CALL Nº06/2025

Selection for T4EU 2025

T4EU First Festival of European Culture and Languages Tourism and Heritage from the Border

Considering the participation of Universidade Católica Portuguesa as one of the 10 members of the Transform4Europe Alliance, in an agreement signed on November 1, 2023.

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Transform4Europe Alliance regarding the implementation of activities to be carried out by the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, namely the T4EU **Sustainable Heritage Program, WP 7 of the Alliance.**

Considering the activities planned under the Transform4Europe project, particularly the **First Festival of European Culture and Languages**, organized by the University of Trieste;

Considering the participation of at least **two (2) Bachelors, Master's, or PhD students from Universidade Católica Portuguesa**, as per the Alliance's work program;

The following conditions are established for the participation and funding of selected students:

I - EVENT DETAILS

Name: First Festival of European Culture and Languages Tourism and Heritage from the Border
Date: 7th -11th July 2025
Location: Trieste, Italy
Organization: University of Trieste in collaboration with GLAM sector stakeholders

Abstract:

Tourism is a fundamental aspect of Europe's cultural and economic landscape. However, it increasingly raises concerns of over-tourism, leading to structural challenges on the one hand and the simplification of urban narratives on the other. Cities, rich in historical and cultural complexity, often undergo a process of reification, where their multifaceted identities are flattened to fit a coherent, marketable story.

This phenomenon is particularly evident in border regions, where historical, anthropological, and political dynamics are intricate and deeply intertwined. Too often, these complexities are obscured by stereotypical and exclusionary narratives that fail to reflect the richness of local identities.

This event will provide a unique opportunity to unravel the complexities of European cultural narratives and heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of how history and identity are constructed and represented in border regions.

II - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Applications deadline April 21st, 2025
- Validation and selection until: April 25th, 2025
- Disclosure of results until: April 28th, 2025
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III - VACANCIES

Two (2) positions are available for **BA, MA and PhD students** from UCP.

IV - CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The following criteria apply:

☐ Be a BA, MA or a PhD student at UCP.

☐ Demonstrate strong communication and comprehension skills in English;

☐ Fulfill all application requirements (detailed below).

V - CANDIDACY

The application is managed by the Executive Board of the T4EU Alliance at UCP through the Internet, on the Portal: https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacional/transform4europe.

1. The application must include the following:
    1. Fill out the application form at the following link before 11:59 PM, April 21st, 2025:
       Application form
    2. Write a letter of motivation, in English, justifying your participation in the event (Maximum 500 words), addressing the following questions:
       i. Why did you choose to attend this event?
       ii. What do you hope to gain from participating in the T4EU First Festival of European Culture and Languages Tourism and Heritage from the Border for your academic/professional life?
       iii. What added value will you bring to UCP and the students who did not attend, based on your experience (e.g., round table discussion, bibliography exchange, presentation in class, etc.)?

    To be eligible, the application must meet all the criteria listed above.

VI - EVENT PROGRAM

T4EU First Festival of European Culture and Languages Tourism and Heritage from the Border

Programme:

In this festival, we will critically engage with these themes, taking Trieste —a city shaped by its "border identity"— as a case study. Participants will be invited to explore the city as "cruisers" — same as those arriving every day on Trieste shores—, embarking on an intellectual and experiential journey that unveils the hidden and contested narratives embedded in its urban fabric. Through guided explorations and critical discussions, we will reflect on what is made visible in heritage discourses and what remains invisible.

The festival is designed to encourage students to actively engage in this critical exploration. Rather than following a traditional lecture-based format, participants will be challenged to step out of their comfort zones and take part in performative restitutions of their findings. We seek students who are open to an immersive, interdisciplinary, and participatory experience that questions conventional heritage representations.

VII - SELECTION

1. The conduct of the admission process and selection of candidates is the responsibility of a jury appointed by the Executive Board of the T4EU Alliance of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.
   1. The jury is invariably composed of:
      1. 2 (two) representatives of the T4EU Executive Board of the Universidade CatólicaPortuguesa:
      2. 1 (one) representative of the Vice-Rectory of Research and Doctoral Education of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

2. The ranking criteria to be considered are as follows, not in this order:
   1. Fulfillment of all application requirements - excluding;
   2. Content of the Motivation Letter presented in the act of application and level of English in it - excluding;
   3. Student level and year hierarchy (within the enrolled program);
   4. Gender representation;
   5. UCP´s Campus representation;

VIII - SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship offered contains the value of travel, accommodation, and insurance for the selected students, to be considered 5 days and 4 nights of the **T4EU First Festival of European Culture and Languages**.

1. Travel and lodging expenses must be in accordance with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa Travel, Stay and Meal Regulation;
2. There is no course fee for UCP students due to UCP´s T4EU membership.
3. The remaining expenses must be covered by the selected candidate.

IX - EXCLUSION

Applications that are not accompanied by all the elements indicated, as well as those submitted after the application deadlines, are excluded outright.

X - DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

1. The list of selected candidates will be published on the Transform4Europe page of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa: https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacional/transform4europe.
2. **Results will be available until April 28th, 2025.**

Lisbon, April 4th, 2025

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