



GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS
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1. What are Doctoral Networks?

Doctoral Networks implement **doctoral programmes** by partnerships of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond to train highly skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term. They are one type of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), which is **the European Union (EU)'s flagship programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training**.

Each doctoral candidate (DC) will:

- be enrolled in a **doctoral programme**;
- work **full-time** on the project;
- be recruited under an **employment contract** or equivalent direct contract which would confer similar benefits and social security coverage **for a maximum period of 36 months**.

The MSCA Doctoral Network programme offers highly competitive and attractive working and salary conditions. Each DC will receive a **living allowance**, a **mobility allowance**, a **family allowance** (only if applicable) and **long-term leave and special needs allowances** (only if applicable) in line with the [MSCA Financial Guide](#).

The doctoral programme comprises **two periods of secondment** as detailed in section 3, as well as a range of **network-wide training events and conferences**. Those form an integral part of the doctoral programme for each DC. All DCs must therefore be able and willing to travel to these training events and conferences and to complete two secondments.

2. About the EU-GLOCTER project

The two main objectives of EU-GLOCTER are: (1) to provide **world-class training to doctoral candidates (DCs) in EU 'glocal' counter-terrorism** - thinking globally, responding locally; and (2) to **generate scientific excellence** and technological innovation in the area of counter-terrorism.

Terrorism remains one of the main security threats facing the European Union (EU) and its Member States, with a considerable impact on European societies. There is therefore a strong need for knowledge and expertise that will enable the EU and its Member States to effectively



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address the contemporary terrorist threat. The EU-GLOCTER (EUropean GLOCal Counter-TERRORism) Doctoral Network will produce the expertise that the EU and its Member States require to effectively address this threat. The research programme is highly innovative in its emphasis on analysing EU counter-terrorism through the lenses of 'glocalism' at different levels, ranging from the local through the EU to the global level, and in the crossing of the public-private sector boundaries. EU-GLOCTER brings seven recruiting institutions with an excellent research track-record in counter-terrorism research together with Associated Partners from across the world in order to deliver a world-class PhD programme.

The EU-GLOCTER project will train **11 doctoral candidates (DCs)**. 10 DCs are funded by the **European Union (Horizon Europe MSCA Doctoral Networks)**, whilst 1 DC is funded by the **UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Horizon Europe guarantee scheme**.

The **recruiting organisations** are:

- Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland;
- International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), Netherlands;
- Jagiellonian University (JAG), Poland;
- Leiden University (ULEI), Netherlands;
- Metropolitan University Prague (MUP), Czechia;
- Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), Spain.

The **Associated Partners** are:

Academic Consulting Services; Anglia Ruskin University (ARU); Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab; Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR Berlin); Centre for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies; Counter Extremism Project (CEP); Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations (Egmont); Elcano Royal Institute (Elcano); Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro; Georgia State University (GSURF); Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS); International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT); Macquarie University (MACQ); Polarization & Extremism Research & Innovation Lab (PERIL); Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUC Minas); Reichman University; University of Augsburg (AUG); and University of Kent (UNIKENT).



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3. Open Positions and Projects

There are 11 positions for Doctoral Candidates currently open for the following 11 projects:

Doctoral Candidate Number	PhD project title	Recruiting organisation /Host	Secondment 1 (Months 21-23) (September – October – November 2025)	Secondment 2 (Months 25-27) (January – February – March 2026)
1	Supranationalism in EU Counter-Terrorism	DCU (Ireland)	HWR Berlin (Germany) (ACADEMIC)	Egmont (Belgium) (PROFESSIONAL)
2	EU Counter-Terrorism, Hybrid Warfare and Radicalisation	DCU (Ireland)	PERIL (USA) (ACADEMIC)	CEP (Germany) (PROFESSIONAL)
3	Intelligence Capabilities, Radicalisation and EU Counter-Terrorism	JAG (Poland)	MACQ (Australia) (ACADEMIC)	ISS (Poland) (PROFESSIONAL)
4	Global Conspiracies, Local Implications: Assessing the Impact of Conspiracy Narratives on Violent Extremism and Evaluating the EU Capabilities to Respond	DCU (Ireland)	UNIKENT (UK) (ACADEMIC)	Elcano (Spain) (PROFESSIONAL)
5	Counter-Terrorism in EU Strategic Relations with Eurasia	MUP (Czechia)	PUC Minas (Brazil) (ACADEMIC)	ICCT (Netherlands) (PROFESSIONAL)
6	Counter-Terrorism in EU Strategic Relations with the USA	ICCT (PhD enrolment: ULEI) (Netherlands)	GSURF (USA) (ACADEMIC)	Elcano (Spain) (PROFESSIONAL)
7	Geopolitics and Democratic Dilemmas in EU Counter-Terrorism	MUP (Czechia)	ULEI (Netherlands) (ACADEMIC)	ICT (Israel) (PROFESSIONAL)
8	EU Counter-Terrorism, the United Nations and Local Peacekeeping	ULEI (Netherlands)	Egmont (Belgium) (PROFESSIONAL)	AUG (Germany) (ACADEMIC)
9	The Private Sector and EU Counter-Terrorism	MUP (Czechia)	CEP (Germany) (PROFESSIONAL)	HWR Berlin (Germany) (ACADEMIC)
10	Local Dynamics in Radicalisation in Europe	URJC (Spain)	ARU (UK) (ACADEMIC)	CEP (Germany) (PROFESSIONAL)
11	The Impact of Brexit on the UK and EU Counter-Terrorism	USW (UK)	HWR Berlin (Germany) (ACADEMIC)	ICCT (Netherlands) (PROFESSIONAL)



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4. Who Can Apply: Eligibility Criteria

The positions are open to **excellent researchers of any nationality or age**, provided that they fulfill ALL the following criteria:

- (a) Applicants must not already be in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of the recruitment (i.e. the starting date indicated in the employment contract/equivalent direct contract). Researchers who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but have not yet formally been awarded their doctoral degree will not be considered as doctoral candidates.
- (b) Applicants must comply with the physical mobility rule: in general, they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting organisation for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date. All recruiting organisations are required to verify that fact. You will therefore be required to provide supporting documentation proving your place(s) of residence or work during the previous 3 years. **Please prepare all your documentation and be ready to submit it promptly should you be offered a position. Any offer of a position will be conditional upon receiving the documentation that proves your compliance with the mobility rule.** Relevant documents for that purpose include the following: residence certificates; certificates or confirmation letters from an applicant's place of work / study / training issued by the employer or organization concerned; receipts of tax payments indicating your official address; residential rental agreements; employment contracts; confirmation from a flat / house owner that you previously lived /are currently living at that address; utility bills indicating your name and address (e.g., water, gas, electricity).
- (c) Applicants must meet all the academic criteria (including with regard to language proficiency) for admission to the doctoral programme of the university awarding the PhD



degree. As the EU-GLOCTER doctoral programme is delivered in English, proficiency in the English language is a requirement for all DCs.

5. How to Apply: Application and Selection Process

All applicants are required to follow the same application process, which is in line with the principles set out in the [European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers](#).

5.1 Submitting your application

The deadline for submitting your application is **Wednesday 22nd May at 17:00 CET**. **Applications submitted by that date will receive primary consideration. However, we will continue to consider applications received after that date until all positions are filled.**

Please **email your application as one single PDF file** to euglocter@dcu.ie and christian.kaunert@dcu.ie with the email subject 'EUGLOCTER-DN-2022 Application'.

In order to be processed, your application must include the following documents in this order:

1. Completed application form;
2. Cover letter (2 pages maximum): it should explain your motivations for applying and present your experience, knowledge, skills and attributes that make you a good fit for the position(s) for which you are applying;
3. Curriculum Vitae / Resume: it must clearly indicate your periods of education, qualifications achieved, work experience (if applicable), research experience (if applicable) and publications (if applicable);
4. Scanned copy of a valid ID (national ID or passport);
5. Scanned copies of your official academic transcripts: if those are not in English, they should be submitted together with a translation of these documents into English. If you have not yet been awarded your Master's degree, please submit a provisional transcript of your marks;



6. Scanned copy of the certificate proving your English proficiency (unless your native language is English or you have obtained an academic qualification for a degree taught in the English language);
7. A sample of academic writing (e.g., journal article, research paper, conference paper, Master's dissertation, etc.).

5.2 Selection Process

Applications that pass the eligibility check will then be assessed by a Selection Panel comprising representatives of the recruiting organisations against the following evaluation criteria:

- (a) Relevant knowledge and experience;
- (b) Potential for developing original research;
- (c) Motivations for applying and alignment between the applicant's career aspirations and the doctoral programme;
- (d) Attitudes towards working autonomously in an interdisciplinary and transnational environment.

5.3 Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an **online** interview. They will be notified by the end of May 2024. **Interviews are scheduled to take place during the week beginning on 3rd June 2024.**

They will be conducted by a Selection Panel comprising representatives of the recruiting organisations and will assess candidates against the following evaluation criteria:

- (a) Relevant knowledge and experience;
- (b) Potential for developing original research;
- (c) Motivations for applying and alignment between the applicant's career aspirations and the doctoral programme;
- (d) Attitudes towards working autonomously in an interdisciplinary and transnational environment.



6. Data Protection

Please note that your personal data are only collected for the purpose of conducting the recruitment process for the EU-GLOCTER Doctoral Network. As part of this process, your personal data may be shared with the other recruiting organisations that are part of EU-GLOCTER.

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DCU must comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Irish Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 when it collects and uses your personal data. DCU acts as a 'Data Controller' in respect of your personal data and complies with its responsibilities under these laws. If you have any questions in relation to your personal data, you may contact the DCU Data Protection Officer, Mr Martin Ward, on +353 1 7007476 or email data.protection@dcu.ie. For further information, please visit the [DCU Data Protection Unit website](#).

7. Further Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to these positions should be directed to the EU-GLOCTER Network Coordinator, Professor Christian Kaunert, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University (Email: christian.kaunert@dcu.ie).



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