The University of Hohenheim is, according to CWUR, the only university in Germany to achieve two top ten rankings in the area of agricultural sciences, in plant production and horticulture. Hohenheim’s agricultural research including food and nutrition science ranks 1st in Germany and in top positions Europe- and worldwide. Strong in the agronomic, crop sciences and economics departments, the University of Hohenheim also hosts a Food Security Centre and is dedicated to providing students with a global perspective that responds to contemporary needs in agricultural sciences.

Queen’s University, a member of the UK Russell group, is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world and within the UK research excellence framework of 2014 is ranked No.1 for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food science for research intensity. The Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) is the core unit of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food science research at the university. The mission of the institute is to nurture the world’s leading scientists to become future leaders in the theme of food security in the provision of a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, in an interactive and creative learning environment both as face-to-face and distance learning initiatives.

The University of Cambridge’s mission is to contribute to society by pursuing the highest international levels of excellence in education, learning, and research. The Centre for Industrial Sustainability (CIS) within the University’s Institute for Manufacturing provides knowledge and tools to help industries profit from the opportunities intrinsic in securing a healthy and sustainable future for people and planet. The University hosts a number of international centres designed to inspire, support and incubate entrepreneurs, such as the Centre for Social Innovation, the Entrepreneurship Centre, the Maxwell Centre and the new accelerator programme at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL). These collaborate closely with initiatives such as the Cambridge Global Challenges, a Strategic Research Initiative that aims to enhance the contribution of its research towards addressing global challenges and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

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THE COURSE

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The course aims at raising a new generation of conscious students and future professionals, equipping them for the business world and for the wider challenges in the industry and beyond with more than practical knowledge. We will deliver academic lectures with state-of-the-art research and thought-provoking readings to be complemented by guest lecturers selected from the business partners.

The focus of the summer school is the EU food sector with its specificities (political systems, economic paradigm, role of enterprises) at the crossroad of new technological advances and the main challenges represented by sustainability. In the age of transition, to respond to the sustainability imperatives it is highly desired to train and equip young professionals to make sense of contemporary and future challenges and respond to the needs of consumers and employers. The development of critical skills together with a state-of-the-art course with high academic standards is paramount for ensuring the flexibility necessary for the global competitiveness of the contemporary EU food sector.

WEEK 1 | 29.07.2019 - 03.08.2019

- Welcoming of all participants
- Introduction to the course requirements and objectives UHOH will take care of the following:
  - Introduction: food systems (brief historical overview, current configuration, main actors, consumption politics and trends)
  - Food tech and state of the art (food technologies and the industry, related and residual issues for adoption, transition)
  - Sustainability and transition (basics of sustainability, basics of transition and transition theories, socio-cultural issues related to sustainability)
  - Crop science and food tech in the age of transition (resources and material currently available and in the next future, issues related to the production-in-the-field issues)
  - Superfoods, small grains and food waste (trends in nutrition and in nutrition consumption; focus on food waste and role of technology to avoid it)
- Business representatives selected from EIT partners and outside invited to guest lecture according to the theme of the week.

WEEK 2 | 05.08.2019 - 09.08.2019

QUB will address the stakeholders and consumers’ perspectives on novel food technologies in relation to:
- Nutrition and safety concerns in the use of food technology
- Management perspectives on food technology and future challenges
- Corporate responsibility and regulation

Challenges will be posed for the students to address through entrepreneurial ideas.

The University of Cambridge will equip students to address the challenges presented by global food systems through developing innovative entrepreneurial solutions. The Cambridge programme will provide tools and methodologies to help students take their innovation concepts to the next level. Ideas will be evaluated in terms of their commercial potential and their potential to solve a significant problem, as well as their possible social and environmental impact. The programme will include:
- Business idea creation
- Business model development
- Routes to market
- Corporate responsibility and regulation

Students are encouraged to submit their candidature from April 15, 2019 until May 13, 2019, following the guidelines available in the link below: https://tinyurl.com/y58c54k