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Announcement LERU Doctoral Summer School 2017

Date: 10-14 July 2017
Theme: Citizen Science – nexus between research and public engagement
Venue: University of Zurich

Application deadline: Thursday March 16, 2017

Theme

The theme of the LERU Doctoral Summer School 2017 is *Citizen Science – nexus between research and public engagement*.

Citizen science – the involvement of non-professional scientists in research – is generating broad attention across and beyond the scientific community. Activities range from small-scale local projects, largely with layperson participation, to large-scale international projects, which may involve professional scientists and research institutions. Citizen science brings legal, ethical, commercial and privacy issues. The LERU Summer School addresses these and other related issues concerning citizen science and deals with the resulting implications for research and science in general.

Participants will engage hands-on in a citizen science hack day and present their projects to a jury. The summer school will include short training workshops on project management and science communication.

Objectives

- Doctoral candidates will gain a better understanding of citizen science including opportunities and challenges and what skills are useful to manage a citizen science project
- Doctoral candidates will gain knowledge about what ethical, legal and commercial aspects are to be considered when engaging in citizen science projects.

Applicants shall meet the following requirements:

- Must be registered as a doctoral candidate at Lund University
- Should be approximately half way or more in their doctoral education
- Must be keenly motivated to work on the topic of the LERU Summer School as set out in the program and description
- Must be able to participate in all activities in the program
- Must be fluent in written and spoken English

Doctoral candidates from all academic disciplines with an interest in this topic are invited to apply.

Selection Criteria and Conditions

The selection criteria are, the quality of the statement of purpose, arguments for participation and relevance to the theme of the conference and overall judgement of application, grades and CV.

Participants should be interested in developments in science in general and in science with and for society issues in particular, and be willing to actively work on a project which deals with new ways to interact with non-academic citizens.

Lund University conducts a selection procedure and nominates two, and if relevant, more, ranked candidates to LERU. The first-ranked candidate is unquestionably accepted. Second places (and any if further places, should they be available) are decided by the organizers of the Doctoral Summer School at University of Zurich and LERU Doctoral Studies Community steering group after consideration of all applications, aiming to achieve a balanced representation with regard to disciplines, gender and university affiliation with due consideration of rank order and merit.

The Application, in English, shall include:

1. Statement of purpose with motivation of 1 A4 page. It should explain the candidate's interest for the topic of the summer school, a description of what makes

the candidate a suitable representative for Lund University and the contribution the candidate can make to the conference. It should also include the theme and title of the candidate's own research project.

2. Letter of recommendation from Head of Department
3. CV
4. Excerpt from LADOK showing admission date and accomplishments

Application deadline is Thursday March 16, 2017. Applications with reference number STUD 2017/646 are to be sent by e-mail to registrator@lu.se.

Costs

The participation fee is €500 per participant. This includes course materials, accommodation in Zurich for 5 nights from 9 -14 July 2017 (Sunday night to Friday morning) and meals and transportation within Zurich.

Lund University will cover the participation cost €500. Lund University will furthermore contribute with 3000 SEK for travel costs for each participant. Participants will need to arrange their own travel and travel insurance. Booking of travel should be done through the university procured agency.

Participants are expected to cover the cost of any additional social activities undertaken.

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