**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 25 PLACES FOR THE VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROJECT
"*ICPU - INDUSTRY COMMUNITY PROJECT UNIT*"**

**Academic Year 2021/2022**

The University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney (Australia), is opening a call for 25 virtual exchange[1] places within the "ICPU" Project, which will be held entirely online from 20th June 2021 to 15th July 2022. 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). The latter will introduce a challenge and/or case study that the students will be encouraged to work on/solve. The aim of the course is to support the development of soft skills, and to facilitate connections with the industry. Collaboration skills, teamwork, and problem-solving attitude are key assets for professional growth and employability.

**Project topic.** For this edition, the interdisciplinary project topic will be *Food & Health in a circular and sustainable economy.*

**Grouping of students.** Students will be organised into heterogeneous groups of 10, including both Italian and Australian participants. Each group will include students with different educational backgrounds, in order to promote interaction between diversified disciplinary fields.

**Recognition of ECTS.** At the end of course, and in order to obtain the 6 ECTS, each group will have to present and discuss their work with the industrial partner. For the ICPU virtual exchange, 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'* has been added to the student's study plan.

Further information will be available at the following links: https://www.unipd.it/icpu  (in Italian) and https://www.unipd.it/en/icpu (in English)

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[1] Further information about virtual exchange is available here: https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-students

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## Art. 2
## Admission requirements

To be admitted to the programme candidates must meet the following criteria:

a) 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. 2021/22;
b) be enrolled at the University of Padua when applying and for the entire period of activities;
c) not be enrolled in the first year of either a Bachelor's degree programme (first-cycle degree) or a Single-cycle degree programme for the a.y. 2021/22;
d) prove their proficiency in English at a B2 level or higher (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). As required by the University of Sydney, the language requirement is satisfied if, and only if, the candidate complies with one of the following situations:
   i. holding an "IELTS Academic" certificate with a minimum score of 6.5, with not less than 6 points for each section. The certificate must be valid at the time of application and for the entire duration of the ICPU programme[2];
   ii. holding a "TOEFL iBT" certificate with a minimum score of 85, with not less than 20 points for the sections "reading", "speaking" and "listening", and not less than 22 points for the "writing" section. The certificate must be valid at the time of application and for the duration of the ICPU programme[3];
   iii. holding a "PTE – Pearson Test of English" certificate with a minimum score of 61;
   iv. holding a "Cambridge" certificate with a minimum score of 176;
   v. having successfully completed a first-cycle degree course (undergraduate) of at least 3 years delivered entirely in English, with the submission of appropriate supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
   vi. having successfully completed the first 3 years of a single-cycle degree course delivered entirely in English, with the submission of appropriate supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
   vii. having successfully completed the first year of a second-cycle degree course (post-graduate) delivered entirely in English, with the submission of appropriate supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
e) not be enrolled in a mobility programme abroad.

All the above-mentioned conditions must be met by the date of application, with the only permitted exception of the language certificate. If not submitted at the date of application, the language certificate must be submitted within the date of enrolment at the University of Sydney (end of May 2022). Please note that the CLA – Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (the University of Padua Language Centre) is an IELTS examination centre, which can offer advice about certification as well as regular testing sessions[4]. Failure to submit a valid certificate by this date will result in the candidate being excluded from the programme. The place will then be offered to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.

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[2] IELTS Academic has a 2-year validity
[3] TOEFL iBT has a 2-year validity
[4] Further information is available at this link: https://cla.unipd.it/certificazione-di-inglese-ielts/

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

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

a) copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant's language level, as per Art.2.d of the present call for application. Candidates who do not have a language certificate, must submit a letter of intent to obtain the certificate in due time;
b) copy of the transcript of records of the concluded Bachelor's degree for students enrolled in the first year of a Master's degree programme;
c) a motivation letter written in English (up to 2000 characters, with spaces);
d) for non-EU citizens: a copy of a valid residence permit;
e) 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 submitted via the form available at this link: https://forms.gle/riqUT8eWKsDWW13z8 **by 5th April 2022 at 1.00 pm.**

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

A Committee appointed by the Rector will analyse the applications and will select students. Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their merit coefficient[5], their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In the case of candidates with equal assessment, priority 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 the case of further equal scores, priority will be given to the student enrolled in a Master's degree programme and, should the equal scores still subsist, to the student of a younger age.

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.

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 11th April 2022.

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[5] 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.

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

## Art. 5
## Economic conditions

There are no fees for participation 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. Alessandra Gallerano, Head of the Projects and Mobility Office.

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