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1. Calendar

Stage	Dates	Notes
Call opens, expressions of interest open	Thursday 1 October 2026	Published with the INGENIUM Student Calendar
Information session webinar	Friday 16 October 2026, 13:30 CEST	Online , recorded
Deadline for expressions of interest	Tuesday 3 November 2026	Optional step
Final application period	4 November – 1 December 2026	Through the INGENIUM platform
Online matchmaking webinar	Tuesday 10 November 2026, 13:00 CET	Online, recorded
Matchmaking at the INGENIUM Student Conference	20–25 November 2026, Oviedo	Dedicated in-person session
Deadline for final applications	Tuesday 1 December 2026, 23:59 CET	Application form and budget
Evaluation and selection	2 – 18 December 2026	Panels with the Student Board
Results published and communicated	By 22 December 2026	Individual feedback to all applicants
Planning phase with local INGENIUM offices	January 2027	Final budget, milestones and timeline
Implementation period	1 January – 15 July 2027	All activities completed by 15 July
Final reports	By 31 July 2027	Financial and mobility reports
Round 2 opens	April 2027	Implementation June – December 2027

2. The INGENIUM Student Partnerships

INGENIUM seed funding model for student activities

The objective of the INGENIUM seed funding model for student activities is to boost the collaboration between students (either individual students or student-led organisations) from across the ten INGENIUM partner universities, fostering their competence development and contributing to INGENIUM's 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 can fund all types of activities, supporting student creativity and innovation, if they align with INGENIUM objectives and values.

There have been three editions of the INGENIUM Student Partnerships, with close to 20 projects funded by the Alliance so far.

3. Eligibility

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;
- › do not yet have a project idea, but want to contribute their knowledge and skills to an international student project;
- › have already participated in a previous Student Partnerships call and wish to apply with a new project idea or a new form of collaboration.

Note. If the proposed project represents a continuation or scale-up of a previously funded INGENIUM student project, the proposal must explain how it builds on, extends or scales up the previous project and what added value it brings. A scale-up project should clearly add value, innovation or new results, and be strongly justified.

Note. A student may take part in only ONE funded project per round.

3.1 Eligible project partners

- › Individual students or groups of students from an INGENIUM university (Bachelor, Master or PhD students) at the time of application. Students need to ensure student status throughout the project lifetime and may change study cycle within the project period.
- › Student associations operating in an INGENIUM university or in the INGENIUM Alliance.
- › A combination of both.

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

4. Types of activities

The INGENIUM Student Partnerships 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. Project proposals should involve at least three partners, and there is no maximum number of partners.

Examples include:

- › workshops, training events and 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 and challenge-based events;
- › community engagement activities.

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

5. Funding

Each project may be allocated funding of up to **€10,000**. Applicants normally do not **receive the funding directly**, as it will be managed by the INGENIUM offices of the students' home universities. Exceptions to this may apply in some cases.

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, the 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 or manage more than 50% of the total funding of a project.
- › Travel expenses are covered by the university of the students who travel, as the host university usually cannot pay for others to travel to it.

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

5.1 Available budget per partner institution

Each partner university has a dedicated budget for the Student Partnerships call of **at least €5,000**.

Because the funding is decentralised, a project is only viable if each participating university can cover the share of the budget assigned to it. This is why applicants must contact their local INGENIUM office before submitting and discuss funding practicalities with them.

5.2 Allowed expenses

- › Travel expenses, including transport and accommodation.
- › Material resources: consumables, food, venue rental, transportation during the event.
- › Communication and dissemination activities and materials.
- › External costs, such as translators or other service providers, for instance video makers.
- › Other expenses, if they are duly justified in the application form. Costs may be included if they are eligible under Erasmus+ European Universities rules.

Students will not have to manage the funds directly. Each institution may follow different procedures in terms of payments and expenses. In case of doubt, students should consult their local INGENIUM office about what is and is not possible in their university.

6. Application requirements

- › Applications must comprise students or student organisations from at least **three INGENIUM member universities**.
- › Applicants must inform their corresponding INGENIUM office at their local university before sending the application, using the contact list in section 8.3.
- › Projects under Round 1 must be implemented **between 1 January and 15 July 2027**. Activities carried out before or after that period will not be funded.
 - All activities must be completed by 15 July 2027.
 - Participants must submit their final reports by 31 July 2027.

7. Areas

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.
- › **Student entrepreneurship and competence development**, fostering 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.
- › **Local and global challenges**, and how students can contribute to tackling them.
- › **Healthy campus**, supporting the creation of a healthy INGENIUM European Campus.
- › Any other proposals supporting student participation and engagement and collaboration between INGENIUM students. You can indicate which overarching priorities your proposal relates to.

The proposals may include any type of activity linked to these objectives and may consist of one or several activities.

8. Application process

The application process is composed of two steps. The second step is the only mandatory one, so applicants who already have their partners do not need to go through the first.

Step 1. Expression of interest (optional)

A period for individual expressions of interest by any individual student, student association, or group formed by a combination of the two. Its purpose is to find partners who may be interested in joining forces in a project. Expressions of interest are open from **1 October until 3 November 2026**. To submit one, applicants only need to outline their idea in a short form on the INGENIUM website.

Step 2. Final application (mandatory)

A final submission of the application documents (application form and budget), including confirmation that all students have been in touch with their local INGENIUM office. The submission deadline is **1 December 2026 at 23:59 CET**.

8.1 Finding partners

Interested students and student associations can find partners in four ways.

- › **Through their expression of interest.** All expressions of interest are published on the INGENIUM website, so that other students can find potential partners.
- › **At the webinars.** An information session and a matchmaking session are held online, and both are recorded and made available afterwards. Dates in section 1.
- › **At the INGENIUM Student Conference in Oviedo, 20–25 November 2026.** The Conference brings together students from all ten partner universities in the middle of the application window, and includes a dedicated Student Partnerships matchmaking session. Delegates are encouraged to arrive with an idea, or to join one.
- › **In the INGENIUM student WhatsApp group,** where students across the Alliance exchange ideas and look for partners.

Recommended. Students who have already found their project partners are also encouraged to attend the webinars, where practical information about the initiative and the application process is given.

8.2 Submitting the application

In order to apply, students will have to:

- › contact their local INGENIUM office (the list is in section 8.3);
- › submit an expression of interest, which is not compulsory but is advisable to find participants from other institutions;

- › submit the application through the INGENIUM website, comprising the application form (Annex I) and the budget (Annex II).

Applicants will be able to submit the documents through the INGENIUM platform from 4 November until 1 December 2026 at 23:59 CET.

8.3 Contacts

Local INGENIUM offices:

INGENIUM Partner	Contact email
UNIOVI	oficinaingenium@uniovi.es
MUS	m.kasnakova@mu-sofia.bg
UOC	ingenium@uoc.gr
HKA	ingenium@h-ka.de
XAMK	ingenium@xamk.fi
UD'A	marcello.costantini@unich.it
HS	mikael.ejdeback@his.se
MTU	ingenium@mtu.ie
URN	ligia.livanu@univ-rouen.fr
TUIASI	irina.lungu@academic.tuiasi.ro

General contacts:

- › **Initiative coordinator:** esparzaalberto@uniovi.es

9. Evaluation of applications and funding allocation

Applications are reviewed by panels of at least two members, composed of an INGENIUM Steering Committee member and members of the INGENIUM Student Board.

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

Criterion	What evaluators look for	Max. score
Relevance of the project	Alignment of the project with INGENIUM objectives and with the overall objectives of the European Universities Initiative.	30
Quality of the project design	Clear description of the activities planned; quality of the partnership, including the number of universities involved and clearly defined roles for each partner.	40
Impact of the project	Target groups to be reached (students, student organisations, staff, civil society, public institutions, companies) and the impact to be made on each of them, with an estimation of the number of people to be reached.	30

Proposals are scored out of 100. Where two proposals are close, the impact criterion serves as the first point of comparison.

10. Results, recognition and reporting

10.1 Results of the call and planning phase

Results are made public on the INGENIUM website and communicated individually to every applicant.

Local INGENIUM offices then work with each selected team to make sure the project plan is feasible, and agree the final budget, outcomes, milestones and timeline of the project.

10.2 Recognition

Every student who completes a funded project receives:

- › **a certificate of participation** issued by the Alliance, stating the project, the role held and the period;
- › **visibility** on the INGENIUM website and through the Alliance's channels, where the project is presented and the team credited;
- › **academic recognition**, where the student's home university and study plan allow it, as a training or extracurricular activity carrying academic credit, in accordance with local regulations.

10.3 Implementation and reporting

If a team's proposal is validated, the team is required to report on the activity and its implementation. In particular, a financial report and a mobility report are required. Activities run between 1 January and 15 July 2027, and final reports are due by 31 July 2027.

Reporting is more than an administrative obligation, since the data reported feeds the evaluation of the pilot cycle in June and July 2027, which decides what the Student Partnerships look like from 2027/2028 onwards.

Annex I. Application form

To be downloaded and filled in by the applicants, and submitted together with the budget (Annex II) through the INGENIUM platform.

Short proposal title
Short description (up to 150 words)
Round applied for
☐ Round 1 (implementation January – July 2027) ☐ Round 2 (implementation June – December 2027)

Students and student organisations involved in the project		
Name of student applicant(s) with study programme, or student organisation(s)/association, or university units/centres	INGENIUM university	Role (coordinator, participant)
<i>Carlos Pérez (Law Bachelor student)</i>	<i>UNIOVI</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>

Other partners (academics, university units, external organisations)		
Name of the partner (as individual, or as organisation/unit)	INGENIUM university / external partner	Role in the project

Project description (max. 1000 words)

Relevance (maximum score: 30 points)

- What is to be achieved with the project? What are the main objectives?
- How is it relevant for the INGENIUM priorities listed in section 7 of this 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 points)

- What 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 and universities involved.
 - How this new proposal builds on, extends or scales up the previous project, and what added value it brings (max. 400 words).
- A scale-up project should clearly add 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 by department or unit heads, on extra sheets.

- ☐ By ticking this box, you consent to receiving further information about the INGENIUM Alliance.
- ☐ By ticking this box, you consent to INGENIUM using your data for the purpose of the evaluation of the project. Any queries about the management of the data may be addressed to ingenium@uniovi.es

Name / student organisation	INGENIUM university	Signature

Annex II. Budget template

To be downloaded and filled in by the applicants, and submitted together with the application form (Annex I). The spreadsheet version is available on the call web page.

Project title	
Round	☐ Round 1 ☐ Round 2
Start date	
End date	

Budget per institution

Applicant	Partner university	Contact person and email	Cost heading	Sum (€) and cost description
Applicant 1			Travel costs (actual travel and accommodation)	
			Other costs (any other organisational cost related to the project, described)	
			Total sum	<i>Not more than 50% of the total project budget</i>
Applicant 2			Travel costs	
			Other costs	
			Total sum	<i>Not more than 50% of the total project budget</i>
Applicant 3			Travel costs	
			Other costs	
			Total sum	<i>Not more than 50% of the total project budget</i>
<i>Add as many applicants as needed</i>				
Total sum of the project				Maximum €10,000

