



# CELSA

Central Europe Leuven Strategic Alliance



**PhD Academy**

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Prague

**Transferable  
Skills**



UNIVERSITAS CAROLINA  
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## ***Purpose***

The PhD Academy will allow participants to gain hands-on experience in developing interdisciplinary/intersectoral collaboration and in skills that are useful in their academic career and beyond.

Through this learning process, the students will acquire professional skills that can be used in a wide variety of situations, among which how to influence decision-making, communicate ideas, values and opinions more effectively. They will also get insight and appreciation of their own and other disciplines and become better professionals.

## ***Level of students and suitable fields of study***

PhD researchers from different disciplines are encouraged to apply; candidates should be in an advanced stage of the doctoral program and be highly motivated to work intensively on this project in an international and interdisciplinary team. Open to candidates from all the CELSA Member Institutions.

## ***Applications***

Applicants must submit a letter of motivation – which should include a brief description of the candidate's PhD research project, a curriculum vitae and a photo. All should be sent to email [eliska.chraskova@ruk.cuni.cz](mailto:eliska.chraskova@ruk.cuni.cz) till the end of March.

## ***Costs***

There is no registration fee, students must book their own hotel and travel.

***The final program will be available on the CELSA website.***

***([www.celsalliance.eu](http://www.celsalliance.eu))***

## **About speakers:**

### **Otakar Fojt**

Otakar works as a Regional Manager for Central and Eastern Europe at the British Embassy in Prague. Since 2003, he is a part of the Science and Innovation Network of the UK Government. Otakar received Biomedical Engineering Masters (1994) and PhD (1997) at the Brno University of Technology. He was awarded a Chevening scholarship at the University of Oxford in 1996. Otakar then worked for four years as a Postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Mathematics at the University of York and as a visiting scholar at the Fields Institute in Toronto. In 2001 and 2002, he was a Managing Director of a small technology company operating in Central Europe.

### **Martin Fusek**

Graduated from UCT in 1983 in Organic synthesis and received PhD at IOCB in 1988 in Biochemistry. After postdoctoral stays in USA and Germany decided in 1995 to change his career and worked for companies Sigma-Aldrich and Merck. In 2007 he returned to IOCB and started to develop new structure of tech transfer. In 2009 he became CEO of the IOCB TTO company which provides services in the tech transfer area for the IOCB. Besides his commercial activities he is lecturing at the UCT since 1995 and was awarded title professor in the field of Biochemistry. He is vice chair of the Research Board of Technology Agency of the Czech Republic, member of several commercialization boards. At the IOCB he serves also as a vice-director for strategic development.

### **Tereza Stöckelová**

Dr. Tereza Stöckelová is a researcher at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, associate professor at the Department of General Anthropology, Charles University, and editor-in-chief of the English edition of *Sociologický časopis / Czech Sociological Review*. Her work is situated in-between sociology, social anthropology and science and technology studies (STS), and draws upon actor network theory and related material semiotic methodologies. She has investigated academic practices in the context of current policy changes, science and society relations, environmental controversies and, recently, the interfaces between biomedical and alternative therapeutic practices in the Czech Republic. She has also been engaged in policy and public debates on science and research assessment, and was a member of a working group that received the John Ziman prize in 2014 for the European Science Foundation report *Science in Society: caring for our futures in turbulent times* (chaired by Ulrike Felt). Since 2015 she has been working on a

research project concerned with “multiple medicine” – ethnography of the interfaces between biomedical and alternative therapeutic practices.

### ***Anna Stunová***

Anna Stunova received her M.Sc. in Biochemistry and Biotechnology from University of Chemical Technology in Prague, Czech Republic. She is currently a Ph.D. student at the Laboratory of Cellular Regenerative Medicine at Faculty of Medicine in Pilsen, Charles University, working on the development of *in vitro* model of dermal fibroblasts in chronic wound conditions in 2D and 3D set up. She was the winner of the First Time International Presenter at EWMA Conference 2017. Beside her research in the field of wound healing she is interested in status of PhD students and opportunities of alumni in Czech Republic and abroad. She participated in PhD training workshop “Navigate your career!” 2017, Croatia. The workshop brought together doctoral candidates from universities across Europe in a highly international and multicultural setting. The employability prospects and the soft, transversal skills needed to respond to a global setting in constant change were discussed. At the Knowledge Research Education Conference 2017 (KRECON), Prague she dealt with current issues associated with PhD program in Czech Republic – status, opportunities and employability of PhD students and value of the PhD degree in the scientific world.

### ***James Tufano***

Dr. Tufano received his BS (USA), MS (USA), and PhD (Australia) in Sport Science and Human Performance. After accumulating 10 years of research experience, he decided to bridge the gap between complex scientific knowledge and the linguistic rigor of academic writing. Since 2016, he has been teaching Academic Writing in the Czech Language Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Additionally, James continues his research as an Assistant Professor at Charles University’s Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, while also serving as an editor and reviewer for various peer-reviewed journals within the realm of human physiology and physical performance.

### ***Stefan Wellens***

Stefan Wellens works as a career coach/trainer at KU Leuven University. Passionate about learning and development, he facilitates doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to develop their transferable and career management skills. He formerly worked as a senior consultant in talent & development and has worked with national and international teams at Nike, Toyota Motor Europe, Proximus and NMBS.

### ***Joeri Wielandts***

Joeri Wielandts works as a trainer at KU Leuven University. With a background as a research assistant and a teaching assistant, he supports the development of transferable skills of young researchers. He focuses on these topics: project management, creativity, collaboration and networking. Next to that he helps them to prepare for career choices and job interviews.

### ***Preliminary program:***

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>
Welcome Remarks	Societal Impact	Career paths	Interpersonal skills: hands on!
Research Ethics	IP in RD	Time- and Self- management	
Responsible research and innovation	Exploitation of research results	Communication and presentation skills	
Dissemination Techniques	Scientific Writing	Combat Manual for a postdoc & beyond	

*Program should start at 9:30 on Monday and finish at about 15:30 on Thursday*

### **Our Host: Charles University Prague**



Charles University was founded in 1348, making it one of the oldest universities in the world. Yet it is also renowned as a modern, dynamic, cosmopolitan and prestigious institution of higher education. It is the largest and most renowned Czech university and it is also the best-rated Czech university according to international rankings. For many years Charles University has been keen to incorporate the results of its research and development work into its teaching, and to ensure the greatest possible involvement of research staff and students in Czech and international projects.

## Prague



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<https://www.prague.eu/>

### Getting to Prague

Prague has only one international airport – Letiště Václava Havla Praha (Václav Havel Airport Prague), which is located in the north-west of the city, about 17 km from the city centre. The airport has no metro or train connection with the city centre and is only served by buses and taxis.

Unfortunately, taxi drivers in Prague do not have a good reputation. There is no standard price for taxi services, but drivers are required to display their prices, usually on the door. A reasonable price is CZK 25 per km, but it is a good idea to agree on a price before you commit to a ride. Usually reliable companies whose dispatchers speak English are AAA Radiotaxi, Profi Taxi and Halo Taxi.

### Money

The currency is the Koruna ceska (Kč/CZK, 1 euro = 25,3 CZK). Be careful when using exchange offices. Many of them target tourists and you may end up paying a high commission or getting a bad rate without even knowing about it. Do not change money on the street. Carry a credit card and take money out of an ATM as you go.