Call for students co-designed Projects:
Enhancing Inter-Institutional Student Experience within Arqus 2024

INTRODUCTION

The **Arqus European University Alliance** brings together the University of Granada, the University of Graz, the University of Leipzig, the University of Lyon 1, the University of Padua, Vilnius University, the University of Minho the University of Wrocław, and the Maynooth University.

The Arqus Alliance is pleased to announce a call for co-designed projects aimed at enhancing the inter-institutional student experience within Arqus. The goal of this call is to support innovative and collaborative initiatives that will promote cultural exchange and the integration of international students across the Arqus member universities.

Students are at the heart of the Alliance's activities – their participation and engagement is promoted in multiple ways. These include the Arqus Student Council, the sponsor of this call, whose aim is to encourage student participation in the decision-making process of the Alliance itself, as well as the Arqus Student Agora, a forum for student participation and networking.

Through this funding, Arqus wishes to support projects that will shape the alliance educational environment, with the aim of enhancing student engagement, consolidate the community and support students' personal and professional development.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

Students are encouraged to submit short projects, to be implemented throughout the year of 2024, likely to connect the universities within the Arqus Alliance. Individual students or student groups at a single Arqus university have to partner with students at other Arqus Universities. Students may also partner with local associations and civil society organisations to design shared project proposals.

This call aims to connect Arqus Universities' students in the co-design of projects that strengthen the alliance through transformational ideas, such as:

- European Identity and Heritage
- Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation
- Plurilingual and intercultural learning
- Inclusion & Diversity
- Other…

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER

If you have an idea, but you need help with finding a team member from another Arqus university, please reach out to:

- First contact your local student union;

- Zulip channel : https://studentagora.zulipchat.com
- Contact the Arqus Student Agora at: student-agora@arqus-alliance.eu

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the present call, students must be regularly enrolled in a Bachelor's, Master's, or Single-cycle degree or in a Specialisation or PhD programme, either part-time or full time, offered by one of the Arqus member universities for the duration of the entire project. Their affiliation with an Arqus university is mandatory.

The aim of this Call is **to create new initiatives** among Alliance students. Projects submitted under this call for proposals which have been funded by another institution or partner will not be eligible.

Students who have never received funding in previous Calls will have priority over those who already won from the Arqus Alliance.

DURATION

Projects may start immediately after the selection process and shall be implemented by 31 December 2024 at the latest.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection committee, composed of members from the Arqus Student Council and the Arqus Student Agora, will assess and score applications based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance.** How does the project aim to improve the student experience within and across the Arqus Alliance?

- **Innovation.** In what ways does the project showcase originality and creativity in its efforts to enhance the student experience?

- **Feasibility.** Is the project realistically attainable within the allocated timeframe and budget constraints?

- **Reusability** What is the potential for the project to be repeated over the long term?

- **Collaboration.** How does the project facilitate collaboration among students from the local university, various member universities of the Arqus Alliance, as well as local associations and civil society organisations and initiatives?

FUNDING

The funding of the project varies depending on how many Arqus member universities will partake in the project. A maximum of 2000 Euros per project will be awarded. The funding will be provided by the university the main applicant is a student at and will be subject to the local Arqus university administrative process. This is based on an invoice system.

Indications for the maximum amounts:

- **2 universities** - up to 1000 EUR.

- **3 universities** - up to 1500 EUR

- **4+ universities** - up to 2000 EUR

Eligible funding, activities and events (procedures must be confirmed by each Arqus university)

The funding available can be used to cover, for instance:

- Travel (accommodation and transport);
- Speakers for workshops;
- Materials for the implementation of the project;
- Coffee breaks and catering;
- Social media campaigns;
- etc.

REPORTING

At the completion of the activities foreseen in the project, successful applicants will be required to submit the following reports:

- **Financial report.** It will detail the use of funds and provide relevant receipts and documentation (the final report template must be used). :

- **Project report.** It will include lessons learned and outcomes of the project. At least one creative product such as an article, photo brochure or video shall be submitted.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Submissions will be sent via the Application form. Each application form must be duly filled out and include:

- a description of the project
- a plan for project funding and use of the funds provided by this call
- a corresponding timeline for the implementation of the project

✓ **Opening of the call: April 29, 2024**
✓ **Closure of the call: June 9th, 2024 (23:59)**

A reply will be provided within **2 weeks** after the application due date.

The selected projects will be invited to have a post selection conversation on how to operationalize their projects.

Attachments:

Application   Form   2024
Bullet point **hints infographic**

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