



CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
CO-SUPERVISED  
DOCTORATES 2019  
GHENT UNIVERSITY

*6 co-supervised doctorates with the aim of strengthening cooperation between I-SITE ULNE and Ghent University.*

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

Interested applicants may submit a thesis project in any subject field with one or more (co-)promotors from Ghent University. 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 carry out at least six months in the laboratory of Ghent University promotor during the three years of the doctorate. Following a successful doctoral defence, the PhD candidate will obtain a doctoral degree from each institution.

A grant may be requested through [the call "short-term mobility grant"](#) if the (co-)promotors from I-SITE ULNE would like to meet the Ghent University (co-)promotors in order to help the applicant prepare the application.

PhD applicants must submit their application by email to the following address: [projects@isite-ulne.fr](mailto:projects@isite-ulne.fr), **by May 2, 2019** at 23:59 GMT +1.

## 1. Framework

I-SITE ULNE is a consortium composed of the following members: University of Lille, Centrale Lille, ENSAIT, ENSCL, 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 Ghent University has agreed to become an external partner.

As part of this collaboration between the members of I-SITE ULNE and Ghent University, a total of 6 co-supervised doctorates (co-tutelles) will be financed (4 by I-SITE ULNE via the present call and 2 by Ghent University). Ghent University and I-SITE ULNE are committed to renewing this call on an annual basis for a total of 3 consecutive years.

## 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 Ghent University.
- ✍ The project must be submitted in English.



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- ✎ The PhD candidate must have at least one promotor from a member of I-SITE ULNE<sup>1</sup> and one from Ghent University. He/She may also have an additional co-promotor from each institution.

### Promotors and co-promotors

- ✎ At least one (co-)promotor from I-SITE ULNE must be qualified (*habilité*) to direct doctoral research.
- ✎ At least one (co-)promotor from Ghent University must be a member of the tenured academic staff (Zelfstandig Academisch Personeel) or a visiting professor with a research assignment.

## 3. Selection process

Only proposals submitted before the deadline are eligible. A PhD candidate should apply to this call if he/she wants to spend the majority of his/her time in the I-SITE ULNE laboratory. Candidates whose project requires a longer stay at Ghent University should apply through [the Ghent University call](#) (add link to website).

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

Interested applicants may apply to both the I-SITE ULNE and the Ghent University calls. However, any PhD candidate who applies to both calls (the present call and the call of Ghent University) will not be considered by Ghent University if he/she is a laureate of the present call.

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) Promotors and co-promotors

- ✎ Skills, expertise and commitment of the (co-)promotors
- ✎ Research results

### 3) Project proposal

#### a. Quality and originality of the project

- ✎ Clarity of the objectives
- ✎ Potential for progress with respect to the state of the art
- ✎ Originality of the topic

#### b. Implementation of the project

- ✎ Appropriateness of the means with respect to the objectives
- ✎ Work plan, methodology and risk management
- ✎ Expected outputs and calendar

#### c. Impacts of the project

- ✎ Potential to stimulate future research projects
- ✎ Scientific, technological, social, economic and/or cultural impacts
- ✎ Strategy for the dissemination and exploitation of the research

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*If the PhD candidate is selected:*

- ✂ A partnership agreement will be set up between Ghent University, the 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 carry out at least 6 months of doctoral research at Ghent University.
- ✂ Project monitoring will be carried out via an annual report.

#### 4. Calendar and submission process

Deadline for research project submission: May 2, 2019 (23:59 GMT +1)

Selection of projects: May 2019

Notification of results: June 2019

Start of thesis: October 2019

To apply, candidates must fill in the application form together with their (co-)promotors and send it along with the annexes to the following email address: [projects@isite-ulne.fr](mailto:projects@isite-ulne.fr). (Please make sure the (co-)promotors 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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