ELLIS PHD PROGRAM | ADMISSION FORM INTERDISCIPLINARY TRACK

ELLIS Fellows and Scholars 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   Other/NA

SECONDARY ADVISOR

Name
Email Institution
Country
Department/Field
Role in ELLIS   Fellow   Scholar   Other/NA

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 and/or in the co-advisor's associated interdisciplinary field.
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 spend at least 50% of their time with their primary advisor and to visit the secondary advisor (exchange partner) for a period of min. 6 months (if applicable). The partitioning of this time is flexible. If the secondary advisor work in the same university/city, they should meet regularly with the PhD student.
7. If applicable, the secondary advisor (exchange partner) agrees to host the PhD student for min. 6 months at their institution and provides all necessary work equipment.
8. If the secondary advisor is in the same university/city, encouragement is given to the PhD student to spend at least one month abroad during their thesis.

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

Exchange timeline (if applicable)
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 + 1 interdisciplinary advisor who is an ELLIS Fellow/Scholar/tenured faculty) 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, AAAI, IJCAI, COLT, UAI, AAMAS, AISTATS, TACL, SIGIR, WSDM, or Web Conference (not including workshops). For papers published outside the Machine Learning community, such as top-tier venues in the co-advisor's research field, the target venue must be approved by the PhD Committee. Note that the list of journals and conferences will be extended by the ELLIS Board in the future.
- The PhD student must visit their co-advisor for min. 6 months or meet regularly if they work in the same university/city.

After obtaining their PhD, candidates who have fulfilled the basic requirements of the ELLIS PhD Program's Interdisciplinary Track will receive an ELLIS certificate and be listed on the Alumni page as ELLIS graduates and be offered 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 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 agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.	*I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.*	*I agree to the terms of the ELLIS PhD Program.*
	I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.	*I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.*	*I have read and agree to the ELLIS Privacy Policy.*
Date			
Signature			
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