

ELLIS Amsterdam PhD/postdoc Exchange Programme

For whom: ELLIS PhDs and postdocs in Amsterdam looking to fund an exchange period at the ELLIS site of their second supervisor.

The [ELLIS PhD and postdoc programme](#) is a key element of the ELLIS initiative. Its goal is to foster and educate the best talent in machine learning related research areas by pairing outstanding students with leading academic and industrial researchers in Europe. The ELLIS unit Amsterdam supports this programme in two ways:

1. By hiring ELLIS PhD students and postdocs whose **main supervisor is an ELLIS member/fellow at the University of Amsterdam** and that are co-supervised by an ELLIS member/fellow at an ELLIS partner institution.
2. By covering the costs of a visits of ELLIS PhDs and postdocs whose main supervisor is at an ELLIS partner institution and that are **co-supervised by an ELLIS member/fellow at the University of Amsterdam**

In both cases, both supervisors need to be ELLIS members, and at least one of them has to be an ELLIS scholar or fellow.

Usually, the costs associated with exchanges of ELLIS PhD students and postdocs whose main supervisor is **at the University of Amsterdam** are covered by the hosting ELLIS site. The current call is set up for ELLIS PhD students and postdocs at the University of Amsterdam whose hosts are not able to provide funds for their exchange. Before applying for these funds, you should thus first establish that your host is indeed not able to fund your exchange.

Who can apply?

You can apply for funds for an ELLIS exchange if you are a PhD or postdoc at the University of Amsterdam who is enrolled in the ELLIS PhD programme, or a PhD student who has the intention of enrolling. Before you apply, please make sure that you satisfy the [requirements for becoming an ELLIS PhD or postdoc](#). The steps that should be taken to become an ELLIS PhD or Postdoc can be found on the bottom of that same page.

What can be applied for?

The programme covers costs associated with a six-month visit of an ELLIS PhD or Postdoc to their co-supervisor at a different ELLIS site. Eligible costs are:

- Travel- and relocation costs
- A contribution to housing costs that exceed the amount that would normally be spent on housing (to be specified in the budget section of the application form).¹

Applicants to the ELLIS PhD and postdoc exchange programme are asked to submit a reasonable estimate of the additional costs to be made. The costs funded through the ELLIS PhD programme are reimbursed retroactively upon submission of receipts.

¹ Contributions for housing costs are meant to make sure that exchanges can take place without additional housing costs. You can apply for these funds to prevent having to pay double rent, or when housing in your exchange city is much more expensive than in Amsterdam. The funds are not meant to live rent-free during the period of your exchange. If you would like to apply for a contribution to your housing costs, please include an estimate in the budget section of the application form.

How to apply?

Prospective or current ELLIS PhDs and postdocs can apply by filling out the application form and sending it to ellisinfo-science@uva.nl. PhDs and postdocs that are already enrolled in the ELLIS PhD programme are expected to attach their PhD/postdoc agreement, confirming that they are admitted to the ELLIS PhD/postdoc programme. PhDs that are not admitted yet should attach a statement of their main supervisor, that declares support for enrolling into the programme. Postdocs should enroll in the programme before applying.