

# Final Conference of the PRIDE project

## Professionals in Doctoral Education:

Supporting skills development to better contribute to the European knowledge society

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin | Humboldt Graduate School**  
**Luisenstraße 56, 10117 Berlin**

Thursday 8 September (17:00) - Friday 9 September (16:00)

**Target audience:** Vice Rectors/Heads of Doctoral Schools & Programmes, university HR managers, and academic and professional staff working in doctoral education.

Doctoral education underwent a major transformation in the last decade in Europe. The changes were supported by new organisational structures and strategic investments in the quality of scientific supervision and the personal & professional development of doctoral candidates. However, the development of the new framework did not take fully into account the **new roles and needs of professionals** working in the area, who not only support the training of doctoral candidates and the work of supervisors, but also assume the roles of science communicators, project and quality managers, active observers of the labour market, and act as liaison officers with external stakeholders.

The need for proper investment in the professional development of administrative staff working within the new framework of doctoral education in Europe set a foundation for the **PRIDE project: Professionals in Doctoral Education**. The project's aim has been to recognize the crucial role of administrative staff in doctoral education and provide guidance and tools for competence development of current and future professionals working in this area.

The Final Conference will **highlight the findings and outcomes of the project**, which were obtained through a series of activities, including the PRIDE Survey conducted in universities across Europe, focus groups, and collection of examples of best practice. The Final Conference is also considered to become the **kick-off for future networking activities**.

In the course of presentations, panel discussions and working groups, the Conference will explore how the major developments in doctoral education influenced the role and responsibilities of administrators working in the area. It will offer insights into good practices of up to date support for doctoral candidates and existing tools for needs assessment, training & development of professionals in doctoral education.

### More information & contact:

Registration and regular updates: <http://pride-project.eu/Conference>  
Online registration will close on **Wednesday, 10 August 2016**.

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