



Short-term research seed mobility programme on Sustainable Cities and Communities

CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

European Campus of City-Universities and Virtual Institute “Sustainable Cities and Communities”

The European Campus of City-Universities (EC2U) is a multi-cultural and multilingual Alliance consisting of seven long-standing, education- and research-led, locally and globally engaged universities from four diverse regions of the European Union: The University of Coimbra, the University of Iasi, the University of Jena, the University of Pavia, the University of Poitiers, the University of Salamanca and the University of Turku.

The EC2U Virtual Institute “Sustainable Cities and Communities” (VI SCC) is one of the Alliance’s Virtual Institutes and combines education, research and innovation for advanced studies on sustainable cities and communities. Within the three-year framework of this project a pilot project profile of the VI SCC will be developed and fully implemented.

Objectives of the research seed mobility programme

The main objective of the VI SCC research seed mobility programme is to actively promote in-depth research collaboration among researchers and research groups of the seven EC2U universities, such as:

- Research visits regarding the topics of the VI SCC.
- Initiation of joint research within the VI SCC: joint research projects, publications, presentations at conferences.

Eligibility and funding

Eligibility

Researchers working on the following topics are encouraged to apply for research seed mobilities:

- Sustainable reuse of buildings
- Energy efficiency of buildings
- Energy efficiency at urban scales
- Indoor environmental quality
- Sustainable urban governance (law - politics)
- Circular economy in tourism
- Waste management
- Heat waves in cities
- Geospatial modeling
- Earth surface processes
- Green infrastructure
- Outdoor/indoor thermal comfort in urban residential areas
- Urban environment and health

Researchers

- must hold an academic position or be enrolled as a PhD student or Master thesis student at one of the seven EC2U universities;
- must be able to undertake research activities for the duration of the mobility project;
- must be able to publish research results and present them at conferences/workshops;
- have a good knowledge of English.

Funding

A typical mobility will last 5 days. The mobility grant will cover the following costs related to the research visits: travel costs for a maximum amount of 400 EUR and individual support costs for a maximum amount of 130 EUR per day. For details please contact your home university's international office. Mobilities must take place between May 2022 and September 2023.

Requirements and obligations

Requirements

- Researchers applying for mobilities must be linked to one of the seven EC2U universities.
- Researchers applying for mobilities must be members of the VI SCC. Other researchers must express their interest to participate in the VI SCC prior to the submission of the mobility proposal.
- Researchers applying for mobilities must have a working knowledge of English; documents, grant applications and assessment reports will be submitted in English.

Obligations

- Grantees commit to become members of the VI SCC.
- Grantees must write an evaluation report within one month after the grant end date according to the obligations outlined in the application form.
- If these mobilities lead to the publishing of papers, researchers should acknowledge the EC2U support by adding the following sentence to their papers: "This work has been partially supported by the EC2U Alliance and its Erasmus + Grant n° 101004065-EC2U".

Evaluation

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Compliance with the objectives of the call (4 points)
- Funded R&D projects as principal investigator (3 points)
- Participation in funded R&D projects (1 point)
- Publications (4 points)
- Ongoing or intended collaborations with researchers from other EC2U universities (2 points, this is not a requirement!)
- Participation as teaching staff in the new Joint Master Programme "Sustainable Cities and Communities" of the VI SCC (3 points).

Priority will be given to research seed mobilities resulting in European applications.

Applications will be evaluated first by the individual EC2U universities and then by the VI SCC Board.



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Submission of proposals and deadlines

Applications must be submitted to the local university representative of the VI SCC (see contact information below). The VI SCC Board will meet and grant mobilities every four weeks.

Contact

Please contact your local VI SCC university representative if you have questions:

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