Call for Contributions

As part of the conference "Resilient. Diverse. Global. Rethinking Internationalisation in Higher Education", we invite doctoral researchers to submit proposals for participation and a special PhD Research Showcase.

I. What We Are Looking For

We welcome submissions from PhD candidates across all academic disciplines. Research projects do not need to focus exclusively on higher education. **However, applicants should be able to demonstrate a clear relevance to current discussions on diversity, inclusion, internationalisation or resilience within higher education institutions.** We are particularly interested in research that offers insights, findings, methods or approaches that can help higher education institutions foster inclusive, international and resilient learning, teaching, research and working environments.

Prior to the event, up to five PhD students will be selected to present their research findings during the roundtable discussion "Research meets diversity: PhD research showcase". Please note: Applicants should therefore be prepared to present their research during the conference. However, even if not selected for the roundtable, applicants should take part in the event, as their expertise is essential to the discussion and to successful collaborative learning.

Funding: Travel and accommodation costs for selected presenters will be covered by the sending NA and conference organisers in accordance with the applicable reimbursement guidelines.

II. Research meets diversity: PhD research showcase

The session "**Research meets diversity: PhD research showcase"** on the second day of the congress is designed to connect research and practice. **We are therefore looking for doctoral researchers who can communicate their work to an interdisciplinary audience of higher education practitioners, institutional leaders and fellow researchers.** Up to five PhD students will be selected to present their research findings during this session. They will demonstrate not only the relevance of the research topic but also the ability to explain why the research matters beyond a specific discipline and how its insights may contribute to discussions on creating more inclusive, equitable and resilient institutions and societies. Research at any stage of the doctoral journey may be submitted.

Presentation Format: Selected participants will deliver a short presentation of approximately 5–10 minutes, followed by a moderated discussion with conference participants. Presentations should be accessible to non-specialists and focus on the relevance, implications and practical significance of the research.

Application Requirements: Please submit the following information

1. Applicant information

- Faculty/Department
- Academic discipline
- Year of PhD study

2. Details about your research

- Title of the PhD project
- Abstract of the research project (maximum 300 words)
- Description of the proposed presentation (maximum 250 words)

3. Relevance to the conference themes: Please explain (maximum 150 words)

- how your research contributes to at least one of the conference themes (diversity and inclusion, internationalization or institutional resilience); and
- how its findings, methods or insights may be relevant to higher education institutions.

4. **Optional**: Information about your Supervisor and Endorsement

- Name of PhD supervisor
- Institution
- Email address
- Endorsement letter of the applicant's PhD supervisor in which the applicant and supervisor confirm that:
    - the applicant is currently enrolled in a doctoral program;
    - the submitted proposal reflects the applicant's ongoing research; and
    - the supervisor supports the applicant's participation in the conference if selected.

Selection Criteria for presenting at the session “Research meets diversity: PhD research showcase”: Proposals will be evaluated based on

- strength of the connection to the conference themes;
- relevance for higher education institutions;

- potential to contribute new perspectives to discussions on diversity, inclusion, internationalisation and resilience;
- clarity and accessibility for a non-specialist audience;
- ability to communicate research findings beyond the applicant's own discipline;
- contribution to a diverse and interdisciplinary showcase.

In selecting presenters, the organisers will seek to create a showcase that reflects a diversity of disciplinary perspectives, research approaches and thematic perspectives.

We particularly encourage applications from doctoral researchers interested in engaging with audiences beyond their own discipline and exploring how research can inform policy and practice in higher education.