4EU+ student mini-grants 2024



Charles University will, for the third time, support up to 10 projects through so-called student mini-grants, seed funding for teams from the 4EU+ universities. This scheme aims to encourage students and young researchers from all around the 4EU+ Alliance to collaborate without the limitation of their fields, faculties, or universities. The projects can focus on initiating international research collaboration, organizing joint educational activities (workshops, soft skill courses, etc.) and developing socio-cultural collaboration and strengthening the third role of the university (active involvement in the social discourse and search for solutions to global economic, social and environmental issues).

Context

In the face of ever-evolving global challenges, the 4EU+ Alliance minigrants for students this year emphasize the critical and urgent themes of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Sustainability. Recognizing these pivotal areas, the call encourages applications that explore innovative approaches to AI and sustainable development practices, aiming to address current and future societal needs and challenges.

However, the scope of the call is not limited to these themes alone. Applications focusing on other relevant topics are also welcome, inviting a diverse range of ideas and approaches from students of all academic fields. This inclusive approach underlines the Alliance's commitment to fostering broad-ranging academic inquiry and problem-solving skills among students.

Similar to last year's focus on immediate societal challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and the migration crisis, this year's theme reflects a forward-looking perspective. It underscores the importance of equipping students with the tools and knowledge to contribute significantly to critical areas like technology and sustainable development in all its complexity. The Alliance continues to place great faith in its students as key drivers of change and innovation in academia and beyond, encouraging them to collaborate, share experiences, and build resilient communities ready to face future challenges.

The basic parameters of this call are as follows:

- · Applicant must be a student of Charles University.
- Project has to involve at least three 4EU+ member universities (Charles University + Heidelberg Universität, Sorbonne Université, K?benhavns Universitet, Université de Gen?ve, Universit? degli Studi di Milano, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Université Pantheon-Assas)

- Supported activities must be in line with the 4EU+ Mission statement
- The maximum amount to apply for is CZK 150,000 (approx. EUR 6100)
- Funding of the projects will be scheduled for the period of April- November, 2024

How to apply?

Fill out the form by 29 February 2024.

Application form

Notes:

- In the case your team consists of members of only two member universities, you might indicate the collaboration with the third one as the aim of your project.
- Your activity does not need to be in accordance with any specific 4EU+ Flagship, although it is recommended.
- Your project does not need to have a continuation in the form of further follow-up application, although it is recommended.
- Eligible costs may include organization of joint workshops, seminars and other events, travel and accommodation costs, materials, scholarships etc., according to the rules of the funding.
- European Centre will reimburse the project costs to the faculty of project leader.
- To estimate travel and accommodation costs, you can use the 4EU+ short-term student mobility rates:
 - 1. The 4EU+ allowance rates are aligned with the new Erasmus+ ones, as follows:
 - Day 1 to 14: 79 EUR per day
 - Day 15 to 30: 56 EUR per day
 - 30 days< 2months: weekly rate of proportional local Erasmus+ rate for the destination
 - 2. Travel grants are calculated on the basis of the Erasmus+ distance calculator:

 - 0-500 km: EUR 180 (Prague Heidelberg) 500-2000 km: EUR 275 EUR (allother 4EU+ destinationsfrom Prague)

More information

A webinar for students interested in mini-grants took place online on Tuesday, 6th February, at 5 pm. Attendees gained insights from students who had previously worked on projects and had the opportunity to directly communicate with project teams and representatives from the 4EU+ local office. The presentation from the webinar is available here.

Students from all universities are invited to join the '4EU+ student mini-grants community' Facebook group. This group is a place for students to discuss their project ideas and find potential partners within the 4EU+.