

# Call for Applicants Doctoral Training Network (DTN)

EIT Urban Mobility - Mobility for more liveable urban spaces

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#### Introduction

EIT Urban Mobility, supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), acts to accelerate positive change on mobility to make urban spaces more liveable by engaging cities and citizens, putting new mobility solutions into practice, and reclaiming public space for public use.

Doctoral candidates from EIT Urban Mobility partner universities are invited to join the Doctoral Training Network, starting in 2020. This is a great opportunity for you to broaden your education horizons by learning innovation and entrepreneurship skills. The initiative aims to bridge the gap between research and innovation and to extend your network within the urban mobility ecosystem. The programme includes a four- to six-month international placement for your ongoing research project.

## Goals of the EIT Urban Mobility Doctoral Training Network

Doctoral Training Network aims to:

- Foster innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets based on the knowledge triangle (education, research and business);
- Provide urban mobility researchers a platform for exchange and feedback on their individual research, as well as networking with practitioners and senior researchers;
- Foster international and inter-sectorial experience through mobility exchange.

#### What we offer PhD candidates

- Join the sustainable urban mobility revolution and boost your personal and career prospects. Combine your current PhD studies with customised training in innovation and entrepreneurship. The EIT Urban Mobility Doctoral Training Network is tailored for doctoral candidates who are within the field of urban mobility with a drive for business, entrepreneurship and societal innovation:
- The Doctoral Training Network provides doctoral candidates with an outstanding foundation for their future career. Programmes enable doctoral candidates to strengthen their technical expertise while fostering entrepreneurial and innovation skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to ensure a sustainable future for the urban mobility sector. The innovative programme provides strong links to industry, cities, as well as international mobility and an annual networking event;
- The EIT labelled programme\* offers a unique opportunity to deepen and extend your knowledge, gain credibility, and develop your business opportunities throughout Europe and beyond. Complement your PhD programme and become part of a community that creates real solutions for more sustainable urban mobility;
- By participating in the Doctoral Training Network, you can add the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Label Certificate to your doctoral degree.

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to EIT assessment and approval

# Who can apply to the Doctoral Training Network?

- Doctoral candidates who are registered at an EIT Urban Mobility partner university and enrolled in a PhD position, and who wish to add entrepreneurial, innovation and business skills;
- PhD research related to the field or urban mobility;
- Being two years or more before the competition of their PhD dissertation;
- Fluent in English

#### In order to obtain the EIT Label Certificate, the candidate must fulfil the following requirements:

- Take part in at least two annual Doctoral Training Network Forums;
- Successfully complete the Innovation & Entrepreneurship course package;
- Take part and complete at least one international placement lasting a minimum of four months
  to a maximum of six months funded by the Doctoral Training Network. The international
  placement can be split into two placements if desired.

## How to apply?

Submit your proposal which consists of:

- a copy of your curriculum vitae;
- a motivation letter which points out your specific contributions within the field of urban mobility as well as your interest in innovation and entrepreneurship, including documentation certifying your doctoral candidate enrolment and proof of English proficiency;
- a letter of support from your supervisor, stating your suitability for the EIT Urban Mobility
  Doctoral Training Network. Permission of the PhD supervisor to participate in all required
  activities, including international placements, training courses and the annual conferences need
  to be formulated.

All documents must be submitted to <u>dtn@eiturbanmobility.eu</u>, no later than **31 May 2020**. Future calls will be announced later.

We are looking forward to receiving your application. Feel free to contact the Head of the Doctoral Training Network Dr. Benjamin Büttner (benjamin.buettner@eiturbanmobility.eu) if you need further information.