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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 25
PLACES OF INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY
FOR STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY WITHIN THE ICPU
PROGRAMME**

A.A. 2022/2023

Application Submission Deadline:
Friday 7th April 2023, at 1 pm (Italian time)

WEB PAGES

Apply for “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit”:

<https://forms.gle/kYYDspjHEq1b1bMu5>

The “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” Programme at UNIPD:

<https://www.unipd.it/icpu>

General Course “Industry Community Project”:

<https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2022/LM/AV/AV2091/002LE/AVP8085478/N0>

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Preface

The University of Padua, in partnership with the University of Sydney (Australia), opens a call for **25 places of international mobility** within the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme, which will be held from 19th June to 16th July 2023. The final group participating in the project will consist of 50 students overall: 25 from the University of Padua and 25 from the University of Sydney.

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 in least in the second year of higher education studies to participate in a blended international mobility programme, with physical mobility at the University of Sydney (Australia).

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 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. Collaboration skills, teamwork, and problem-solving attitude are key assets towards professional growth and employability.

Project topic. For this edition, the interdisciplinary project topic will be “Food & Health in a Circular and Sustainable Economy”. Given the nature of the project and its interdisciplinary structure, the call is open to students from all degree programs. 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 from both the University of Padua and the University of Sydney. 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 -

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’ has been 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: 19 - 23 June 2023 and 10 - 16 July 2023
- Physical mobility to Sydney: 26 June - 8 July 2023

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. Their situation will then be followed up by the Projects and Mobility Office together with the Student Service Office, if they are selected to participate in the Programme.

The selection criteria are the same for all students.

Art.2 - Admission Pre-Requisites and Application Procedure

2.1 Admission Pre-Requisites

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

1. Students must be registered 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; as long as the mobility takes place before the end of the same course. It is not possible to graduate before having finished the period of study abroad. It is necessary to be registered at the time of the application submission and before departure; as well as being registered in the academic year of the mobility abroad, and 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. 2022/23;

3. Students registered in single course units, outgoing and incoming exchange students are not entitled to apply for the “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit” programme;
4. Non-EU citizens must also be in possession of a residency permit, if currently living in Italy. Students should also be aware that, in the event they successfully gain a mobility place, their departure is always subject to the issuing of a visa in the destination country (a procedure that must be followed up personally and far in advance of the departure). Please note that in some countries, students are required to provide proof of their financial resources in order to apply for the visa. The minimum amount is variable and is sometimes higher than the overall amount of the mobility contributions.
5. Students must 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. in possession of an “IELTS Academic” certificate with a minimum score of 6,5, of which not less than 6 points in each section. The certificate must be valid at the time of the application and for the entire duration of the ICPU programme ;
 - ii. in possession of a “TOEFL IBT” certificate with a minimum score of 85, of which not less than 20 points for the sections “reading”, “speaking” and “listening”, and not less than 22 points for the section “writing”. The certificate must be valid at the time of the application and for the entire duration of the ICPU programme;
 - iii. in possession of a “PTE - Pearson Test of English” certificate with a minimum score of 61;
 - iv. in possession of a “Cambridge” certificate with a minimum score of 176;
 - v. have successfully completed in the past 5 years a first-cycle degree course (undergraduate) of at least 3 years fully delivered in English, and submit official supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
 - vi. have successfully completed the first 3 years of a single-cycle degree course fully delivered in English, and submit official supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
 - vii. have successfully completed the first year of a second-cycle degree course (post-graduate) fully delivered in English, and submit official supporting documents (e.g. transcript of records);
 - viii. have successfully completed secondary education studies in an English-speaking country recognised by the University (see country list

- below)¹ in the past 5 years, and submit official supporting documents;
- ix. be a citizen of an English-speaking country recognised by the University (see country list below).

Language certificates must be taken within the past 2 years.

All the above-mentioned conditions must be met at application date, with the sole allowed exception of the language certificate. If not submitted at the application date, the language certificate must be submitted within the date of enrolment at the University of Sydney (mid-May 2023). Failing to submit the certificate by this date 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. Please bear in mind that the CLA - Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (the University of Padua's Language Centre) is an IELTS examinations centre².

Art.3 - Contributions and financial benefits

3.1 Admission Pre-Requisites

The mobility grant, amounting to a maximum of 1.500 EUR per student, should be considered rather as a contribution to the major expenses linked to living abroad. Any additional expenses will be borne by the student.

The grant will be issued in the form of a study mission: travel and living costs need to be documented and only the real cost will be reimbursed (if the real cost is higher than the grant, the exceeding part will be borne by the student; if the real cost is lower than the grant, the reimbursed costs will be limited to the real costs). Since the University of Padua does not reimburse expenses which have already been incurred in the case of withdrawal from the programme, a travel insurance covering cancellation costs is recommended. If the selected student withdraws, the Projects and Mobility Office must be informed and the University of Padua reimbursed for the used share of the grant (except for cases of *force majeure*).

To be able to receive all the planned financial contributions participants must complete all the processes foreseen by the programme and communicated to the selected candidates.

¹ American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Canada (excluding Quebec), Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe

² Further information is available at this link: <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/kYYDspjHEq1b1bMu5>) NO LATER THAN 1.00 PM (Italian time) ON 7th APRIL 2023.

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 a letter of intent to get the certificate in due time, or the receipt of the appointment to take the language test;
2. copy of the Bachelor 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 to analysis by the Committee (e.g. curriculum vitae, other certificates, etc).

Art. 5 – Selection criteria

Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their academic merit (merit coefficient³ 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 line with the aims of the project. 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 younger student. A balance among the different degree courses will also be taken into consideration.

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

³ 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 17th April 2023 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 via email to international.projects@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, the student will be considered to have renounced and the place will be assigned to the next student in line on the list or remain unassigned.

Art. 7 – Procedures for successful students

Selected students will have to carry out some administrative procedures before and after the mobility in order to receive the mobility grant, following the instructions that will be shared with the selected candidates.

Students will be directly responsible for all procedures and must carry them out independently. Students are advised to check regularly their institutional email address that will be used to send further information about the mobility.

Accident insurance and civil liability insurance taken out by the University of Padua only covers accidents during educational activities. It is advisable to get private insurance to cover all of the other medical services not related to educational activities. Furthermore, students are personally responsible for getting information on the insurance required for medical and healthcare facilities.

Art. 8 – Recognition of activities

For selected students only, “ICPU - Industry Community Project Unit”⁴ 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. 9 – Deadlines calendar

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

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.

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

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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).

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,

⁴ <https://en.didattica.unipd.it/off/2022/LM/AV/AV2091/002LE/AVP8085478/N0>

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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