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## **INGENIUM Student Partnerships**

### **Call document**

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## The INGENIUM Student Partnerships: *INGENIUM seed funding model for student activities*

The objective of the INGENIUM seed funding model for student activities is **boosting the collaboration between students** (either individual students or student-led organisations) from across the 10 INGENIUM partner universities, fostering their competence development and contributing to INGENIUM overarching goal of building a true European inter-university Campus.

The scheme seeks to “plant the seeds” for diverse types of collaboration in a wide range of student-led activities. It is implemented together with the INGENIUM student board, who is co-responsible for the evaluation of the proposals.

It can fund all types of activities, supporting student creativity and innovation, as long as they align with INGENIUM objectives and values.

### Who is this call for?

This initiative addresses all INGENIUM students and student-led associations that:

- Have a project idea and are seeking partners and funds to bring it to life;
- Want to expand their student network beyond their university;
- Don't yet have a project idea, but want to contribute their knowledge and skills to an international student project;
- Students who have already participated in a previous Student Partnership Call are eligible to apply with a new project idea or in new forms of collaborations.

**Note:** If the proposed project represents a continuation or scale-up of a previously funded INGENIUM student project, the proposal will need to include information on how the new proposal builds on, extends or scales up the previous project and what added value it brings. Scale-up project should clearly add added value, innovation or new results and be strongly justified.

Note: A student can only participate in ONE funded project.

### Eligible project partners:

- individual students or groups of students from an INGENIUM university (Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD students) at the time of application;
- student associations operating in an INGENIUM university or the INGENIUM Alliance

**Note:** PhD students/candidates may only apply with projects unrelated to any teaching obligations they may have or to a research activity they are paid or receive any other funding for.

## Types of activities

The INGENIUM Student Partnership can fund all types of activities that foster collaboration between INGENIUM students and align with INGENIUM values and key objectives, as described in this call. The project proposals should involve at least three partners, and there is no maximum number of partners.

Examples include:

- Workshops, training events, training sessions.
- Exhibitions or other types of dissemination events.
- Excursions.
- Competitions (sport tournaments, skills-related competitions such as debate leagues, and any other related events).
- Hackathons.
- Community engagement activities

Projects may include one or several activities. Activities may be carried out on site, online, or in a hybrid mode. They may be carried out only in one university or in several universities, either in parallel or consecutively.

## Funding

Each project may be allocated funding of up to **€10,000**. Applicants **will not receive the funding directly**, as it will be managed by the INGENIUM offices of the students' home universities.

In order to use the funds, participating students must contact the INGENIUM office at their home university to request the execution of the planned expenditure during the implementation of the project. As funds cannot be transferred directly to students under the regulations of some partner universities, the corresponding institution will execute the expenditure in line with the approved budget, eligibility rules, and the funds available, deducting the cost from the total project budget.

- The amount requested should be defined in the budget proposal and will be managed by the corresponding partner university.
- A single partner university shall not receive/manage more than 50% of the total funding.
- Travel expenses will generate from the starting place of travelling (the host university usually cannot pay for others to travel to them).

The final budget allocation per project will be determined based on the availability of the funding, which will depend on the number of applications.

### Allowed expenses:

- Travel expenses
- Material resources (consumables, food, etc)
- Personnel costs to support the preparation of an activity
  - External costs, such as translators or other service providers like video makers.
- Other expenses, as long as they are duly justified in the application form. Costs may be included as long as they are eligible under Erasmus+ European Universities rules. In case of doubt, students may consult with their INGENIUM Partner Coordinator.

Students will not have to manage the funds directly: this will be done by the financial responsible staff of each institution. Each institution may follow different procedures in terms of payments and expenses.

### Application requirements

- Applications must comprise students or student organisations from at least **three INGENIUM Member universities.**
  - Both under- and Postgraduate students can apply (Bachelor, Master, PhD). Other students enrolled in lifelong learning programmes may apply as well. Students need to ensure student status throughout the project lifetime. Students may change cycles within the project period.
  - Student organisations/associations recognised as such by any of the INGENIUM universities.
  - A combination of both is also possible: for instance, 2 student organisations with students from one or two other universities.
- Applicants must inform their correspondent INGENIUM coordination office at their local university before sending the application. The contact should be done through the email list included in this application document.
- The projects should be implemented **between May and mid-December 2026** with the exact dates to be confirmed once the funded projects are announced. Activities carried out before or after that period will not be funded.
  - All activities should be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2026
  - Participants should submit their final reports by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2026.

## Areas

The project proposals should be linked to one or more of the INGENIUM objectives and working areas, including:

- Inclusion of people from all backgrounds
- Sustainable development
- Intercultural dialogue, supporting intercultural learning and fostering student mobility
- Fostering student entrepreneurship and relevant competences for the world of work and societal engagement. This may include leadership, public speaking, time management, teamwork, critical thinking, and other related competences.
- Tackling local and global challenges
- Supporting the creation of a healthy INGENIUM European Campus

The proposals might include any type of activities linked to these objectives. They can include **one or several activities**.

## Application process

The application process will be composed of two steps. The second step is the only mandatory one, so you won't need to go through the first one if you do not need to:

- **A period for individual expressions of interest** by any individual student, student association, or group formed by a combination of the two. This expression of interest will be done to find partners who may be interested in joining forces in a project. The expressions of interest will be open from the **16<sup>th</sup> of February until the 9<sup>th</sup> of March**. To submit an expression of interest you only need to outline your idea using a [simple form](#).
- **A final submission of the application documents** (application form and budget), including a confirmation that all the students have been in touch with their INGENIUM partner coordinators. **The submission deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup> of April**.

### Finding partners

Interested students and student associations will be able to find partners in different ways:

- **Through their expression of interest.** All expressions of interests will be publicly shared on the INGENIUM website, so other students can find potential partners.
- Attending the INGENIUM student partnership webinars:

- **Webinar 1:** Info Session on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 13:00 CET
  - [Link to join the meeting.](#)
- **Webinar 2:** Matchmaking Session on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 13:00 CET
  - [Link to join the meeting.](#)
- Join the INGENIUM student [WhatsApp group](#) and find potential partners!

### Submitting your application:

In order to submit your application, you will have to:

- Contact your INGENIUM local office. The list is accessible below.
- Submit an [Expression of Interest](#). This is not a compulsory step, but it is advisable in order to find participants from other institutions.
- Submit your application through the INGENIUM website, containing:
  - [Application form \(Link provided – download and fill in\)](#)
  - [Budget \(Link provided – download and fill in\)](#)

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Applicants will be able to submit the documents through the INGENIUM platform from Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March until Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 23:59.

For any queries, applicants may contact [gonzalezasilvia@uniovi.es](mailto:gonzalezasilvia@uniovi.es)

### Evaluation of applications and funding allocation

Applications will be reviewed by panels of at least two members, composed by an INGENIUM Steering Committee member and members of the INGENIUM student board.

The evaluation criteria will be the following, in alignment with Erasmus+ evaluation criteria:

- **Relevance of the project:** alignment of the project with INGENIUM objectives and overall objectives of the European Universities Initiative. **Maximum score: 30.**
- **Quality of the project design:** clear description of the activities planned, quality of the partnership (including number of universities involved, and clearly defined roles for each partnership). **Maximum score: 40.**
- **Impact of the project:** target groups to be reached (students, student organisations, staff, civil society, public institutions, **companies**, etc.) and impact to be made in each of the target groups. **Estimation of the number of people to be reached. Maximum score: 30**

## Application form

The application form is accessible [through this link](#).

|  |   |  |
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| <b>Short Proposal Title</b>  |   |  |
|  |   |  |
| <b>Short description (up to 150 words)</b>   |   |  |
|  |   |  |
| <b>Students and student organisations involved in the project</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Name of student applicant(s) with study programme or student organisation(s)/association, or university units/centres</b> | <b>INGENIUM university/external partner</b> | <b>Role (coordinator, participant) *</b> |
| Carlos Pérez (Law Bachelor student)  | UNIOVI                                      |  |
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| <b>Other partners (academics, university units, external organisations)</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Name of the partner</b>   | <b>INGENIUM university/external partner</b> | <b>Role in the project</b>               |
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| <b>Project Description (max. 1000 words)</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Relevance (Maximum score: 30 points)</b>  |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is to be achieved with the project? What are the main objectives?</li> </ul>   |   |  |

- How is it relevant for INGENIUM priorities as listed in the call?

**Quality (Maximum score: 40 points)**

- Project plan: planned activities and timeline of the project
- Who are the applicants and why are they applying? How do they complement each other? How will the project contribute to the creation of a long-lasting collaboration?
- Is there any collaboration with academics, management structures of the university, or external actors such as NGOs, companies, or local authorities?

**Impact (Maximum score: 30 point):**

- Which impact is this project going to make?
- Which target groups will be reached?
- How many people are you going to reach, and how?
- What long-term impacts could this project have beyond its timeline?? Is there any aspect that future student projects could build on?

**Does this project represent a continuation or scale-up of a previously funded INGENIUM student project?\*** No Yes

If yes, please explain below:

- Title of the previous project (title) and universities involved
- How does this new proposal builds on, extends or scales up the previous project and what added value it brings (max. 400 words)

(\*Scale-up project should clearly add added value, innovation or new results and be strongly justified)

**Signatures\* of participating students or organisation/association representatives**

\*one person per participating university

\*Include the letters of support provided by student organisations or Department/Unit heads on extra sheet(s) of paper.)

**By ticking this box, you consent to receiving further information about the INGENIUM Alliance**

| Name/ Student Organisation | INGENIUM University | Signature |
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## Budget

The budget document is accesible [through this link](#).

| Project title          |                     |               |  |   |                  |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|---|------------------|
|                        |                     |               |  |   |                  |
| Start date             |                     | End date      |  |   |                  |
|                        |                     |               |  |   |                  |
| Budget per institution |                     |               |  |   |                  |
| Partner university     | Contact person name | Contact email | Sum per university   | Estimated expenses (not binding)  |                  |
|                        |                     |               |  | Sum   | Cost description |
| Applicant 1            |                     |               | Travel costs<br><i>(including actual travel and accommodation)</i>   |   |                  |
|                        |                     |               | Other costs<br><i>(any other organisational costs related to the project. Please describe them in the description section)</i> |   |                  |
|                        |                     |               | Total Sum  | <i>The budget per partner should not exceed 50% of the total budget</i> |                  |
| Applicant 2            |                     |               | Travel costs<br><i>(including actual travel and accommodation)</i>   |   |                  |
|                        |                     |               | Other costs<br><i>(any other organisational costs related to the</i>   |   |                  |

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|   |  |  | <i>project. Please describe them in the description section)</i>   |   |  |
|   |  |  | <b>Total Sum</b>   | <i>The budget per partner should not exceed 50% of the total budget</i> |  |
|   |  |  | Travel costs<br><i>(including actual travel and accommodation)</i>   |   |  |
|   |  |  | Other costs<br><i>(any other organisational costs related to the project. Please describe them in the description section)</i> |   |  |
| <b>Applicant 3</b>                      |  |  | <b>Total Sum</b>   | <i>The budget per partner should not exceed 50% of the total budget</i> |  |
|   |  |  | Travel costs<br><i>(including actual travel and accommodation)</i>   |   |  |
|   |  |  | Other costs<br><i>(any other organisational costs related to the project. Please describe them in the description section)</i> |   |  |
|   |  |  | <b>Total Sum</b>   | <i>The budget per partner should not exceed 50% of the total budget</i> |  |
| <i>Add as many applicants as needed</i> |  |  | <b>Total sum of the project</b>  | <i>The maximum amount should not exceed 10.000</i>                      |  |