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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 25  
PLACES TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE  
ICPU PROGRAMME**

**A.A. 2023/2024**

*Application Submission Deadline:*  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 1 pm (CET)

## WEB PAGES

“ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme at UNIPD: <https://www.unipd.it/icpu>

Application form

<https://forms.gle/k3xtSG72jTEQqc9W9>

General Course “Industry Community Project Unit”:

<https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2023/LM/AV/AV2585/000ZZ/AVP8085478/N0>

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## Preface

The University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney (Australia) and University of Lausanne (Switzerland), opens a call for **25 places** for participation in the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme, which will be held from **24<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024** by University of Padua (online activities from 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July; physical presence in Padua from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024). The final group participating in the project will consist of 60 students overall: 25 from the University of Padua, 25 from the University of Sydney and 10 from University of Lausanne.

## Art.1 – General information

### 1.1. Purpose

The present Call regulates the activities of the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme, which allows university students enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies to participate in a blended international mobility programme, with physical mobility at the University of Padua.

### 1.2. Eligible activities

The project includes an ad-hoc educational path (“ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit”) of 6 ECTS organized by the University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney, the University of Lausanne and regional partners (companies, multinationals and service companies). The latter will introduce a challenge and/or case study that the students will be asked to work on/solve. The aim of the course is to support the development of soft skills, and to facilitate connection with the industry and business world. Collaboration skills, teamwork, and problem-solving attitude are key assets towards professional growth and employability.

**Project topic.** For this edition, the University of Padua offers as topic “Rethinking food systems for better health and sustainability”. Given the nature of the project and its interdisciplinary structure, the call is open to students from all degree programmes. The title of the programme is merely indicative of the wider topic.

**Grouping of students.** Participants will be organised into heterogeneous groups of 5-10 students. Each group will include students with different educational backgrounds, in order to promote interaction between diversified disciplinary fields. Heterogeneity within the groups will be ensured by the presence of students from different universities.

**Recognition of ECTS.** In order to obtain the 6 ECTS at the end of the period, each group will have to present and discuss their work with the industrial partner. For the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme, successful students can gain 6 ECTS credits from the University of Padua as electives (crediti liberi) for a general course, once the course unit ‘Industry and Community Project’ is added to the student’s study plan.

Further information will be available at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu>.

### 1.3. Duration

The duration of the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme is predetermined and is scheduled as follows:

- Virtual exchange: 24 - 30 June 2024 and 13 - 19 July 2024
- Physical mobility in Padua: 1 - 12 July 2024

Participation is mandatory for both the activities.

### 1.4. Students with disabilities and learning difficulties

Students with disabilities and learning difficulties (DSA) who intend to participate in the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme can highlight this during the application submission process. Projects & Mobility Office, in collaboration with the Student Service Office - Inclusion Unit, will take care of specific situations in case of students are selected to participate in the programme.

The selection criteria are the same for all students.

## Art.2 - Admission Pre-Requisites Procedure

### 2.1 Admission Pre-Requisites

Students are admitted as participants in the programme if, upon applying and within the deadline of the call or other accepted deadlines, they satisfy the following conditions:

1. Students must be enrolled at the University of Padua in a degree course (ex DM 509/99 or 270/2004), bachelor’s course, master’s course, single-cycle master’s course; or the whole duration of the activities included in this call. It is NOT possible to obtain the final graduation before completing this course. It is necessary to be in accordance with the payment of fees;
2. Students must not be registered in the first year of a Bachelor’s degree programme (first-cycle degree) for the a.y. 2023/24;
3. Students must be not registered in single course units
4. Not be on mobility at the University of Padua from other universities;
5. Not be on mobility from the University of Padua to other universities;

6. Students must prove their proficiency in English at a B2 level or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). The linguistic requirement, under penalty of non-eligibility of the applicant is considered satisfied if and only if the candidate holds at least one of the certifications and minimum score threshold shown at the following link <https://www.unipd.it/en/language-requirement-admission-degree-programmes>. These certifications are accepted only if obtained up to a maximum of five years from the start date of the ICPU course of 24 June 2024. If not submitted at the application date, the language certificate must be submitted within 31st may 2024. In this situation, candidates are invited to attach the confirmation of registration to a valid language test. Please bear in mind that the CLA - Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (the University of Padua's Language Centre) is an IELTS examinations centre<sup>1</sup>. Failing to submit the certificate by 31st may 2024 will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the programme. The place will then be offered to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.
7. non-EU citizens must be enrolled at the University of Padua and moreover they must have a valid residence permit.

All the above-mentioned conditions must be met at application date, with the sole allowed exception of the language certificate.

## Art.3 - Contributions and financial benefits

### 3.1 Level of financial contribution

Since the activities take place at the University of Padua, there is no financial contribution for participants. The University of Padua will cover transportation costs related to any off-campus activity for all participants.

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<sup>1</sup> Maggiori informazioni alla pagina: <https://cla.unipd.it/certificazione-di-inglese-ielts/>

## Art. 4 – Applying for the ICPU Programme

Students that wish to apply for the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme must submit their application exclusively via the dedicated Google Form (<https://forms.gle/k3xtSG72jTEQqc9W9> ) **NO LATER THAN 1.00 PM (CET) ON 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024.**

With the application one must attach, in PDF form, the following documents:

1. copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant's language level. Candidates without a language certificate, must submit the receipt of the appointment for the language test;
2. copy of the Bachelor's Transcript of Records or Diploma Supplement for students registered in the first year of a Master's degree programme, or in the second year of a Double or Joint Degree Programme if the first year was not taken at the University of Padua;
3. motivation letter written in English (up to 2000 characters, spaces included);
4. for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit, or receipt of the appointment for the resident permit;
5. any additional qualifications which may be relevant for the Committee (e.g. curriculum vitae, other certificates, etc);
6. Copy of a valid Identity card or Passport.

## Art. 5 – Selection criteria

Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their academic merit (merit coefficient<sup>2</sup> or bachelor degree evaluation), their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In the case of candidates with equal assessment, precedence will be given to the student who has not already benefited from funding for international mobility. In the case of further equal scores, precedence will be given to the student enrolled in a Master's degree programme and, should the equal scores still subsist, to the person enrolled in a course of study less represented in the ranking. Minor age will be used as the last criterion in case of further ties.

Should the number of applications received be higher than 100, the Committee reserves the right to run a pre-selection considering the academic merit only. Then, only the first 100

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<sup>2</sup> The merit coefficient is calculated as follows: the percentage change of the average of ECTS credits students gain by 10th August compared to the average of ECTS credits for their degree programme (V% Exams) plus the percentage change of the weighted average of grades of students' examinations compared to the one set for their degree programme; the total is divided by 2.

applications will be assessed against the other criteria.

## Art. 6 – List of successful students

### 6.1 Lists of successful students and accepting the place

A Committee appointed by the Rector will analyse the applications and will select students. Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or online interview may be arranged: if this is the case, candidates will be notified of the time and place of the interview. Failing to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.

Once the Committee has finalised its task, the list of successful candidates will be published from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 on the webpage: <https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu>. Successful candidates will also be informed via email.

Successful candidates must declare that they are accepting their place and confirm it via email to [virtual.exchange@unipd.it](mailto:virtual.exchange@unipd.it) before the date that will be communicated. In the event of the place not being accepted within the outlined dates, the students will automatically be considered to have renounced.

### 6.2 Reserve places

Places that are not accepted by successful candidates will be assigned to those next in line on the list. All information will be given via email. In the event that the place is not accepted within the deadlines given and the student will be considered to have renounced or in case of withdrawal the place will be assigned to the next student in line on the list or remain unassigned.

## Art. 7 – Recognition of activities

For selected students only, “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit”<sup>3</sup> can be added to their study plan as a 6 credit-bearing course. This requires approval by the President and the Student Office of the student’s degree course. Details will be communicated via email to the selected candidates.

## Art. 8 – Deadlines calendar

For all deadlines, refer to the calendar published on the page: <https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2023/LM/AV/AV2585/000ZZ/AVP8085478/N0>



## Art. 10 - Contacts e information

For all communications addressed to candidates and winners of exchange places, only the institutional email address will be used, i.e. [name.surname@studenti.unipd.it](mailto:virtual.exchange@unipd.it).

This call is managed and coordinated by the Projects and Mobility Office, Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padova

- Email: [virtual.exchange@unipd.it](mailto:virtual.exchange@unipd.it)
- Tel.: +39 049 827 9206
- Telegram: <https://t.me/internationalmobilityUNIPD>

## Art 11 – Processing of personal data

The University of Padua processes the personal data of the interested parties in compliance with the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and minimization, for the protection of privacy and all the rights of the interested parties, according to the provisions of the European Regulation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679, so-called GDPR), by the Code regarding the protection of personal data (legislative decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments) and by the consequent implementing measures adopted by the European authorities and by the Guarantor for the protection of personal data ( [www.garanteprivacy.it](http://www.garanteprivacy.it) ).

## Art. 12 – Final Provisions

The person in charge of the Administrative Procedure is Ms. Alessandra Gallerano, Head of the Projects & Mobility Office.

Candidates can exercise their right of access to the records of the competition proceedings as provided for by current law. The request must be sent to the Projects and Mobility Office, University of Padua, Via Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padua, by filling in the appropriate form to be requested to the Office itself.

Padova,

The Rector Daniela Mapelli

*digitally signed in accordance with legislative decree 82/2005*

Il Responsabile del procedimento amministrativo <i>Dott.ssa Alessandra Gallerano</i>	La Dirigente <i>Dott.ssa Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni</i>	Il Direttore Generale <i>Ing. Alberto Scuttari</i>
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