UNIVERSITY OF KENT

8 co-supervised doctorates with the aim of strengthening cooperation between I-SITE ULNE and the University of Kent.

Four PhD projects will be funded on the French side (via the present call) and four PhD projects on the British side.

Interested applicants may submit a thesis project in any subject field with one or more (co-)supervisors from the University of Kent. The PhD candidates selected via the present call will be principally attached to the research team of the promotor associated with I-SITE ULNE. Successful candidates must spend at least one year in the research unit of the University of Kent supervisor during the three years of the doctorate. Following a successful doctoral defence, the PhD candidate will obtain a doctoral degree from each institution.

PhD applicants must submit their application by email to the following address: international@isite-ulne.fr, by **April 29, 2020** at 2:00 PM, Paris Time.

1. Framework

I-SITE ULNE is a consortium composed of the following members: University of Lille, Centrale Lille Institut, ENSAIT, IMT Lille-Douai, Sciences Po Lille, ESJ, ENSAPL, ENSAM Campus de Lille, CNRS, INSERM, INRIA, CHU de Lille and Institut Pasteur de Lille. In 2017, this consortium received a prestigious I-SITE grant from the French government in order to create a new world-class university through sustaining and expanding excellence in research and education.

In the context of an increasingly competitive international university landscape, reinforcing collaborations is decisive. I-SITE ULNE is eager to engage in international collaborations, in which the University of Kent has agreed to become an external partner.

As part of this collaboration between the members of I-SITE ULNE and the University of Kent, a total of 8 co-supervised doctorates (co-tutelles) will be financed (4 by I-SITE ULNE via the present call and 4 by the University of Kent).

2. Eligibility criteria

PhD Candidate

- ✍ The applicant should hold a master's degree or equivalent (minimum of 5 years of post-secondary education) before the start of the doctorate.
- ✍ There are no restrictions on nationality or age.
- ✍ The applicant should have an English level of B2 or higher at the start of the PhD.

Project

- ✍ The thesis topic is open to any subject field covered by the members of I-SITE ULNE and the University of Kent.
- ✍ The project must be submitted in English.



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- ✎ The PhD-candidate must have at least one promoter from a member of I-SITE ULNE¹ and one supervisor from the University of Kent. He/She may also have an additional co-promoter/supervisor from each institution.

Promoters/supervisors and co-promoters/supervisors

- ✎ At least one (co-)promotor from I-SITE ULNE must be qualified (*habilité*) to direct doctoral research.
- ✎ At least one member of the supervisory team from Kent must be an approved Supervisory Chair.

3. Selection process

Only proposals submitted before the deadline are eligible. A PhD candidate should apply to this call if the project requires him/her to spend the majority of his/her time in the I-SITE ULNE laboratory.

All projects eligible for this call will be evaluated by a selection committee in three areas: the academic profile of the PhD candidate, the profile of the promoters/supervisors and co-promoters/supervisors and the scientific quality of project.

PhD applicants cannot submit an application both via the present call and via the call launched by the University of Kent.

The evaluation will be carried out according to the following criteria:

1) *PhD-candidate*

- ✎ Previous academic performance
- ✎ Motivation
- ✎ Proficiency in English
- ✎ Prior scientific publications

2) *Promoters/supervisors and co-promoters/supervisors*

- ✎ Skills, expertise and commitment of the (co-)promoters/supervisors
- ✎ Research results

3) *Project proposal*

- ✎ Quality and originality of the project
- ✎ Implementation of the project
- ✎ Impacts of the project

If the PhD candidate is selected:

- ✎ A partnership agreement will be set up between the University of Kent, I-SITE ULNE member and the doctoral candidate that stipulates the details of the collaboration in line with the current call and the doctoral training program.
- ✎ He/She must enroll as a doctoral student at both institutions, and spend one year in residence at the University of Kent.
- ✎ Project monitoring will be carried out via an annual report.

¹ Université de Lille, Centrale Lille Institut, ENSAIT, IMT Lille-Douai, Sciences Po Lille, ESJ, ENSAPL, ENSAM- Campus de Lille, CNRS, INSERM, INRIA, CHRU de Lille and Institut Pasteur de Lille



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4. Calendar and submission process

Deadline for research project submission: April 29, 2020 (2:00 PM, Paris Time)

Selection of projects: May 2020

Notification of results: June 2020

Start of thesis: September/October 2020

To apply, candidates must fill in the application form together with their (co-)promotors/supervisors and send it along with the annexes to the following email address: international@isite-ulne.fr (Please make sure the (co-)promotors/supervisors are copied on the email.)

An application that is incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered by the selection committee. No communication will be made by our services after the deadline and before the official announcement of the results.

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