

ELLIS PHD PROGRAM | ADMISSION FORM ACADEMIC TRACK



ELLIS Fellows, Scholars, and Unit Faculty participating in the central recruiting may finalize the candidate's admission to the ELLIS PhD Program by completing this form and signing the Letter of Intent. The advisor should email the completed and signed form to phd@ellis.eu, with the subject line: *Admission - [candidate's name]*.

PHD STUDENT

Name

Email

Personal website

Institution

Country

Personal details (internal use only)¹

Year of Birth Gender m f x Nationality

PRIMARY ADVISOR

Name

Email

Institution

Country

Role in ELLIS Fellow Scholar Member

SECONDARY ADVISOR

Name

Email

Institution

Country

Role in ELLIS Fellow Scholar Member

PROJECT DATA

Project dates (start/end of the PhD)

Exchange dates (start/end of the exchange)

Title of the PhD project

Abstract of the PhD project (5-20 sentences)

¹ Personal data such as year of birth, gender and nationality can be optionally provided by the student for internal use and will *not* be published on the ELLIS website. We collect diversity data for two purposes: first, we use aggregate group data for reporting purposes to describe the demographics of the ELLIS cohorts as a group without disclosing personally identifiable information. Second, ELLIS values diversity and is committed to building a more diverse and inclusive community; analysis of diversity data helps us gain insight into the composition of our student cohorts, identify trends and define future initiatives.



LETTER OF INTENT

The primary advisor, the secondary advisor and the PhD student agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.

	Name	Institution
PhD student		
Primary advisor		
Secondary advisor		

Terms

1. The advisors agree to provide funding for the PhD student (min. 3 years overall) according to the funding plan below.
2. All parties agree on the tentative exchange timeline below.
3. All parties agree on the graduation plan below.
4. It is expected that PhD students in the program will publish the results of their research in top-tier venues in machine learning-driven fields.
5. It is expected that Intellectual Property (IP) generated during the research project will be arranged between the home and the exchange institution. The ELLIS Society does not claim any IP.
6. The PhD student agrees to visit the secondary advisor (exchange partner) for a period of min. 6 months. The partitioning of this time is flexible.
7. The secondary advisor (exchange partner) agrees to host the PhD student for min. 6 months at his/her institution and provides all necessary work equipment.

Funding plan

Specifies tentatively who funds the PhD student during which period of time.

Exchange timeline

Specifies tentatively when the PhD student will visit the exchange partner.

Graduation plan

Specifies the institution from which a degree shall be obtained and the tentative date.

Graduate school (only applicable if the local PhD program is a US-style graduate school)

Please check the box below if this statement applies and add any additional terms in the comment box.

At the above-named home institution, students do not have a fixed assigned supervisor when they start their PhD, and are allowed to affiliate with a certain group or supervisor at a later point in time. This letter only expresses an offer for supervision; any party may unilaterally terminate this offer or withdraw from it. The PhD student can be admitted to the ELLIS PhD Program, but will need to meet the ELLIS requirement in terms of the advisor’s role in ELLIS (i.e. co-supervision by 1 ELLIS Fellow/Scholar/Unit Faculty + 1 ELLIS Fellow/Scholar/Unit Faculty/Member) to be able to stay in the program after they have chosen their supervisor.

Admission to the ELLIS PhD Program

After (1) signing this Letter of Intent and (2) being approved by the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Committee, the PhD student will be officially admitted to the ELLIS PhD Program and will be listed on the website as an ‘ELLIS PhD Student’. ELLIS has the right to retract the title ‘ELLIS PhD Student’ in case the conditions are not fulfilled. During their PhD, candidates are expected to fulfill the following basic requirements:

- The PhD student must publish at least one first-author paper in a top-tier venue in machine learning-driven fields: NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, JMLR, CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, IJCV, PAMI, RSS, CoRL, ACL, EMNLP, KDD, AAI, IJCAI, COLT, UAI, AAMAS, AISTATS, TAFL, SIGIR, WSDM, or Web Conference (not including workshops). Note that the list of journals and conferences may be extended by the ELLIS Board in the future.
- The PhD student must visit an ELLIS Fellow/Scholar/Member (co-advisor) in another country for min. 6 months.

After obtaining their PhD, candidates who have fulfilled the basic requirements of the ELLIS PhD Program’s Academic Track will receive an ELLIS certificate and be listed on the Alumni page as ELLIS graduates. If the basic requirements have not been fulfilled upon graduation or completion of the appointment, the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Committee will not award the ELLIS certificate and the student will not be listed as an ELLIS graduate.

Signatures

This Letter of Intent is not legally binding and does not overrule applicable regulations of degree-granting institutions. It is in addition to any requirements or contractual obligations the student must fulfill at their home and/or host institution (e.g. employment contracts, etc.).

Signatory	PhD student	Primary advisor	Secondary advisor
	<i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.</i>	<i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.</i>	<i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.</i>
	<i>I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.</i>	<i>I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.</i>	<i>I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.</i>

Date

Signature
