



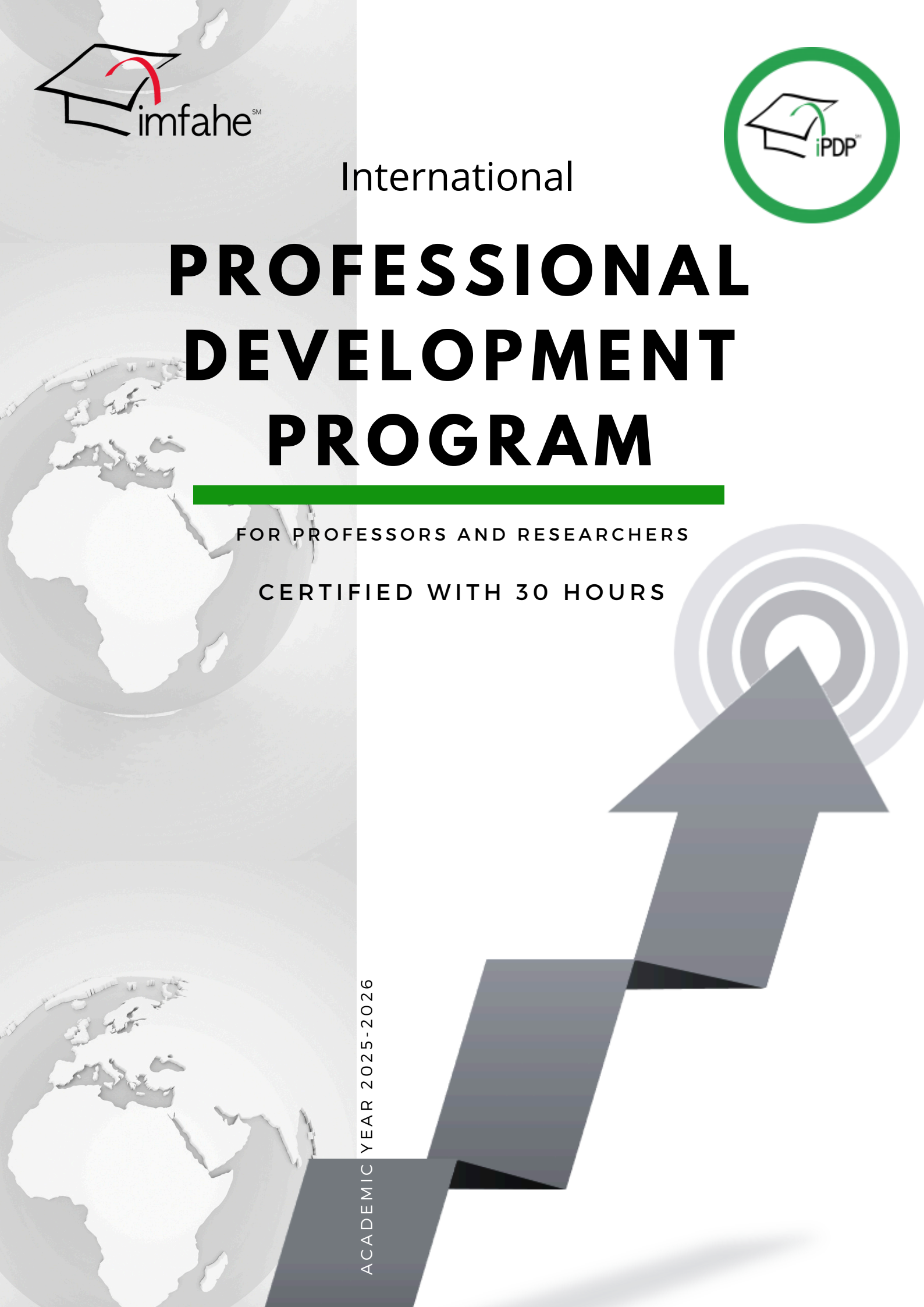
International

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

FOR PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS

CERTIFIED WITH 30 HOURS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026





International Professional Development Program-iPDP

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The International Mentoring Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education ([IMFAHE](http://imfahe.org)) in collaboration with its European Innovation Network of leading universities, offers professors and researchers valuable online opportunities to advance their careers with excellence. This program is thoughtfully designed to cultivate meaningful networking, foster global collaboration, and facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge. Moreover, it equips participants with essential tools and actionable insights to thrive as researchers and educators in today's dynamic academic landscape.

GRADING POLICY & REQUIREMENTS

Professors and researchers affiliated with IMFAHE's partner universities and selected to participate in IMFAHE's Platform of Talent 2025-2026 are eligible to apply for certification by fulfilling the following requirements:

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1 NETWORKING

Empower participants to build meaningful global and multidisciplinary connections, fostering opportunities for impactful collaborations across diverse fields and disciplines.

2 STAND OUT AS AN EDUCATOR

Equip participants with the tools to design highly engaging and innovative classes by integrating cutting-edge technologies such as AI, adopting Active Learning methodologies, and developing effective teaching strategies tailored to inspire and connect with Generation Z.

3 STAND OUT AS A RESEARCHER

Enable participants to master essential research skills, including grant writing, paper writing, and open science practices, while learning strategies to attract research funding through global collaborations.

1

Attend the
Kick Off /
Networking
Event

2

Participate
in the
Peer Mentoring
Circles

3

Attend
the Live
Workshops

4

Watch the
Asynchronous
Sessions



KICK-OFF EVENT iPDP

Thursday, December 4th, 2025 at
14.30h CET

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Attend the
Kick Off /
Networking
Event

**REGISTER TO THE
SESSION HERE**

Keynote speech:

"Generative AI as a Tool in Higher Education"

This keynote presentation will explore the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence on higher education. It will address how AI is reshaping teaching, learning, and research, highlighting both opportunities and challenges for the academic community. In addition, the session will showcase some of the most practical and powerful generative AI tools available today, providing professors and researchers with actionable resources to enhance their productivity, innovation, and impact. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to harness AI responsibly and effectively in their professional and academic contexts.



Megan Mittelstad, PhD.

Director, Center for Teaching and Learning at University of Georgia, USA .



PEER MENTORING CIRCLES & NETWORKING

KOE: February 11, 2026 at 2.30pm CET
Keynote Speaker:
Joanne Kamens, PhD

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Participate
in the
Peer Mentoring
Circles

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GOAL: To promote global and effective collaborations, collective learning, valuable networking and mentorship among professors and international professionals within IMFAHE's Platform of Talent.

DYNAMICS: Groups of 3-6 participants will meet via videoconference in a confidential and supportive setting to:

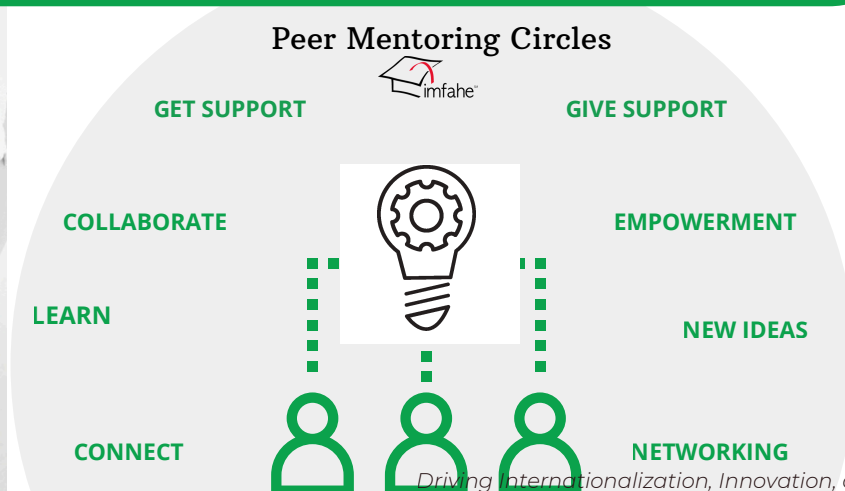
- Collaborate on publishing a joint article.
- Work together to apply for a joint grant.
- Develop an innovative project and apply to IMFAHE's Global Idea Competition - Shark Tank.
- Engage in networking, mentorship, and mutual support.

During the meetings, each group will develop a "**Collaborative Plan**"

COMMITMENT: Participants are expected to attend at least two sessions between early February and May 15th, 2026. Additional meetings are highly encouraged to foster fruitful and long-lasting collaborations.

Please **complete the registration form by January 12th, 2026**. The program will officially commence in early February 2026.

Fill Out the Registration form HERE





WORKSHOPS

Ethics in Research

January 20th, 2026 at 2.30pm CET



By Dr. Jim Gould. Program Director, Responsible Conduct of Research. Harvard Medical School (USA).

REGISTER TO THE SESSION HERE

Grant opportunities from the European Research Council

March 4th, 2026 at 2.30pm CET

By Dr. Odeta Limaj. Project Advisor at European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA), Brussels (Belgium).

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ASYNCHRONOUS SESSIONS

The table below provides access to the links for the recorded masterclasses.

Professors are required to watch each session and complete the associated visualization survey to ensure meaningful participation and engagement with the material.

4 Watch the Asynchronous Sessions

Session	Speaker
Self-awareness and successful relationships in the workplace Video Link Visualization survey	Scott Schwefel. CEO Discover Yourself, Ted Talk speaker (+3.000.000 views), Minnesota, USA.
Becoming and exceptional supervisor Video Link Visualization survey	Jessalyn Ubellacker, PhD. Assistant Professor of Molecular Metabolism at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (USA).
Grant Writing Video Link Visualization survey	Yolanda Alvarez, PhD. Project Manager & Grant Writing and Proposal Coordination, University College of Dublin, Ireland
Teaching the Generation Z Video Link Visualization survey	Gabriela Lagreca DMD, DDS, MBA Associate Professor & Director of Faculty Education Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Boston, MA, USA
Mental Health and University Faculty Video Link Visualization survey	Anthony Palatta, Ed.D. Education Consultant at PalattaSolutions. Former Chief Learning Officer at ADEA and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs & Academic Support at New York University, USA.
Active Learning In Action Video Link Visualization survey	Megan Mittelstad, PhD. Director, Center for Teaching and Learning at University of Georgia, USA





HOW TO OBTAIN THE DIPLOMA

(Program Certification: 30 Hours Awarded Upon Completion)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only professors and researchers selected to participate in IMFAHE's Platform of Talent 2025-2026 from partner universities are eligible to request a diploma. The logos of the collaborating universities are displayed below.

HOW TO REQUEST A DIPLOMA:

Upon completing requirements 1, 2, 3 and 4, please send an email to **QC@imfahe.org** with the subject line: **[YOUR NAME-UNIVERSITY-iPDP-Diploma Request]**.

Ensure your request is submitted **before May 15th, 2026, at 23:59 (Central European Time)**.



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