The Industrial Doctoral School for Research and Innovation at Umeå University

A fitness app for the elderly. Novel materials for sun panels. Innovative waste recycling. The Industrial Doctoral School is based on collaboration between supervising researchers, external partners and doctoral students who work closely with big and often complex issues in society. Together, these parties build a long-term co-operation around a common problem resulting in innovative insights.

The vision of IDS is to bring together scientific excellence with benefits to society and collaborators, and simultaneously carry out high-quality education for our future researchers.

The doctoral school is open to all scientific fields. All IDS doctoral students are employed by Umeå University. Together with companies and organisations, doctoral students spend four years studying questions relevant to the organisation in question. An IDS project can be initiated both by university researchers and potential partner organisations.

These projects maintain high scientific quality and are relevant to society, thereby laying the basis for improved competitiveness and development. Umeå University is a strong believer of the initiative and invests over SEK 12 million per year in IDS. Projects are co-funded, meaning that external partners contribute with 50 per cent of the doctoral student’s salary.

How do we initiate a project?
- Calls for applications for project funding take place regularly.
- Researchers and external partners apply for funding jointly. An external partner can be a company or other organisations such as an authority or foundation.
- The 2019 funding call period will be open from 15 April until 2 October
- Approved project applications will be notified in December.

About the Industrial Doctoral School
- The doctoral school started in 2008.
- 67 doctoral students are enrolled or have completed their projects.
- Over 50 external partners have taken part in IDS.
- 50 per cent of former IDS students now work in industry and trade.
- Customized course package of 15 credits
- 3 months of work placement included.

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