**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR No.25 PLACES FOR THE VIRTUAL EXCHANGE “INDUSTRY COMMUNITY PROJECT UNIT - ICPU”**

**Year 2021**

The University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney (Australia), announces a call for No.25 places for virtual exchange for the “ICPU” Project which will be held completely online from 28th June 2021 to 23rd July 2021. The final group participating in the project will consist of a total of 50 students: 25 from the University of Padua and 25 from the University of Sydney.

**Art. 1**  
**Content of the project**

The project includes an ad-hoc educational path (Industry Community Project, ICP unit) of 6 ECTS organized by the University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney and regional partners (companies, multinationals and service companies). These will present the students with a challenge and / or case study which they will be asked to work on/ solve. The aim of the course is to support the development of soft skills, such as collaboration skills, teamwork, problem-solving in order to promote professional growth and integration into the world of work.

**Project theme.** For this call, the project theme will be *Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy*, a topic which will test students’ interdisciplinary skills.

**Subdivision of students.** Students will be divided into heterogeneous groups of 10, including both Italian and Australian students: each group will be composed of students with different educational backgrounds (e.g. engineering, psychology, agriculture, physics, history, mathematics, languages, medicine), in order to promote interaction between diversified disciplinary fields.

**Recognition of ECTS.** At the end of course, in order to obtain the 6 ECTS, each group of students will have to present and discuss their work to the industrial partner. For the ICPU virtual exchange, successful students can gain 6 ECTS credits from the University of Padua as free-choice activities (free ECTS credits) for *general course*, once the course unit ‘*Industry and Community Project’* has been added to the student’s study plan.

Detailed information on partners, the ICPU project, etc will be available at the following links: <https://www.unipd.it/icpu> (in Italian) and <https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu> (in English)

**Art. 2**  
**Admission requirements**

To be admitted to the programme, when applying and by the deadline of this call, students must meet the following criteria:

1. be regularly enrolled in a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Single-cycle degree programme of the University of Padua for the a.y. 2020/21;
2. be enrolled at the University of Padua when applying and for the entire period of activities;
3. students must not be enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor’s degree programme (first-cycle degree) for the a.y. 2020/21;
4. have achieved a weighted average of at least 24/30 and a Bachelor degree mark of at least 88/110;
5. students must prove their proficiency in English through a certificate preferably attesting a B2 level or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or they must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Single-cycle degree programme delivered in English or have successfully completed it;
6. they are not enrolled in a mobility abroad.

**Art. 3**  
**How to submit your application**

To participate in this selection procedure, candidates must fill out the online application form and provide the following annexes:

1. copy of a valid ID card;
2. for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit;
3. copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant’s language level;
4. document downloaded from Uniweb certifying the number of examinations the student passed, the number of ECTS credits and the weighted average grades, or a self-certification of the Bachelor's degree with examinations (for students enrolled in the first year of a Master's degree programme);
5. motivation letter written in English (up to 2000 characters, with spaces);
6. any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the analysis by the Committee (e.g. curriculum vitae, other certificates, etc).

The application and its annexes must be uploaded on Moodle platform <https://elearning.unipd.it/ufficiserviziapplicazioni/mod/data/edit.php?d=212> **by 26th March 2021 at 10.00 am.**

**Art. 4**  
**Selection procedure and publication of the ranking list**

A Committee appointed by the Rector will analyze the applications and will select students. Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their merit coefficient[[1]](#footnote-0), their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In case of candidates with equal assessment, precedence will be given to the student who has not already benefited from funding for international mobility, in line with the aims of the project.

In 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 student who has gained the higher number of ECTS credits.

Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or Skype 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.

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

Once the Committee has finalised its task, the ranking list of successful candidates will be published only at: <https://www.unipd.it/icpu> (in Italian) and <https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu> (in English) starting from 07th April 2021.

Following successful candidates’ withdrawal, replacement positions will be awarded to other eligible candidates in accordance with the final ranking list.

**Art. 5**  
**Economic conditions**

There are no fees to participate in the programme as it deals with a virtual exchange project carried out entirely online.

**Art. 6**   
**Person in charge of the procedure and information**

The person in charge of the administrative procedure is Ms. Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni, Head of the International Relations Division.

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1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)