

INGENIUM Education Lab

Call for Joint Projects



The Education Lab is an experimental, decentralised teaching and learning hub that utilises diverse expertise, educational spaces and facilities across the INGENIUM European University. Its primary goal is to encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing to develop innovative teaching methodologies and products with real-world applications. The Education Lab brings together experts from different fields to tackle common challenges educators and society face.

Faculty, education, teaching, and RDI specialists are invited to submit proposals for Joint Education Lab Projects. The initiative aims to support innovative teaching and learning and encourage cooperation between INGENIUM's universities.

We welcome you to use the Education Lab [inventory](#), the [CONNECT](#) portal, and each university's websites to identify and connect with potential partners.

The selected Joint Education Lab Projects can have their travel, accommodation, and material expenses covered by their own university.

Contact your local grant coordinating unit to learn more about the funding possibilities.

What sort of applications would we like to see?

An education lab is any place where teaching and learning are developed or innovated, whether a dedicated educational research lab or a classroom.

We are looking for project applications that focus on collaboration between teaching personnel and other experts.

The aim should be to develop or spread innovative teaching methods, pedagogies, or products. These applications could also be based on co-teaching or interdisciplinary collaboration to solve novel problems, develop teaching methods or create new micro-credentials or courses in collaboration with others.

Priority will be given to Joint Education Lab Project proposals focusing on:

- **Innovation:** Knowledge-sharing, co-creation and interdisciplinarity. The goal is to support networking and knowledge-sharing within INGENIUM European University.
- **Cooperation:** We encourage INGENIUM European University staff and students to share facilities and expertise to facilitate knowledge transfer and the development of joint expertise.
- **Multilingualism:** How are intercultural communication, accessibility, inclusive language, and linguistic diversity taken into consideration?
- **Transferability:** Dissemination of results in various ways that help shape their scientific and professional fields or have real-world applicability, such as business or classroom applications.

We welcome out-of-the-box proposals. Proposals should actively involve educators, students and stakeholders in their development or implementation.

Important Dates

The call for applications is open from 02 September – 17 November 2024. There are info sessions held on:

- 9 September 12.00-12.45 CET: [Teams link](#)
- 1 October between 12.45-13.30 CET: [Zoom Link](#)

Those interested in preparing an application should search for potential partners from within the INGENIUM European University.

[Link to Application Portal](#)

The INGENIUM innovation leaders will assess the proposals by 6 December 2024.

For more information about the Education Lab, please visit the [INGENIUM website](#). If you have any questions or difficulties submitting your application, contact us at ingenium@xamk.fi.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can anyone apply?

A: Yes, any staff member with a valid employment contract for the duration of the Joint Education Lab Project can apply.

Q: How many people should be in the Joint Education Lab Project team?

A: It depends. The project lead assembles the project team. At least two universities should be involved. The number of people depends on the project's scope. However, the project must be financially feasible, and therefore, remember this when planning the working methods.

Q: How many people should fill out the application form?

A: Only the project lead should complete the application form.

Q: How can I find people from other INGENIUM European University institutions to collaborate with?

A: The [Education Lab Inventory](#), and the [Connect portal](#) are valuable tools for finding the right collaboration partners as well as individual institution webpages. We recommend you reach out to the experts directly and pitch your idea for a joint education lab project.

Q: What financial support do I get to implement our Joint Education Lab Project?

A: The financial support is intended to enable the mobility of project participants for short visits when necessary and to cover any related material costs. If you have any questions about the funding, please contact your local INGENIUM coordinator.

Q: Is mobility a requirement for all joint Education Lab project participants?

A: No, mobility is not a requirement.



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Q: I participated in the INGENIUM Staff Academy and/or the Joint Research Projects. Can I apply for a Joint Education Lab Project?

A: Yes, you can. Please mention this on the application form.

Q: What are the deliverables of the joint education lab project?

A: The deliverables naturally depend on the scope of the project. However, the Project lead and the team should host and record a webinar on the project to share knowledge within the broader INGENIUM community, at the latest a month after the project timeline ends. The webinar recording will be published on the INGENIUM website. The webinar will focus first on the effectiveness of the collaboration between INGENIUM partners and then on the project's results. There should also be sufficient time for a general discussion and audience questions.

The webinar report should address the following two topics:

Joint Education Lab Project Webinar

- (i) What is the problem being addressed, and why is it important?
- (ii) What is the approach to solving the problem?
- (iii) How does your project generate impact?
- (iv) How did the project achieve its goals:
 - a. What were the achievements and results to date,
 - b. How did collaboration proceed among INGENIUM partners,
 - c. Are there plans to continue cooperation after the funding period?

Q: What is the timeframe for implementing and reporting our joint education lab project?

A: The project must be implemented within nine months of being granted funding.

Q: What are the evaluation criteria?

A: The evaluation criteria provide a structured way to assess the quality of proposals. The criteria are categorised into specific aspects and rated on a scale, making the evaluation more objective. The key evaluation points include:



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	1 Poor	2 Acceptable	3 Good	4 Excellent
Innovativeness				
Does the project introduce new concepts, approaches, or techniques for the partner universities?				
Does the joint project challenge existing educational paradigms or develop new teaching methodologies or technologies?				
Does the joint project utilise co-creation methods or have novel student participation?				
Partner cooperation				
Is there effective use of educational expertise, spaces and facilities with a diverse team of experts, students, and partners?				
Are there any links to industry or cooperation with other educational institutions?				
Is there scope for continuity or future collaboration?				
What are the links with other research and education activities?				
Multilingualism				
What is the level of diversity within the joint project team?				
Are the teaching methods or educational products accessible and effective across different languages?				



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Does the project support teaching or facilitating learning in multiple languages? (i.e., language diversity)				
How does the joint product develop intercultural communication skills, cultural differences, and values?				
Impact & Transferability				
How will the project results be disseminated?				
How does the project solve real-life problems?				
How does the project support INGENIUM European University's sustainability goals?				
Is the financial plan clear and well-justified?				



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Application form

Biographical Information

Joint Education Lab Project Lead (Contact and responsible person)

Name, Surname, Email, Phone, Current Job Title, Current Unit or Department, University (drop-down box)

Option to add more people

Has the Project Lead participated in other Joint Projects or Staff Academy as a presenter? Yes/NO

--- If yes, how have you benefited from this (Free box)

Joint Project Application

Project Title: (small text box)

Project Synopsis / Overview (Text box)

Please explain the project in no more than 300 words

Joint Education Lab Project (Text box)

Please explain which universities are involved in the joint project. Here, you can go into detail about the joint project. Contact potential partners beforehand to check if your plan is feasible and if they will join you in the project application.

N.B. This joint project should use the expertise and/or resources of at least two partner universities.

Joint Education Lab Project Innovativeness (Text box)

Please explain what innovative teaching methodologies or products you will create, explore, or produce within the Joint Education Lab Project's timeframe.



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You can also explain, if applicable, how the Joint Education Lab Project will produce new decentralised working methods and support value creation.

Joint Education Lab Project Partner Cooperation (Text box)

Explain how you will use the expertise/resources available within the INGENIUM European University. How do you support the creation or deepening of interdisciplinary networks? What is the expected value/benefit of cooperation in your project?

Joint Education Lab Project Multilingualism and Impact (Text box)

In addition to the webinar to report your results, what is your output? Will it be a paper? A course? A poster? How will you share the results of your project? How will you consider the multilingual nature of the INGENIUM European University when implementing your project or disseminating its results?

How does your Joint Education Lab Project support the INGENIUM European University's commitment to sustainability? (Text box)

For example, what are the economic, ecological, social and cultural dimensions?

Preliminary Budget (Text box)

What are your projected costs for the project? Please note that the budget cannot be used to pay salaries or grants. The preliminary budget should be checked for feasibility from your local INGENIUM coordinator.

Supporting documents (upload box)

Including a list of supporting literature or references.



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