CALL Nº01/2025

Selection for T4EU 2025

Common European Heritage Week
Trieste/Gorizia, Italy

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 project regarding the implementation of activities to be carried out by the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, namely the T4EU Matchmaking Event and the participation of the representation of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in the Student Council of the Alliance.

Considering the activities planned under the Transform4Europe project, particularly the **T4EU Common European Heritage Week**, organized by the University of Trieste;

Considering the participation of at least **two (2) 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: T4EU Common European Heritage Week
Date: February 24–28, 2025
Location: Trieste and Gorizia/Nova Gorica, Italy
Organization: University of Trieste in collaboration with GLAM sector stakeholders

Description:

The week offers an immersive exploration of Common European Heritage, focusing on cross-border cultural legacies. Highlights include:

1. **Transformative Heritage Workshop** (February 24)
2. **Conference "Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach"** (February 25–27)
3. **Field visit to Gorizia/Nova Gorica** (February 28)

II - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Applications: December 10th, 2024, to January 10th, 2025
- Validation and selection: until: January 15th, 2025
- Disclosure of Results: until: January 15th, 2025

III - VACANCIES

Two (2) positions are available for **2nd year Master's or PhD students** from UCP.

IV - CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

The following criteria apply:

• Be a master's or PhD student at UCP.

• Demonstrate strong communication and comprehension skills in English;

• Fulfil 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, January 10th, 2025: https://forms.office.com/e/HEY1by74cq
    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 Matchmaking Event 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

Heritage WEEK Programme:
-**Sunday, 23rd Feb.** – Travel Day.
-**Monday 24th Feb.** - Inauguration of the "T4EU Common European Heritage Week" and Transformative Heritage Workshop.
-**Tuesday 25th Feb.** – Opening of the Second Heritage Conference "Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach". First session: "History and Memories in Border Areas": panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
-**Wednesday 26th Feb.** - Second session: "Anthropology and Identities between Borders": panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
- **Thursday 27th Feb.** – Third session: "Architecture and Transborder Spaces": panel, workshop, Talks4EU.
- **Friday 28th Feb.** – Gorizia-Nova Gorica field visit and closing seminar.
- **Saturday 1st** – Travel Day.

Second Heritage Conference
Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach
25-27 February 2025 – Trieste/Gorizia

Abstract

The *Transborder Heritage: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, scheduled for February 25–27, 2025, will bring together researchers, students and stakeholders to explore the complex relationships between borders and cultural heritage. This conference will unite disciplines such as anthropology, history, and architecture, to address key questions of identities, memories, legacies, ownership and preservation that are particularly relevant in border regions. In these areas, heritage acts as both a unifying factor and a source of conflict, and is shaped by diverse socio-cultural exchanges and political divides. The conference emphasizes the need for a multidisciplinary approach to better understand and manage borderlands heritages.

Over three days, the conference will focus on three interconnected issues central to transborder heritage:

1. **History and Memories in Border Areas** Participants will gain historical insights into the process of border heritages, examining how historical changes and memories shape contemporary heritage claims.

2. **Anthropology and Identities between Borders**: This session will investigate how border communities sustain, transform or contest cultural practices amidst political changes, analysing how identities are negotiated between borders.

3. **Architecture and Transborder Spaces**: This session will explore the architectural and urban heritage of border regions, fostering a dialogue between past and future. It will examine how architecture can address contemporary challenges, such as environmental sustainability and social cohesion, while transforming heritage into a resource for innovation.

A series of panels, workshops and lectures will provide participants with direct insights into the complexities of managing heritage in border areas, particularly in the Upper Adriatic region.

The University of Trieste invites experts, scholars, and PhD students from the T4EU Alliance to submit their contributions .This collaboration with T4EU will bring together diverse perspectives from various regions and disciplines, enriching discussions and promoting innovative strategies for inclusive heritage management in borderlands.

Ultimately, the *Transborder Heritage Conference* aims to foster collaborative frameworks with Stakeholders and citizens for sustainable and inclusive heritage management in border areas. By promoting the exchange of ideas and practices across disciplines, the event seeks to provide actionable recommendations that honour and preserve the diverse, interconnected identities of border communities. This multidisciplinary approach is essential for tackling the unique complexities of heritage in these dynamic spaces, where cultural and political histories intersect and continue to evolve.

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 Católica Portuguesa:
        2. 1 (one) representative of the Vice-Rectory of Research and Innovation.

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

1. The scholarship offered is within the perspective of the T4EU Budget, containing the value of travel, accommodation, and insurance for the selected students, to be considered 5 days and 4 nights of the T4EU Heritage Week.
    1. Travel and lodging expenses must be in accordance with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa´s 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 January 10th, 2025.**

Lisbon, December 1st, 2025.

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