



The **International PhD Academy** is an intensive training opportunity open to PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU.

A PhD is the highest diploma awarded by universities in the world, and PhDs are naturally expected to take on major responsibilities in their professional life. Apart from the disciplinary scientific skills acquired during doctoral study and research, it is the ability to respond to the requirements of creativity, innovation and project management, and in addition the ability to step aside, that produce the significant added value of a doctoral degree.

Whether they will work within or outside academia, PhDs must be able to develop a forward-looking vision of the challenges they have to face. The interdisciplinary approach of all VIU activities is adopted here in the PhD Academy, where the participants have the opportunity to meet their peers from all over the world, and to tackle some transversal topics. In order to help PhD candidates develop a scientific vision of these global issues, VIU will bring together specialists on the issues from academia, the socio-economic world and local government to share different points of view, using science to address problems facing the world today, where transnational and global solutions will have a higher probability of success.

The Academies are organized over one week and provide PhD candidates with training in a range of skills that will be useful in developing their research and academic careers.

At least 30% of the program is on the development of Transversal Skills. For each program, a tailored selection of sessions are provided, which may include:

- Project management and financing
- The Value of Networking
- Science and Money
- Communicating your Science
- Ethics in Science; Job Search Skills

PhD Academies in 2020

Reserved for students from VIU member universities. The participants are eligible for VIU funding to support travel and accommodation.

PhD Academy | The Use and Nature of Light

May 11-15, 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Brahim Lounis, Lionel Canioni, Laurent Servant - University of Bordeaux

Leading Universities: University of Bordeaux, Institut National de la Recherche, Ludwig Maximilians Universitaet

PhD Academy | Quantitative Methods in Legal Studies

May 25-29, 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Vadim Volkov, European University at St. Petersburg

Contributing universities: European University at St. Petersburg, KU Leuven; Tel Aviv University

PhD Academy | Cities and Water in a Time of Climate Change

June 1-5, 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Maria Chiara Tosi, Margherita Turvani - Iuav University of Venice

Contributing universities: KU Leuven; Tsinghua University; Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

PhD Academies in 2021 (dates to be determined)

PhD Academy | What is a People? Social and Political Controversies

Scientific Coordinator: Daniele Archibugi, National Research Council of Italy

Contributing universities: Tel Aviv University, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

PhD Academy | Plastic Pollution and Bioplastic Materials

Scientific Coordinator: Emanuela Gatto, Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata

Contributing Universities: Università degli Studi di Padova, Tel Aviv University,

PhD Academy | Everything you always wanted to know about becoming a researcher

Scientific Coordinator: Daniele Archibugi, National Research Council of Italy

Contributing Universities: KU Leuven, University of Ljubljana (Gregor Dugar)



The Graduate Seminars are thematic intensive seminars, on a focused topic, approached from a multidisciplinary perspective. The seminars are driven by interdepartmental cooperation, and it is expected that they will give rise to medium- and long-term projects involving the participating departments.

Graduate Seminars in 2020

Reserved for students from VIU member universities. The participants are eligible for VIU funding to support travel and accommodation.

Graduate Seminar | Climate Change Mitigation: Carbon Capture and Utilization

June 22-26, 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Renato Baciocchi & Giulia Costa, Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"

Contributing Universities: Institut National de la Recherche, Tsinghua University, KU Leuven

Graduate Seminars in 2021

Graduate Seminar | Activism and Social Movements

Scientific Coordinator: Orin Starn, Duke University

Contributing universities: Université de Lausanne, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Graduate Seminar | Learning from geoenvironmental data: tools for a changing planet

Scientific Coordinator: Sebastiano Trevisani, Università Iuav di Venezia

Contributing universities: Université de Lausanne, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia

Graduate Seminar Defining the Human in Environmental Humanities

Scientific Coordinator: Elizabeth Kowaleski Wallace, BC

Contributing universities: Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Ludwig Maximilians Universität

Winter & Summer Schools

Open also to students outside the VIU consortium. Students from member universities and VIU Alumni pay reduced fees.

Winter School | Lives Life Course and Vulnerabilities

April 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Dario Spini, Université de Lausanne

Contributing Universities: Università degli Studi di Padova

Summer School | Responsible Capitalism

June 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Francesco Zirpoli -Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Contributing Universities: Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Université de Lausanne

Summer School | Summer Institute on Ageing (Long Term Care)

June 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Agar Brugiavini

Contributing Universities: Università Ca' Foscari Venezia; Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche; Université de Lausanne; Università degli Studi di Padova;

Summer School | Critical Infrastructure Resilience

July 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Erdem Ergin, Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"

Contributing Universities: Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"; Waseda University; Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Summer School | Global Shakespeare

July 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Kevin Curran

Contributing Universities: Université de Lausanne; Ludwig Maximilians Universität; Duke University; Università degli Studi di Padova

Summer School | Films in Venice and Filming Venice

Aug-Sept 2020

Scientific Coordinator: Luca Pes, Venice International University

Contributing Universities: Università Ca' Foscari Venezia; Luav University of Venice; Waseda University; Tel Aviv University