

We are pleased to announce that the [9th UNICA PhD MASTER CLASS](#): *The role of doctoral schools to enhance quality in doctoral education* will take place at the Centre for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in Dubrovnik, **2-5 September 2018**.

The meeting is organised in cooperation with [PRIDE - Association for Professionals in Doctoral Education](#).

The theme:

UNICA introduced the PhD MASTER CLASS in 2009. At that time, doctoral schools were recently or barely introduced in many European universities. Ten years later, the landscape of doctoral education has changed significantly. While numerous universities have developed doctoral programmes, the **scope and focus of doctoral education** has evolved. Apart from its initial objectives, namely increasing the completion rate for PhD degrees, boosting the research output, shortening the time-to-degree, monitoring closer the PhD trajectories and enhancing the quality of doctoral education, **additional aims have been set**, such as the development of transferable skills of doctoral candidates and providing guidance for career planning of doctorate holders.

This year's MASTER CLASS discuss the *raison d'être* of doctoral schools in the context of **new roles and strategic priorities for doctoral education**. [Read more...](#)

Applications:

- Applications will be accepted on **motivation & short biography** and upon submission of a **questionnaire on doctoral schools** (see below).
- To apply, please complete [this online application form](#).
- As part of your application, please fill in the questionnaire on doctoral schools available [under this link](#).

Important dates:

- Application period: 20 April – 21 May 2018
- Confirmation of acceptance: by Thursday 31 May 2018
- Maximum number of participants: 25

Participation fee:

- €650 (UNICA member universities, PRIDE Association members), €800 (participants not associated with UNICA or PRIDE).
- Participation fee includes: accommodation (4 nights), breakfasts, lunches, coffee breaks, 2 dinners and the participation in the social programme. The fee does not cover travel expenses of participants.

Contact:

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Best regards,
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