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PhD Summer School

SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY AND
ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION



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Dear EU-CONEXUS PhD students,

We are pleased to invite you to the 5th EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School dedicated to “Scientific methodology and academic communication” that will be hosted by the La Rochelle Université, La Rochelle, France, between 21st and 25th July, 2025.

EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer Schools offer a joint, flexible, and innovative programme, based on interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approaches, with learning outcomes and sessions based on research and professional development skills. This opportunity will boost your international research career and your focus in solving Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability challenges together with other PhD students from our alliance and experts from more than 10 countries.

We look forward to seeing you at the 5th EU-CONEXUS PhD Summer School!

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee
of the EU-CONEXUS PHD SUMMER SCHOOL

PhD students will participate in:

Lectures

given by experts in research, innovation, professional development, and communication

Workshops

on applying theory and expertise in practice: site visits, cultural, cultural and social events for groups of 4-6 students

Key dates

SPRING 2025

21 03 2025	Submission of applications
28 03 2025	Selection of participants
01 05 2025	Providing practical information on travel accommodation & logistical aspects
21-25 07 2025	EU-CONEXUS Summer School (Arrival on 20th, Departure on 26th)

30 students from different research fields from EU-CONEXUS partner universities are invited to participate in the EU-CONEXUS Summer School.

Important Notes

Summer School activities include 50 hours of classroom and independent study. All the activities and practical sessions in the final agenda are mandatory. The selected participants will be assigned during PhD Summer School to interdisciplinary working teams.

All participants will receive an EU-CONEXUS certificate.

Why should you participate?

Opportunities for PhD students:

Meet and work with fellow PhD students from the alliance interested in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability Skills

Gain new skills to become better researchers, coordinators and team members

Networking and development of strong international ties

Hands-on instruction on current practices and trends in research field

Cultural and social activities

Professional development of an international research career

Other transversal Skills from EU-CONEXUS Skills Map:

- Teamwork, collaboration and the ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team. The ability to communicate effectively and to represent themselves and their results of their work
- The ability to prepare and present oral and visual presentations, prepare written reports, conveying ideas clearly, eloquently, and supported by arguments
- The ability to supervise, manage and lead working groups
- The ability to influence and persuade (with the aim of achieving own goals, i.e. affecting the behavior of others through oral communication or another kind of communication)

EU-CONEXUS opens up opportunities to foster curriculum and research to confront global challenges

Learning outcomes

Research Methodology

Develop a structured and logical research design aligned with the aims and objectives of a PhD thesis.

Critical Thinking

Apply critical thinking skills to identify and evaluate the assumptions and limitations in scientific research.

Data Analysis

Acquire knowledge of key techniques for collecting, organizing, and analyzing data specific to your discipline.

Scientific Communication

Develop the skills to write clear, concise, and impactful academic papers.

Oral Presentation Skills

Demonstrate the ability to create and deliver engaging, well-structured research presentations.

Scientific popularization

Gain awareness of strategies to increase the visibility and impact of your publications.

Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Communication

Develop skills for teamwork and communication in interdisciplinary research settings.

Entrepreneurship & innovation

Develop entrepreneurial skills and innovation mindset.

Project development skills

Learn how to develop a research project and find resources

Career Planning

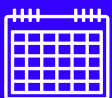
Reflect on strengths and areas for improvement and develop a career plan

Stress management and mental health

Gain tools to improve your reaction in different situation

Topics of the lectures and workshops

- EU-CONEXUS presentation
- The 3 minutes challenge (presentation of PhD subjects)
- Thesis conduct - training on how to manage your thesis
- Preparation for thesis writing
- Entrepreneurship & innovation (CampusInnov)
- Scientific communication (Comm'on lab)/Scientific popularization
- Stress management
- Mental health
- Career development (testimonies)
- Data analysis
- Social media communication
- Project Development Support Office Workshop opportunities for PhD students
- Interdisciplinary research methods using some contemporary tools/Innovative tools



General Agenda

09:00	Coffee & Networking
09:30	Lectures
13:00	Lunch
14:15	Practical work and lecture
16:00	Free time
18:00	Social and Cultural activities

How to apply?



No cost

The Summer School is free of charge for all selected participants

EU-CONEXUS will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, and daily allowance



Who can participate

PhD students from all EU-CONEXUS universities

PhD students from all research areas and from any year of study with C1 English



Application and selection

- Applications should be submitted on the website page [here](#)
- Applicants will be selected based on their motivation and CV
- 2-3 students per partner university will be invited to participate with C1 English



About La Rochelle Université

La Rochelle Université is an innovative institution recognized for its expertise in Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (SmUCS). Specializing in the study of urbanized coastal areas, it adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining environmental sciences, engineering, humanities, and social sciences, as well as digital intelligence to address the challenges of sustainable development.

With a strong international focus, La Rochelle Université initiated the creation of the EU-CONEXUS European alliance, the first European University dedicated to SmUCS, bringing together nine partner institutions across Europe. Its human-scale campus, modern facilities, and commitment to pedagogical innovation and applied research make it a key player in the French and European academic landscape.

La Rochelle, France

Nestled on the Atlantic coast between Nantes and Bordeaux, La Rochelle is famed for its laid-back atmosphere, captivating heritage, and vibrant cultural life. The city's medieval port, arcaded streets, and proximity to scenic islands such as Ré and Oléron make it a top destination for both tourists and students.

Home to La Rochelle Université, the city offers a dynamic student life, with modern campus facilities, a strong commitment to sustainability, and numerous academic and extracurricular opportunities. With a population of around 77,300, including a significant student community, La Rochelle enjoys a mild climate and offers a rich selection of festivals, sports, cultural events, and lively student activities all year round. Its bike-friendly infrastructure, affordable housing options, and welcoming atmosphere make it an ideal place for students to live, learn, and thrive.



European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability

EU-CONEXUS is a transnational European higher education and research institution that covers smart urban sustainable coastal development from a global point of view, relying on an interdisciplinary, trans- sectoral and trans-national approach.

The competitive advantage of EU-CONEXUS is based on the identified thematic orientation of its educational programmes, research areas and its comprehensiveness that is achieved by joining forces and assembling the complementary expertise of the partner universities and associated partners.

69 032
students

899
study programmes at all levels

8 035
staff

218
research units

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