

EDUC thematic seminars

Call for applications

You are looking for research partners abroad to develop new projects? You have a research project and you would like to find collaborators to develop it at a European scale? You wish to expand your research network across Europe? The EDUC thematic seminars might provide you with just what you are looking for.

The EDUC Alliance invites senior researchers and doctoral students of the University of Cagliari to take part in the seminars organised within the project “*EuropeanDigitalUniverCity – EDUC*”, workpackage 9 “*Education meets research*”, funded under the Erasmus+ Programme.

The EDUC project (www.educalliance.eu), is a joint initiative of the Universities of Potsdam (Germany), project leader; Cagliari (Italy); Rennes 1 (France); Paris-Nanterre (France), Masaryk (Czech Republic), Pécs (Hungary), that was selected by the European Commission as one of the pilot European Universities, under its first call for proposal in 2019.

About the seminars

One of the main objectives of the EDUC partner universities is to encourage and strengthen cooperation in research. Specifically, the Alliance identified seven main research areas towards which addressing common challenges and missions.

The research areas, reported in the following table, were chosen by the Alliance because they reflect both the strength and diversity of its six members’ research domains. They strike a balance between hard sciences and socio-humanities, with the aim to give to a wide range of researchers and PhD students the possibility to successfully cooperate. Moreover, these themes address societal challenges which can benefit from cross-disciplinary contributions and the direct involvement of local ecosystems and policy makers.

The seminars will take place starting from March 2021, according to the scheme below. Due to the current sanitary context, some seminars will take the form of online events, with the possibility of a later follow-up in-person event when the sanitary conditions allow it. The detailed programme and more details about the location of the events will be communicated in due time. The working language of the seminars will be English.

	Research topics	Date	Location	Deadlines
1	Life Long Health and Wellbeing	18-19 March 2021	University of Pécs (Hungary)	5 th January 2021
2	Culture and heritage	24 th March 2021	University of Paris Nanterre (France, online event)	5 th January 2021
3	Justice, inequality and inclusion	25 th March 2021	University of Paris Nanterre (France, online event)	5 th January 2021
4	Mobility / Smart cities	8-9 April 2021	University of Rennes 1 (France)	31 st January
5	European Union Studies	21-22 April 2021	University of Cagliari (Italy)	31 st January
6	Sustainable Changes: climate and resources	End of June / beginning of July 2021	University of Potsdam (Germany)	30 th April
7	Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence	Fall 2021	University of Masaryk (Czech Republic)	30 th April

Who can apply

The call is open to:

- **Researchers/Professors**
- **PhD students** regularly enrolled in one of the doctoral Programmes

To be eligible for participation in a seminar, applicants (both academic staff and PhD students) should be:

- conducting research in the field of the chosen seminar (all academic disciplines are invited);
- able to participate in the entire seminar;
- be prepared to present and discuss their work with peers from the other Universities, and to participate in an active and constructive way in team discussions;
- willing to continue cooperation with colleagues of the Alliance after the seminar.

The University of Cagliari shall support up to a maximum of seven mobilities per seminar: a maximum of five mobilities for PhD students and a minimum of two for senior researchers.

Application procedure

All candidates should express their interest by filling in the [online](#) application form including:

- a short CV (max 1500 characters)
- a short abstract (max 1500 characters) presenting their own research in the area
- a list of maximum 5 relevant publications in the last 5 years.
- a list of 5 keywords that describe their research
- *optional*: a description of their research interest and/or the type of research partnership they are looking for (max 500 characters).

The application must be submitted by the deadlines indicated in the previous table.

In case of a number of eligible applications higher than the available positions, a selection will be made on the basis of the coherence of the research carried out, identified possible matches between research topics and the aim to guarantee interdisciplinarity.

Questions about the application and selection process should be directed to educ@unica.it.

The results of the selection procedure will be made known within a month after the deadline. A request for confirmation will be sent to all selected participants with a short deadline for replies.

Participation costs

There is no fee for the seminars.

Travel and accommodation costs of the selected participants are granted within the project EDUC, funded by the Erasmus+ Programme.

The University of Cagliari will fund related travel costs of its selected researchers (either by reimbursement, up to a maximum of € 700,00, upon receiving the justification documents, or by direct purchase, details will be provided after selection), with the exception of seminar n° 4 (Mobility / Smart cities) for which travel and subsistence costs will be covered by the French Partner.

Specific information on the seminars is available on the EDUC webpage at the link <https://www.educalliance.eu/academicstaff/>.