



Doctoral School on Ageing and Sustainability

Do not be fooled by the sceptical faces - the students had a good time at the first module of the Doctoral School on Ageing and Sustainability. Here they have a chance to try out the Ageing-Suit by Ford in order to experience what it feels like to be not young and fit anymore.

Programme Summary

The IDEA League partner universities have designed a Doctoral School taking up the issue of Ageing as a collaborative, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary project. The training is based on four modules consisting of two weekend sessions, and two one-week sessions.

In modules one, two and three of the programme the students will be exposed to a range of policies, products, projects and services focussing on Ageing and its link to Sustainability. This input is provided by the members of the IDEA League, as well as a number of carefully selected partners, like TokyoTech and the University of Tokyo, the Japanese Government, industry and spin-outs. This input process is designed to go well beyond the boundaries of the various disciplines in which the participating PhD students are working. The input will help the students to develop an understanding of the cross-impacts of the different aspects of an ageing society.

The Learning Process

As an opportunity for the students of the five IDEA League universities, the Doctoral School on Ageing and Sustainability brings together highly motivated participants from outstanding universities of science and technology. The learning goals for the students in the programme are three-fold. Firstly, students should develop an understanding of Ageing as an emerging, truly interdisciplinary field of research. Secondly, students should discover their entrepreneurial spirit and learn how to see the potential for business opportunities. Last, but not least, within the framework of the IDEA League, students should form a network of young scientists as an international high-level peer group.

IDEA League Student grants

There are 180 monthly grants of 1000€ available for 2012. Please promote this opportunity to the students! <http://www.idealeague.org/education/studentgrant>

Dates for the Doctoral School

Module 1: 5-7 Oct 2012 at RWTH Aachen
Module 2: 11-17 Nov 2012 in Tokyo
Module 3: 18-20 Jan 2013 at TU Delft
Module 4: 2-8 Jun 2013 (place tba)

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Impressions from the Doctoral School

