



EUNICE Research Summer School

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The **EUNICE Research Summer School** is an annual one-week programme held in Santander (Spain) in collaboration with the EUNICE Associated Partner “**Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP)**”.

This program focuses on areas where EUNICE partners have strong **research potential**. It connects academics with shared interests, offers research and learning opportunities for students, and promotes EUNICE’s research excellence through the UIMP platform. It fosters **multiculturalism** in a transversal and inclusive environment.

The course is part of UIMP’s prestigious summer academic offerings at the historic **Magdalena Palace**.



So far, two editions have been launched:

- **2023:** Introduction to Global Studies.
Piece of news: [here](#).
- **2024:** Integrated Energy Systems.
Piece of news: [here](#).

The **2025** edition will be launched this June on the topic of “Applications of Artificial Intelligence”.



The EUNICE Research Summer School is delivered as a **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)**, an innovative learning format that combines both online and physical mobility.

It **covers individual expenses for professors and students** participating in the programme, including travel, accommodation, and daily allowances.

In order to receive **Erasmus+ funding**, the course must adhere to the following criteria:

- Combine **online teaching** with a **short period of physical mobility** for a minimum of 3 ECTS.
- Include academic staff and student participants from **at least 3 EUNICE partner universities**: 2 EUNICE Universities + host university (UC).
- The **minimum number of mobile students** with and Erasmus+ grant must be **10**.

Additionally, the course must fulfill other **EUNICE requirements**:

- At least 5 EUNICE institutions will send **PhD students**.
- At least 1 participating student will be sent by **each** EUNICE partner university.



These procedures are managed by the International Relations Offices of each partner university, led by the University of Cantabria

Management and Coordination

Since the physical mobility always takes place in Santander, **the University of Cantabria assumes the role of management coordinator**. However, each edition is academically coordinated by a different EUNICE partner university and is focused on a different topic.

Roles designated for the course:

- **Academic director:** a professor/researcher leading the programme. The UC will be involved as co-coordinators as well.
- **Secretary:** an administrative from the UC who acts as a liaison with the UIMP, the academic director and the students.

Course Schedule

It is established that the UIMP-EUNICE Research Summer School consists of **3 ECTS credits**, distributed between two components:

- **Face-to-face on-site component in Santander.** 20h in one week. During this part there is no possibility of online teaching. All teachers and students must travel to Santander. It normally takes place in **June**.

Previous editions: 5 sessions of 4 hours in the morning, fitting with the regular summer courses offered at UIMP. In the afternoons, cultural activities are programmed. For this purpose, a **mentor student** from UC is appointed.

- **Online component.** Approximately 10h to be scheduled before meeting in Santander.

These hours do not only imply lectures, they can be understood as time students dedicate to do some reading or prepare something teachers may request. It is also useful for breaking the ice and helping participants connect before the onsite part.

The online workload should be manageable for everyone, considering students come from different universities with varying academic schedules and demands.

Course Assessment

An **assessment of the summer school** must be conducted with the following considerations:

- It is necessary to assign a numerical grade.
- Students should receive their ERASMUS+ certificates within one week after the end of the course. Therefore, it is necessary to close the evaluation on the last day of class.
- Minimum attendance rate: 80%.

Funding

The **International Relations Offices (IROs)** of each EUNICE partner university will manage funding through Erasmus+ funds.

They will oversee **internal calls, including dates and conditions**. Therefore, professors and students should maintain close contact with their IROs to manage financial support.

All mobilities, both for students and staff, must be uploaded to the Beneficiary Module Platform by the sending universities.

Accommodation

Professors can stay at Magdalena Palace from the Sunday before the course begins until the Friday it ends. Bookings will be managed by the course secretary.

Students have the option to stay at **Las Llamas Residence or MiCampus Residence**. Those staying at Las Llamas Residence should contact the course secretary for arrangements.



The **Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP)** is a EUNICE Associated Partner which offers a variety of summer courses in Santander.

These offering is **highly prestigious** due to its long history, high academic standards, and the participation of renowned experts.

Held in beautiful locations, they offer diverse and contemporary topics, providing **excellent networking opportunities** for students and professionals.

Since the summer school is organized within this framework, certain **UIMP requirements** must be met for the face-to-face component:

- **Course Approval.** UIMP is responsible for assigning the final course dates.
- **Attendance.** Both the academic director and secretary must arrive in Santander one day before the course begins and stay for its entire duration.
- **Programme Publication.** UIMP needs essential data for the general programme publication **by February** each year. This includes the course title; names and positions of the director, secretary, and professors; some specific personal details; and the time and title of each session.

Additionally, **external students** can enroll the on-site component of the EUNICE Research Summer School as UIMP registrants.

Join the EUNICE community!

EUNICE is looking for **topic proposals** for the 2026 and 2027 editions of our Research Summer School.

Why apply?

- ✓ Become the next EUNICE Research Summer School academic coordinator.
- ✓ Contribute to innovative and transformative research.
- ✓ Collaborate with top academics and professionals in an international and transversal environment.

How to apply. Click [here](#) to read the call and learn how to apply ([form](#)).

We look forward to hearing from you! Submit your application and be part of an **exciting journey towards academic excellence**.

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