

## Professional Doctorate by Validation of Acquired Experience

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### Program Overview

The European City University Professional Doctorate with a focus on the Validation of Acquired Experience is tailored for seasoned professionals who have demonstrated significant expertise in their field. This unique program allows candidates to earn their Professional Doctorate based on a comprehensive evaluation of their professional achievements, contributions to the field, and their application of advanced business scenarios.

The Professional Doctorate via VAE is designed for accomplished professionals who seek formal recognition of their expertise. This program emphasizes the validation of prior experiential learning and the application of advanced knowledge in a professional context. It is ideal for leaders, executives, and practitioners aiming to achieve the highest level of professional recognition through a flexible, experience-based assessment process.

### Program Duration and Structure

- **Duration:** Variable, dependent on the evaluation process.
  - **Credits:** Based on professional experience and the final scholarly project.
  - **Delivery Mode:** Online assessment with optional in-person residencies.
  - **Language:** English
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### Key Features

#### Experience-Based Assessment

- Evaluation of professional experience, including leadership roles, innovative contributions, and industry impact.
- Submission of a comprehensive professional portfolio documenting achievements, projects, and contributions.

#### Applied Scholarly Project

- Development of a scholarly project that addresses a complex issue within the candidate's professional field.
- The project should provide new insights or innovative solutions based on the candidate's experience and knowledge.

#### Expert Evaluation Panel

- A panel of academic experts and industry leaders will assess the candidate's portfolio and scholarly project.
- The panel will provide guidance and feedback throughout the process.

### **Mentorship and Networking**

- Access to a global network of mentors and peers.
  - Opportunities for professional development and collaboration within the candidate's industry.
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### **Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of the Professional Doctorate via VAE will:

- Demonstrate mastery of advanced concepts and application in professional practice.
- Lead innovative change and drive organizational growth.
- Contribute new knowledge to their field through an applied scholarly project.
- Gain formal recognition for their extensive professional experience and achievements.

### **Admission Requirements**

- **Professional Experience:** Minimum of 10 years in senior leadership role or equivalent.
  - **Educational Background:** Master's degree or equivalent from accredited institution.
  - **Portfolio Submission:** Comprehensive documentation of professional experience, key projects, and contributions to the field.
  - **Scholarly Project Proposal:** Outline of the proposed project that demonstrates potential to contribute new knowledge to the field.
  - **Interview:** Discussion with the evaluation panel to assess the candidate's experience and project proposal.
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### **Application Process**

Interested candidates can apply online through the European City University website. The application process includes submitting academic transcripts, a statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, and a resume or CV.

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### **Contact Information**

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