

Innovation Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy
(PhD)
and Diploma of
European Innovation



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PhD in InnovationLeadership® & Diploma of European Innovation

The joint PhD program, offered by **Alma Mater Europaea – ECH** and the **University of Bamberg**, combines a high-level European research network with strong industry collaborations. It focuses on **radical and disruptive innovation, innovation transfer, and interdisciplinary research**, with leadership as a key dimension.

This unique alliance connects **academic excellence and practical impact**, generating value for science, society, and organizations. Graduates are positioned at the **forefront of European innovation**, benefiting from a distinguished reputation, integration of **European standards and policies**, and close collaboration with leading industries.



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We are a research institution initiated by the European Academy of Sciences and Arts to promote science and science transfer in the field of innovation and leadership. The European Academy brings together over 2,000 renowned scientists and 38 Nobel Prize winners. We combine this with many years of transfer experience from our close ties with the School of International Business and Entrepreneurship. We are a competent partner for companies and for postgraduate education in the field of radical and disruptive innovation. Our work at the interface between science and transfer makes us the ideal partner for executives who never stop learning when it comes to innovation and leadership.



University
of Bamberg

We are a German public university founded in 1647 as *Universitas Ottoniano-Fridericiana*. With around 11,000 students, combine a rich academic tradition with cutting-edge research. Each year, more than €8 million in competitive funding from DFG, BMBF, and EU programs supports our work. Our core research areas are *Education & Life Plans* and *Individual & Society*. At the Department of General Psychology and Methods, we conduct projects on emotional design for SMEs, future car concepts with Brose, perceived quality methods with BMW, and innovation leadership. This unique profile makes us a strong partner for advancing knowledge at the intersection of psychology, technology, and applied innovation.

A PhD Journey with Strong Support and a Unique Network

The program is designed for professionals who aim to pursue their doctoral project independently or within their company. With close and structured supervision, we ensure that the PhD journey is both **manageable and achievable** – and graduates are awarded **two degrees: the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) InnovationLeadership® & the Diploma of European Innovation**.

At the core of the program lies **interdisciplinary and intersectoral support**, advancing research priorities in **innovation and leadership**. Participants benefit from the outstanding academic environment of two strong partners – **Alma Mater Europaea – ECH** and the **University of Bamberg** – embedded in a high-level European research network with strong industry collaborations.

The program's focus on **innovation transfer, disruptive thinking, and leadership** provides candidates with the skills and recognition to create impact in both academia and practice.

	First year			Second year			Third year		
	Seminar I: Qualitative & quantitative methods	Seminar II: Principles of Innovation Leadership	First publication	Semi-annual research colloquium (+seminars in Bamberg: max. 15 ECTS)	Second publication	Diploma of European Innovation	Semi-annual research colloquium (+seminars in Bamberg: max. 15 ECTS)	Third publication	Doctor of InnovationLeadership Oral defence
	Monthly research colloquia			1-2 Conference participation in paper preparation			1 Conference participation in paper preparation		
PhD Student	Development of content			Development of content			Development of content		
Supervisor Bamberg	Impulse & Supervision	Assistance with drafting	Supervision on research	Supervision on conference/paper	Supervision on research		Supervision on conference/paper		
Supervisor AME – ECH	Impulse & Supervision	Input on methods	Feedback and supervision on innovative research approaches		Feedback and supervision on innovative research approaches				

Shaping innovation. Leading the future.

Your path to academic and professional impact

Target group

High performers with Bachelor's and Master's degree
(min. grade requires 2 or better, 300 ECTS);
Fluent in the English Language

Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Interdisciplinary Human
Sciences with focus on InnovationLeadership® & Diploma of
European Innovation

Operated by

University of Bamberg (PhD) and
Alma Mater Europaea - ECH (Diploma)

This interdisciplinary program is only offered in this specific
format in conjunction with the diploma.

Duration

3 years (6 semester)

Start

Anytime

Procedure

Research-transfer based

Structure

- 2 compulsory courses
- Regular compulsory colloquial for doctoral research and discussion
- Conference participation
- 30 ETCS from seminars at Bamberg
- 3 papers published in listed journals (Scopus, Web of Science)
- Oral defence of doctoral research

Locations

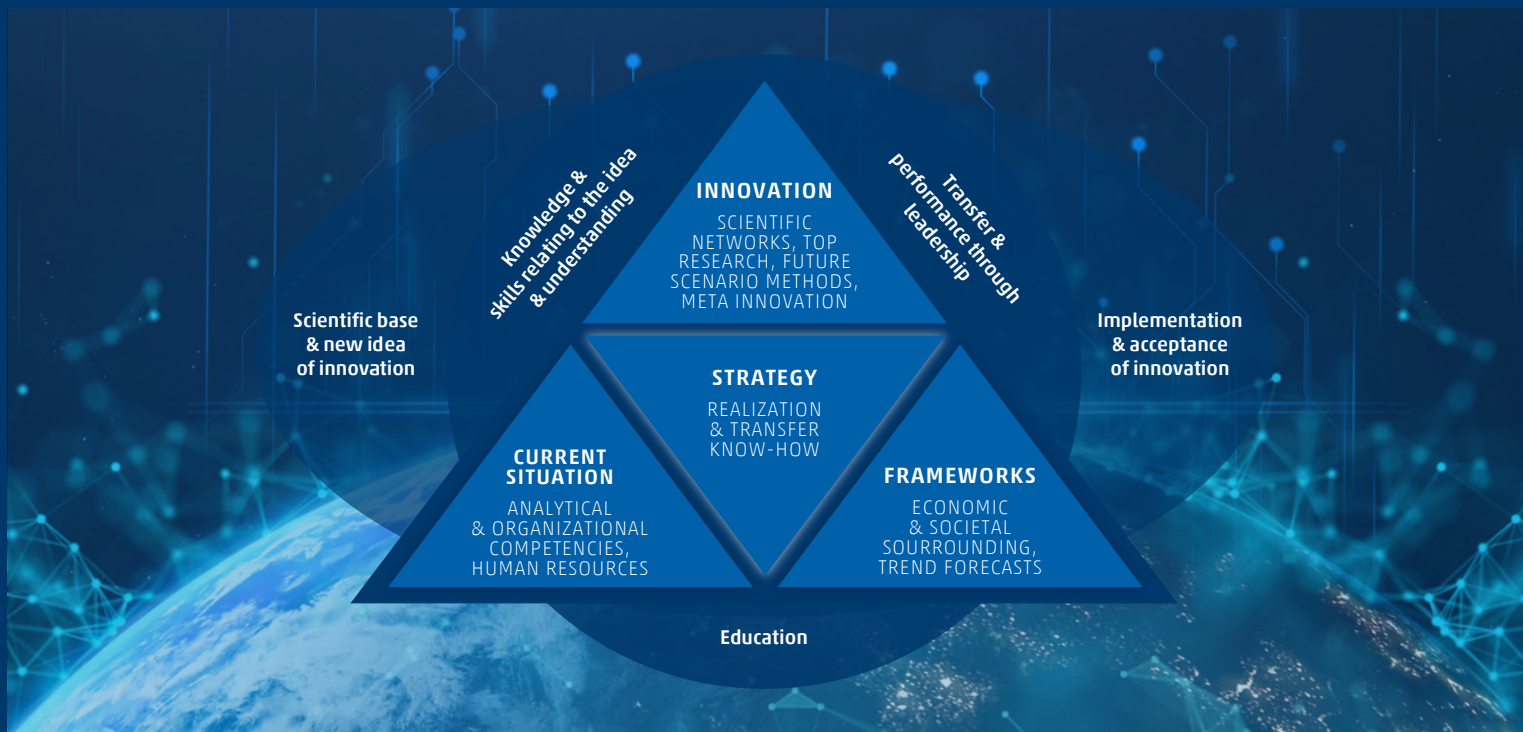
Hybrid (online and in person in several locations): Herrenberg, Stuttgart, Bamberg

Examinations

- Courses, seminars and colloquia
- 3 papers published in listed journals
- Oral defence

Costs

33.000 Euros for AME-ECH
close supervision;
Only regular inscription fees,
no further costs by University
of Bamberg



At the forefront of European innovation excellence

Fully-fledged PhD and Diploma

Transfer-oriented and part-time full Doctor at an excellent German University and Diploma AME-ECH.

Top scientific network & renowned lectures

Access to one of the best research networks via AME – ECH and University of Bamberg.

New impulses & learnings

Trough participation of conferences, scientific event, debates in colloquia.

Innovation & leadership focus

Strong interdisciplinary and intersectoral research and transfer focus.

Scientific acknowledgement

Specialist journals have the appropriate scientific scope and recognition.

Internationality

German and EU recognized and involvement of strong partners around Europe.

Transfer & high career prospects

Use of research results for innovation, leadership and become on of tomorrow top innovation leader.

Flexibility & close supervision

Flexible program that allows a lot of freedom but closely helps by structuring your research.



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Application

Applicants need a **Master's degree recognized in Germany (grade 2.0 or better)** and **English proficiency** (TOEFL C1 or a Bachelor's and Master's degree taught in English; 300 ECTS).

The application includes **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, **Bachelor's and Master's Certificate**, **Research exposé** (3–5 pages).

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