



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS COURSE FOR PHD STUDENTS

Call for AU participants

University at Buffalo (SUNY), 23 July - 3 August 2012

Two-week Residential Programme on Transferable skills

Today many universities are training more PhD students than they will be able to employ. As a result PhD graduates will increasingly need to consider career options outside of academia. In the context of a competitive, global society, future PhD graduates need to be equipped with those transversal skills that enable them to transfer their knowledge and competences in multi-cultural and pluri-disciplinary contexts whether in academia, industry, private and public sectors, or self-employment.

This two-week programme aims to raise PhD students' awareness of their generic skills and of the social relevance of what they do. It will provide them with the tools that can stimulate their creativi-

ty and entrepreneurship with a view to enhance their employability.

The course brings together 24 PhD students from all subject fields to benefit from the mixing of disciplines, professional skills and personal experiences.

The programme consists of a variety of modules focusing on the following generic skills:

- Collaboration skills (working effectively with others, working multi-culturally and cross-disciplinarily)
- Communication skills (communicating your research to non-experts and the media, presentation skills, body language and rhetoric)

- Knowledge Transfer and Entrepreneurship (project management, fund-raising, creativity and generation of ideas)
- Intra-personal skills (self-awareness, time-management, stress-management, work/life balance)
- Networking, professionally and personally
- Ethics and Social responsibility

Training will be delivered through a variety of methods including facilitated workshops, group discussions and evaluations, social activities and lectures from guest speakers. The preliminary programme will be available soon on this page.

Who can participate?

This two-week summer programme is targeted towards advanced PhD students (most often it would be students who are in their 3rd year or having completed candidacy) from the following universities:

Canada

- York University
- University of Alberta
- United States
- University at Buffalo, SUNY
- University of California, Davis

Europe

- Aarhus University (DK)
- University of Granada (ES)
- University of Graz (AT)
- University of Leuven (BE)

How to apply

Applications will be screened and selected by the applicant's home university. At AU the selection is done by the vice-dean of Talent development.

Applicants should send the following documents to the contact person at their university before 1 June 2012:

- CV
- Motivation letter, stating why this course would be beneficial to you
- Letter of support from PhD supervisor

At a second stage, applicants may be asked to provide transcripts.

Practical information

Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 22 July and depart on Saturday 4 August.

This programme is funded through the European Commission Erasmus Mundus Programme. Participants will be accommodated at the premises of the University at Buffalo. Accommodation and travel costs are covered by the programme.

Information and application

Please send your application to Head of Strategy and Partnerships, Knud Warmning, AU Research and Talent, International Centre, kw@adm.au.dk