

ELLIS PHD AND POSTDOC PROGRAM

NOMINATION FORM INDUSTRY TRACK



ELLIS Fellows, Scholars, and Unit Faculty may nominate PhD students or postdocs to the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program by completing this form and signing the Letter of Intent. The advisor should email the completed and signed form to phd-industry@ellis.eu, with the subject line: *Nomination - [candidate's name]*. Please be sure to review the requirements for nomination [online](#). The ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Committee and PhD Coordination Office will review the nomination; a decision can be expected within a month.

PHD STUDENT / POSTDOC

Name

Email

Personal website

Institution

Country

Career stage

PhD

Postdoc

*Personal details (internal use only)*¹

Year of Birth

Gender

m

f

x

Nationality

PhDs: Full citation of the first-author publication, and official link to the publication (see ellis.eu/nomination-phd-postdoc for a list of accepted venues). / **Postdocs:** Membership in ELLIS Society required (see ellis.eu/members)

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Name

Email

Institution

Country

Role in ELLIS

Fellow

Scholar

Member

INDUSTRY ADVISOR

Name

Email

Affiliation

Country

Role in ELLIS

Fellow

Scholar

Member

None (*)

(*) Membership exception: Industry representatives may become Industry Track advisors if they are not ELLIS Fellows, Scholars or Members so long as they have already published a paper together with the applying student candidate as a result of their collaboration, in a top-tier venue in machine learning or related sub-fields (see <http://ellis.eu/members> for a full list of accepted publications).

Does the Industry Advisor fulfill the membership exception?

Yes

No

If so, please provide a full citation of the publication, including an official link to the publication (e.g. DOI).

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.

PROJECT DATA

Project dates (start/end of the PhD/postdoc)

Details about the collaboration: What is the relation of the academic and industry partners? Do they already have an ongoing collaboration (e.g. a joint research lab) or shared projects? What is the primary location for the industry collaboration?

Title of the PhD/postdoc project

Abstract of the PhD/postdoc project (5-20 sentences)



LETTER OF INTENT

The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to demonstrate that the academic advisor, the industry advisor and the PhD student or postdoc acknowledge the terms of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program's Industry Track, and understand that these terms should be met for the PhD student or postdoc to receive the title and certificate of 'ELLIS PhD Student' or 'ELLIS Postdoc', and all related benefits.

| Name | Institution |
|---------------------|-------------|
| PhD student/postdoc | |
| Academic advisor | |
| Industry advisor | |

Terminology

- "Academic partner": the accredited postsecondary academic institution participating in the collaboration from which the degree of PhD or title of postdoc will be obtained.
- "Industry partner": an entity participating in the collaboration which is not an accredited academic institution, is not capable of granting accredited academic degrees, and for whom academic research and publication are not central activities. This may be a corporation, company, non-profit organization, or government entity, and which agrees to participate in the supervision of the PhD student or postdoc's research via the industry advisor.
- "Academic advisor": an affiliate of the academic partner that has been approved by the academic partner to supervise the PhD student or postdoc's research.
- "Industry advisor": an affiliate of the industry partner that has been approved by the industry partner to represent the industry partner in the supervision of the PhD student or postdoc's research. The industry advisor supports the academic advisor in their responsibilities regarding academic support and supervision for the PhD student or postdoc's research.

Terms of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program

1. The advisors provide funding for the PhD student (min. 3 years overall) and the postdoc (min. 2 years overall) according to the proposed funding plan below.
2. All parties acknowledge the proposed time-sharing agreement below.
3. All parties acknowledge the proposed graduation plan below (for PhDs only).
4. It is expected that PhD students and postdocs 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 partners. The ELLIS Society does not claim any IP.
6. It is expected that the PhD student / postdoc will spend (a) at least 50% of their time at the academic partner **and** (b) if they are doing a PhD, at least 6 months with the industry partner over the course of their entire appointment; or if they are doing a postdoc, at least 6 weeks per year. The exact partition of the time is flexible, and up to the partners to arrange.

In the case that there is already a joint effort focused on fundamental research between the partners at one site (e.g. a joint research lab or industrial research lab), and this is where the candidate will conduct their research, then the candidate and both advisors agree to meet together at least 6x/year (bi-monthly). This second case is subject to approval by the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Committee and ELLIS Board.

Proposed funding agreement between the hosts

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

Proposed time-sharing agreement between the hosts

Specifies tentatively how the PhD student / postdoc will split their time between the two partners.

Graduation plan (PhD students only)

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

Admission to the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program

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

- The PhD student or postdoc 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, TRO, IJRR, Science Robotics, ACL, EMNLP, KDD, AAAI, IJCAI, COLT, UAI, AAMAS, AISTATS, TAFL, SIGIR, WSDM, Web Conference (not including workshops). Note that the list of journals and conferences may be extended by the ELLIS Board in the future.
- Work exchange requirements:
 - **EITHER** the candidate will spend a minimum of 50% of their time at the academic partner institution AND the candidate will spend a minimum of 6 months with the industry partner (or for postdocs: min. 6 weeks per year). This time can be accumulative (e.g. 2 days per week) or consecutive (e.g. a block similar to an internship).
 - **OR** if there is already a joint effort focused on fundamental research between the partners at one site (e.g. a joint research lab or industrial research lab), AND this is where the candidate will conduct their research, then the candidate and both advisors agree to meet together at least 6x/year (bi-monthly). This second case is subject to approval by the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Committee and ELLIS Board.

After obtaining their PhD or completing their postdoc appointment, candidates who have fulfilled the basic requirements of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program's Industry Track will receive an ELLIS certificate, be listed on the Alumni page as ELLIS graduates and receive an ELLIS membership. 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, nor be offered an ELLIS membership.

Signatures

This Letter of Intent is not legally binding, is intended to provide a tentative overview of the proposed PhD student activity, and does not overrule applicable regulations of degree-granting institutions. It is in addition to any requirements / contracts the PhD student must fulfill (e.g. the employment contracts by the partners, etc.), and only provides access to ELLIS Society benefits granted through the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program. ELLIS has the right to retract the title 'ELLIS PhD Student' or 'ELLIS Postdoc' and related benefits in case the terms are not fulfilled.

Any party may unilaterally terminate all discussions pursuant to this Letter of Intent or withdraw from this Letter of Intent at any time without liability for such termination or withdrawal. No license (express or implied) of intellectual property rights is granted under this Letter of Intent. No party will have any liability to any other party for any direct or indirect damages or damages of any nature as a result of this Letter of Intent.

| Signatory | PhD student/postdoc | Academic advisor | Industry advisor |
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| | <i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program.</i> | <i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc Program.</i> | <i>I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD and Postdoc 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
