

Strengthen cross-border collaborations: Short-term mobility grants

I-SITE ULNE is offering support to the professors, researchers, teachers and administrative staff of its member institutions or French external partners who want to carry out short-term mobility (maximum of 15 days, consecutive or not) at targeted partner universities in the cross-border region. The aim is to deepen and broaden interactions between institutions in the framework of research or academic projects, for example. The mobility has to be carried out between July 2019 and March 2020. PhD students can not submit a project but can participate in a project led by someone eligible. Applications should be sent by email to the following address: international@isite-ulne.fr, by June 13, 2019 at 10.00 am, GMT +1.

Background

Labelled I-SITE in February 2017, the Université Lille Nord-Europe (ULNE) project brings together 14 founding members with the aim of transforming the research and academic landscape in the Hauts-de-France region by strengthening and disseminating its excellence. Its goal is to create a major international university ranked among the top 50 universities in Europe within 10 years. In order to achieve its objectives, I-SITE ULNE finances projects in the following areas: research, academic programmes, pedagogical innovation, valorisation and internationalization.

The I-SITE ULNE strategy aims to strengthen the collaborations of its members with internationally recognised universities located in the cross-border region. The specific objective is to shape these relations and to create, with certain of these partners, a **Euro-Regional Cross-Border Campus**. In order to do so, I-SITE ULNE is offering to finance outgoing mobility to develop common research and academic projects, including but not limited to the creation of double degrees and/or joint supervised PhD theses.

Thanks to significant cofinancing from the *Conseil Régional Hauts-de-France*, a fund has been created to finance these actions.

Target partners

I-SITE ULNE funds will be allocated for outgoing mobility to the following target universities:

- **in Belgium:** KU Leuven and Catholic University of Louvain;
- **in the United Kingdom:** University of Kent;
- **in the Netherlands:** Wageningen University & Research and Radboud University Nijmegen;
- **in Germany:** RWTH Aachen University, University of Bonn, University of Munster and University of Cologne.

For collaboration with Ghent University, a separate call is available on <http://www.isite-ulne.fr/index.php/fr/app/appel-conjoint-visant-a-renforcer-la-collaboration-entre-gand-et-la-region-de-lille-hauts-de-france-mobilite-courte/>

The selection of target universities is based on the historical relationships of the I-SITE ULNE members and their international reputation.

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Specific objectives

Thanks to this fund, I-SITE ULNE aims to:

- 1- **Encourage the outgoing mobility** of its members **in order to identify synergies in research and academics** and **develop structured cooperation** with the targeted partners.
- 2- Support mobility projects designed to lead to the **creation of common projects** linked to research and/or academics in order **to promote excellence**.

Eligibility criteria

- This call is open to researchers, professors, teachers and administrative staff of one of the I-SITE ULNE member institutions¹ and/or French external partners²;
- Applicants must plan to carry out a short-term mobility lasting not more than 15 days (consecutive or not), between July 2019 and March 2020;
- Applicants must carry out a short-term mobility in one or more of the target universities (see list above);
- Project leaders can solicit funding to involve students at any level on the condition that student participation contributes to the structuring of collaboration with partner university.
- Projects should aim to achieve one or more of the following objectives:
 - Development of a project related to academic programmes (e.g. the creation of double degrees, international tracks, common seminars, etc., in particular in the framework of the 2020-2024 academic programme);
 - Development of a research project (e.g. the creation of joint supervised PhD theses, the creation of an international associated laboratory);
 - Creation of a thematic research network;
 - Development of an ERC project;
 - Exchange of good practices;
 - Organization of an event (e.g. an international conference) in the Région Hauts-de-France.

Note: For research and academic projects, funding can be applied to new or existing projects.

Budget for the mobility grants

Mobility grants are intended to cover costs for international transportation, lodging and meals. Certain ancillary costs may also be eligible. The funding may not be used for purchases of equipment or consumables, publications and/or translation and interpretation costs. The mobility grants do not cover travel insurance or public transportation, which are the responsibility of the applicants.

Each mobility project is eligible up to € 3,000.

At the end of the mobility, successful applicants must provide a mandatory final report within 10 days of the end of the mobility. If the report is not received, the applicant will not be eligible for further I-SITE ULNE financing from the fund.

¹ Université de Lille, Centrale Lille, ENSAIT, ENSCL, IMT Lille-Douai, Sciences Po Lille, ESJ, ENSAPL, Arts et Métiers – Lille campus, CNRS, Inserm, Inria, Lille University Hospital and Institut Pasteur de Lille.

² Centre Oscar Lambret, Université d'Artois, Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, la FUPL, SKEMA Business School, IFSTTAR, ONERA, IFREMER and INERIS.

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Criteria and selection process

A representative committee of I-SITE ULNE members will evaluate the applications and will select applications which are projected to strengthen cross-border cooperation. Projects which foresee cooperation after the conclusion of the mobility are especially welcome.

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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.

Timeline

Deadline: 2019/06/13 (10.00 am, GMT +1)

Announcement of results: End of June

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