

## Call for Proposals

### Pre-conference PhD Workshop European Research Network On Philanthropy

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University of Heidelberg, Germany

The future of our field of research is in the hands of our students. Investing in the next generation of researchers is an important instrument to increase the quality of research. Therefore, we are happy to announce that ERNOP is organizing a pre-conference, full-day workshop for PhD candidates. Michaela Neumayr (WU Vienna, Austria), Oonagh Breen (UCD Sutherland School of Law, Ireland) and Rene Bekkers (VU Amsterdam, the Netherlands) will mentor a selection of PhD candidates in different stages of their dissertation research.

In this workshop, PhD candidates will get the chance to present their research project and receive feedback. A few weeks before the event, participants will be asked to hand in a working paper (short or full paper) from their research project. To apply, we invite candidates to provide an abstract (500 words) of their project, and a short summary (300 words) of the main topic they want to discuss at the workshop. We will share all summaries and working papers in advance of the workshop.

Every PhD student will get 30 minutes (10 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion) and focus on one or two aspects that they want feedback on from their peers and faculty members. At the end of the workshop, a Q&A session will be organised, and faculty members will offer guidance on key issues faced by PhD students (e.g., writing their thesis, dealing with reviewers' feedback, preparing their job search, etc.)

Candidates from all nations and all disciplines are welcome to apply. Only in case your institution is not able to cover your costs to attend the workshop, ERNOP can provide a limited number travel and accommodation grants of up to 250 euros.

#### **Guidelines for application:**

Please submit your application for participation [here](#) by April 12, 2025. You will be notified of acceptance by May 12, 2025.

The application should contain:

- a) A short (250 words) motivation letter by the applicant, explaining what the candidate expects to learn from the workshop.
- b) An abstract (500 words) of their research project.
- c) A short summary (300 words) of the main topic they want to discuss at the workshop.

**Participation is free of charge, but admission limited, and registration required.**