

T.I.M.E. INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE CHARTER

WHEREAS the Charter signatory agrees with the principles of the Lausanne Declaration,

WHEREAS the Charter signatory intends to collaborate at doctoral level within the T.I.M.E. Association,

WHEREAS the intended cooperation will consist of setting up doctoral programs eligible for a T.I.M.E. Label and T.I.M.E. support of any kind,

THEREFORE, the charter signatories agree on the following articles:

Art-1 In a spirit of mutual esteem, the Charter signatory acknowledges the high level of the research doctoral programmes of its T.I.M.E. partners.

Art-2 As the doctorate is a work experience in research, the Charter signatory agrees to consider doctoral candidates as young researchers and not only as students.

Art-3 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall include a mandatory mobility period of at least one third of the programme duration.

Art-4 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall include the sensitisation of candidates to innovation in terms of (but not limited to) enterprise & company contact, entrepreneurial spirit, employability, product development and market opportunities.

Art-5 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall include the sensitisation of candidates to language and cultural issues.

Art-6 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall lead to the award of a joint degree whenever possible. A double degree may be awarded in case of legal necessity and/or administrative incompatibilities.

Art-7 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall be subject to a quality assurance system, existing or to be proposed.

Art-8 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall be operated in the framework of a bilateral or multilateral agreement referring to the present Charter.

Art-9 Any eligible cooperative doctoral programme between Charter signatories shall include assistance to the candidate for administrative formalities, accommodation and any logistical issues related to relocation, as necessary.

For the T.I.M.E. Association
President
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For the Charter Signatory
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