



ALMA MATER  
EUROPAEA  
UNIVERSITY

Study in the  
Heart of Europe

# LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION

Doctor of Science in Project Management



PhD


Doctor of Science

# THE WORLD IS CHANGING FAST...

Innovation is unstoppable and in our increasingly fast-paced world, there is growing pressure for innovation in companies and organizations - e.g. with new technologies and digitalization.

But how does innovation come about and when are we talking about real (radical and disruptive) innovations that shape entire markets, for example? Innovation and leadership are closely linked here, because it is clear that real innovation requires leadership - especially in complex and uncertain situations and in project-related management.

The Doctor of Science in Project Management - Leadership and Innovation creates the bridge between the management of (mega) projects, innovation and leadership and their central connection. It is about enabling project-based (radical and disruptive) innovation and leadership, as well as a deep understanding of this.



*'If you look at history, innovation comes not only from incentivizing people, but also from creating environments where their ideas can connect'*

*William Pollard*

# ALMA MATER EUROPAEA - THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

Alma Mater Europaea is an international university initiated by the European Academy of Sciences and Arts in Salzburg, Austria. The Academy unites about 2,000 top scientists, including 34 Nobel Prize winners. Over 2,000 students from 30+ countries study at Alma Mater's doctoral, master, and bachelor programs in humanities, project management, artificial intelligence, sustainable development, business, strategic communication, social gerontology, physical therapy and nursing.

The largest Alma Mater campus is in Maribor and hosts over a thousand students, who come from over twenty different countries - this enables them to be part of a unique environment.

Alma Mater campus in Herrenberg is a specialized center for innovation and a partner for the specific doctor program. With an excellent national and international network for the development and realization of innovations and an excellent research background in leadership, the ECH offers the perfect environment for a doctorate in this subject area.

Alma Mater Europaea provides students with an array of academic and culturally-diverse experiences, which ensure a growth of opportunities for each individual. Along with intellectual growth, we enable the development of professional skills needed for success in today's competitive world.

Recently, AMEU has fostered strong development of education in business and technology programs, particularly with regard to creative leadership, projects and applied artificial intelligence. These programs enhance the competences required to address the most complex challenges, thus creating simultaneous advantages for both the students and employers alike.



# THE STUDY CURRICULUM

1<sup>st</sup> Year: 6 courses with exam - 3 compulsory and 3 electives;  
2 seminars on specific topic within the project program  
specialized on leadership and innovation;  
start of the doctoral dissertation research

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2<sup>nd</sup> Year: doctoral dissertation research;  
two compulsory colloquial for doctoral proposal  
preparation and presentation; conference participation  
and paper (presentation and publishing)

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3<sup>rd</sup> Year: doctoral dissertation research;  
presentation of research results;  
published paper in a (listed) journal:  
leadership, innovation and project management research  
article in a journal in any data base (listed);

## **STUDY DURATION:**

6 semesters/ 3 years

## **CREDIT POINTS:**

180 ETCS

## **OBTAINED TITEL:**

PhD in Project Management:  
Leadership and Innovation

## **LOCATION OF STUDIES:**

Hybrid (online and in-person  
at different locations in Europe)

## **START OF THE PROGRAM:**

October (seminar start, research  
start variable)

## **STUDY ACCREDITATION:**

Accredited study in Slovenia therefore  
EU recognized

## **STUDY APPROACH:**

blended program tailored for  
candidates who are employed  
or PhD candidates

## **STAFF:**

International staff and experts in the  
fields of leadership, innovation, new  
technologies and project management



# CREATING VALUE

At Alma Mater you will work with scholars, leading academics, and practitioners as you contemplate the complex challenges of an uncertain, fast changing environment. Your education and research will contribute directly to understanding of project management, (radical and disruptive) innovation and leadership. Whether you intend to continue your studies or to take advantage of the growing demand for highly qualified personnel in the public and private sectors, you will be preparing to contribute. You will connect with organizations about the topic of innovation and leadership and will contribute to collective and society in understanding and learning what innovation and leadership is for and how it creates value.

Student committed to enacting change, you can pursue interdisciplinary inquiry and solve problems through coursework, research, and experiential learning. With the support of leading academics and practitioners, your research will contribute directly to existing scholarship and professional practice related to projects, innovation, and leadership and through that indirect to social responsibility, economic prosperity, and environmental sustainability.



# THE STUDY PROGRAM

The Doctor of Science in Project Management: Leadership and Innovation at Alma Mater Europaea University (AMEU) offers a unique concentration in Project Management, Leadership and Innovation including PMO Management, aimed at elevating professionals and researchers to the highest level of creative and innovative leadership.

The program primarily targets experts globally. Whether you're a top-level manager, executive, consultant, researcher, or academic, this program equips you with the tools and knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of project-based operational models and for radical and disruptive innovation in both private and public sectors.

At its core, this program is designed to prepare students to think strategically and contribute meaningfully to the field of project management, innovation, and leadership. It focuses on developing leaders who can manage high-complexity projects and mega-projects, as well as innovations and deep leadership knowledge. Whether you are looking to drive innovation, lead organizational change, or position yourself competitively in the market, this program provides the foundation for success.

- **ENTERING PREREQUISITIES:**  
a graduate with master degree from a university - 240 credit points (if no then difference prescribed), professional focus and career in leadership, project management or innovational background, english language capacity
- **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNINGS AND DEGRESS:**  
possible for students which previously attended other Dr.Sc. (PhD) programs or specific Mr.Sc. studies
- **LANGUAGE:**  
English
- **LECTURE MODEL PER COURSE:**  
blended program composed of pre-reading (individual student work instructed by professor; individual research work on specific topics within the course)
- **COMPLETION OF THE DOCTORATE:**  
cumulative dissertation; achieved through successful publication in listed journals; close dialogue with the supervisor and the university network, as at AMEU, is essential
- **DIRECTOR OF THE DOCTORAL STUDY PROGRAM:**  
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner G. Faix, Alma Mater Europaea ECH
- **CONTACT PERSON FOR THE PROGRAM:**  
Anna-Vanadis Faix, Alma Mater Europaea ECH  
Prof. Dr. Stefanie Kisgen, Alma Mater Europaea ECH





## ADMISSION

University master degree (240 credit points) in any field of study -  
English language

## GRADUATION

PhD in Leadership and Innovation - Project Management  
from the Alma Mater Europaea University

## DURATION/FORMAT

3 years; cumulative dissertation (2 published articles in listed journals)

## START

October (seminar start, research start variable)

## COSTS

35.000 Euro

# FACTS OVERVIEW

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