Do you have an idea for an interdisciplinary PhD Academy, Graduate Seminar or Summer School?

Would you like to work with colleagues from other parts of the world?

Would your students enjoy the opportunity to participate in an intensive residential program in Venice?

Submit a proposal for a joint intensive graduate activity to Venice International University.
Venice International University (VIU) is a global consortium of twenty universities with an autonomous campus on the island of San Servolo, Venice, Italy.

The mission of VIU is to foster cooperation among VIU member institutions while facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

A successful series of graduate activities is expected to result in the building and strengthening of networks on areas of shared interest within the consortium. The medium-term goal is to consolidate VIU’s reputation as an authority on such areas.

**VIU member institutions**

- Boston College (USA)
- Duke University (USA)
- European University at St. Petersburg (Russia)
- INRS – Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (Canada)
- Korea University (Korea)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Germany)
- Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
- Tel Aviv University (Israel)
- Tsinghua University (China)
- Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia (Italy)
- Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy)
- Università degli Studi di Roma “Tor Vergata” (Italy)
- Università Iuav di Venezia (Italy)
- Université de Bordeaux (France)
- Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)
- University of Exeter (UK)
- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- Waseda University (Japan)
- CNR - National Research Council (Italy)
- Città Metropolitana di Venezia (Italy)
VIU invites professors from its member universities to submit proposals for joint intensive graduate activities, to be developed in partnership with other member universities.

**VIU International PhD Academy**
This is an intensive training program for PhD candidates from the member universities of VIU. The Academy is a 5-7 day event, which includes a scientific program and a parallel program of training and workshops that provides PhD candidates with training in a range of skills that will be useful in developing their research and academic careers.

**VIU Graduate Seminars**
These are thematic intensive seminars given in a concentrated period on subjects of universal interest, open to a broad spectrum of disciplines. They are suited to both Master's and PhD students and are open to candidates from all the VIU member institutions. Significant cooperation among departments in the member universities is expected.

**VIU Summer/Winter Schools**
These are intensive taught programs that may be offered for successive years. They may be addressed to students of varying levels, depending on the program. The Schools are also open to applicants outside of the VIU membership.

**How to submit a proposal**
Preliminary proposals for PhD Academies and Graduate Seminars must be submitted by September 15, and will be discussed and evaluated during the fall meeting of the Academic Council. Preliminary proposals for Summer Schools must be submitted by March 15 each year, and will be discussed and evaluated during the spring meeting of the Academic Council. Based on the decisions of the Council, successful preliminary proposals should be developed and the final program submitted by March 15 the following year.

**Interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches**
The Academic Council would welcome in particular proposals that adopt interdisciplinary approaches, that include contributive and collaborative teaching and participation, and that have an international group of professors and students involved. All proposals should address the questions:
- Why now?
- Why at VIU?
- What is the added value for VIU and for the universities?

Request the complete guidelines for submitting proposals from Orla McLaughlin:
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**Funding**

VIU consortium funds are available to support the organisation of joint intensive graduate activities.

The funds may be used for travel and subsistence costs of participants, including both students and professors; for accommodation for participants on campus; for catering.

Classroom and office facilities, staff support etc. will be provided by VIU.

**Accommodation**

Students of the Intensive Graduate Activities are housed in shared rooms in the residential halls on the island campus of San Servolo.

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**Facilities**

The Facilities at VIU serve the many needs of our students. On the Island of San Servolo, you will find:

- Our Front Office
- Classrooms
- A PC room and a Mac Lab
- A Library
- Wi-Fi Connection
- A Music room
- A Cafeteria and a bar
- Sports grounds

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