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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR No. 6 PLACES IN THE ARQUS CHALLENGE-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMME, AY 2021/22 WINTER AND SPRING SCHOOLS ON *DIVERSITY, INTERDISCIPLINARITY AND SOCIETAL CHALLENGES*

The University of Padua, within the Erasmus + Program Key Action 2, European Universities, Arqus – *European University Alliance*' (612247-EPP-1-2019-1-ES-EPPKA2-EU-UNIV), launches a call for a maximum of 6 places in the joint Winter and Springer Schools on '*Diversity, Interdisciplinarity And Societal Challenges*' (Granada, 14-18 February 2022) and '*Diversity beyond the landscape. Excellencies and challenges of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Prosecco Hills*' (Padova-Conegliano, March - May 2022).

### Art. 1

#### Content of the joint Winter and Spring Schools, Granada and Padova/Conegliano

This joint Winter and Spring School offers an educational experience within the 'Arqus Challenge-based learning programme' coordinated by the University of Bergen (Norway) in collaboration with the University of Padua (Italy), the University of Granada (Spain), the University of Graz (Austria), Leipzig University (Germany), the Université de Lyon (France), and Vilnius University (Lithuania).

This Call for applications concerns the following activities:

1. the **Arqus Winter School** on "*Diversity, Interdisciplinarity and Societal Challenges*" (Granada, February 14-18, 2022), reserved for six students. The Winter School will be attended by six students selected from each of the seven Arqus Universities. It includes lectures, workshops and field trips addressing the following units (days):
  - a. "Diversity" and citizenship in a complex world
  - b. Human and social diversity
  - c. Biodiversity and geodiversity
  - d. Making connections: Diversity in coastal environments
  - e. Engaged European citizenship in a diverse world.

The acquired knowledge and working methods will be used and expanded in the Spring School;

2. the **Spring School** on '*Diversity beyond the landscape. Excellencies and challenges of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Prosecco Hills*' (Padova and Conegliano, March – May 2022). The Spring School includes four two-day field trips to the UNESCO site of The Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene, and online and face-to-face teaching in Padova and Conegliano. The six selected students will join a class made of fifteen additional students selected via a separate international call open to senior bachelor (final year) and master students.
3. The Spring School is articulated into four modules that include one half-day of lectures and seminars and a two-day field trip. The modules and the dates of the field trips are the following:
  - a. (March 18-19) Natural diversity. Geological and botanical characteristics of the hills, and landscape ecology
  - b. (April 1-2) Agronomic diversity: biodiversity in agriculture, cultivar, agronomic techniques, history of viticulture;

- c. (April 22-23) Social diversity: demography, emigration and immigration;
  - d. (May 6-7) Cultural diversity: localisms, dialects, arts, and tourism (and the centennial of the birth of poet Andrea Zanzotto).
4. Based on their academic backgrounds, students have to choose and participate in at least two face-to-face modules (that include lectures and field trips), and elaborate crossmedial contents to be shared and discussed with School's colleagues and the Arqus partners. The teaching and research activity of the Spring School aims to produce research and projects to be assessed and appreciated within the Arqus Challenge-based learning programme, including through participation in the Arqus Student-led Forum, which will take place in 2022. Students will cooperate with their colleagues from the Arqus partner universities who will be attending similar learning programmes. Part of the teaching and training materials as well as the crossmedial materials elaborated by the Spring School students will be made available in the Arqus Alliance's platform.

## **Art. 2 Awarded ECTS credits**

1. Participation in the joint Winter and Spring Schools may be credited with 9 ECTS credits. Participation in the Spring School may be awarded with 6 ECTS credits.
2. Upon completion of the Spring School, students get a mark expressed on a thirty-point scale. The mark is given according to the following criteria:
  - Attendance on a regular basis and active participation in the modules and related activities (20%)
  - Individual participation in online activities (contribution to forum discussions, exchanges with participants in other programmes at the Arqus partner universities, etc.) (20 %)
  - Contribution to the peer review of other groups' projects (10 %)
  - Assessment of the project carried out by the student's own group (50 %).

The educational tracks and project will be detailed at [www.cirve.unipd.it](http://www.cirve.unipd.it).

## **Art. 3 Admission requirements**

Students are admitted to the programme if, at the time of application and by the closing date of this Call for applications, 18 December 2021, they meet the following criteria:

- a. they are duly enrolled, for a.y. 2021/2022, in the last two years of a single-cycle degree programme or in a master's degree programme or in the final year of a bachelor programme;
- b. they are enrolled at the University of Padua when applying and for the entire duration of the activities;
- c. they have not registered for graduation in the graduation session of March 2022;
- d. they hold a certificate attesting at least a B2 level in English, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, awarded by a recognised institution; or are enrolled in, or have successfully completed, an English-taught Bachelor's, Master's, or Single-cycle degree programme.

#### **Art. 4**

### **Application procedure**

To participate in this selection, applicants must fill out the online application form available on google form at this [link](#) **by 1.00 pm on 20 December 2021**, and upload the following documents:

- a. copy of a valid ID card;
- b. for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit;
- c. Copy of the language certificate or other document attesting the applicant's proficiency in the English language as specified in art. 3(d);
- d. a document (available for download on Uniweb) certifying the number of examinations passed, the number of ECTS credits and the weighted average grades; or the transcript (showing all the examinations and marks) of the degree programme that gave the applicant access to the first year of a Master's degree programme;
- e. presentation/motivation letter in English (up to 1500 characters, with spaces);
- f. updated CV;
- g. any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the assessment.

#### **Art. 5**

### **Selection procedure and publication of the ranking list**

The members of the selection committee are listed below:

- Matteo Marangon (member)
- Paolo De Stefani (member)
- Agata Mannino (minute-taker)

The Committee is appointed by the Director of the CIRVE to examine all applications received and select students. Applicants are ranked in accordance with the selection criteria concerning their proficiency in English, their CV and motivation letter, and any additional qualifications provided.

Should candidates rank the same, the student who has not already benefited from international mobility funding is given priority, in line with the aims of the project. In the event of a further tie, priority is given to the student with the highest number of ECTS credits.

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. Failure to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.

The selection committee will respect criteria of nondiscrimination and diversity in the applicants' academic background.

Once the Committee has fulfilled its task, the ranking list of selected candidates will be published on the CIRVE website, starting from the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

Should a selected candidate withdraw, the following eligible candidate on the ranking list shall be awarded the place.

#### **Art. 6**

### **Economic provisions**

Participation in the Granada Winter School does not entail any fees; the Arqus Alliance covers travel and boarding costs. Participation in the Padua-Conegliano Spring School does not entail any fees. The University of Padua will partially cover costs related to field trips. There are no scholarships.

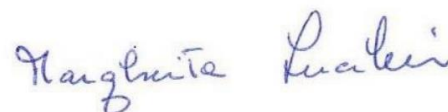
**Art. 7**  
**Person appointed to oversee the procedure and information**

Dr. Agata Mannino supervises the administrative procedure.

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The Director of the CIRVE  
Prof Margherita Lucchin

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margherita Lucchin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.