

CALL N°05/2024**Selection for T4EU 2024
Matchmaking Event
St-Etienne, France**

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 participation of at least 2 students from the Universidade Católica Portuguesa to participate in the Transform4Europe 2024 Matchmaking Event, scheduled to take place on November 13-14, 2024 in St-Etienne, France.

The following conditions are determined for the special scholarship for T4EU Matchmaking Events, referring to Work Package 4, Task 4.5 of the Work Program.

I – EVENT DETAILS

Event Details:

- a. Name: Transform4Europe Matchmaking Event - AI and Society: Researchers' Commitment to Positive Transformation.
- b. Date: November 13-14, 2024
- c. Place: St-Etienne, France
- d. Organization: University Jean Monnet, St-Etienne

This Matchmaking Event focuses on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its societal impacts, aiming to bring together young researchers and PhD students to collaborate, share research, and foster interdisciplinary projects across the consortium's member universities.

Key topics include:

- AI methods and the challenges they pose
- AI's role in solving problems in fields such as medicine, biology, environmental science, and more
- Ethical concerns in AI, such as bias, fairness, and security
- Opportunities for collaboration and knowledge-sharing

II - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

- Applications: October 7th to 28th, 2024
- Validation and selection: until: October 29th, 2024
- Disclosure of Results: until: October 30th, 2024

III - VACANCIES

Two (2) vacancies are open for the event.

IV - CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

1. The following criteria apply:
 - Current student at UCP enrolled in a PhD or post-doc program
 - Current Researcher at UCP
 - Demonstrate communication and comprehension skills in English

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:
2. Fill out the application form at the following link before 11:59 PM, October 28th, 2024:
<https://forms.office.com/e/ZV6pQ2rhYN>
3. 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

The Matchmaking Event will offer networking and collaboration opportunities, including:

- Discussions on the legal, ethical, and societal aspects of AI
- Workshops on AI methods and applications in science and society
- Presentations from young researchers on their AI projects
- Networking dinners and a visit to the Hubert Curien Laboratory (<https://laboratoirehubertcurien.univ-st-etienne.fr/en/index.html>)
- Group work and presentations

NOVEMBER 13

NOVEMBER 14

8:30AM Opening, welcome speeches and café

10:00AM Opening panel discussion: legal aspects of AI

12:30PM Lunch break ■

2:00PM Two workshops: ■

Core of AI

Foundations of AI methods and associated challenges.

AI Tools for Text Analysis

Presentation of a tool used at JMU and its applications in Social Sciences.

3:30PM Two workshops: ■

AI for Sciences

AI approaches addressing challenges in fields such as astronomy, biology, medicine, physics, and environmental science.

AI: Ethics, bias, and security

Ethical issues, impact of bias, questions of fairness and security, such as detecting fraud or securing AI systems more generally.

5:30PM Cocktail dinner ■

The perfect time to network and explore the research posters presented by the event participants.

■ : Registration required

9:00AM Two workshops: ■

How AI is shaping language

Perspectives from design and marketing.

Modern didactic techniques in education using AI

Presentation of tools and platforms used at USIL and JMU.

11:00AM PhD Conference

Presentation of junior labs, PhD Tracks, Bootcamps, European PhD degrees, and an open mic session for T4EU PhD students to present their research topics on AI.

12:30PM Lunch break ■

2:00PM Matchmaking and coffee

This dedicated free time is designed to allow you to connect with event participants. Rooms will be reserved to facilitate idea-sharing and potentially initiate collaborations on projects.

3:30PM Hubert Curien Laboratory visit ■

It is composed of about 240 members who work on scientific topics related to optics, photonics and microwave, computer science, telecom and image.

RESEARCHER POSTER EXHIBITION

You are invited, if you wish, to participate in the event with a poster summarizing your research topic. These posters will be displayed in the Cocktail Dinner room.

The event will foster interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers and aim to enhance the research capacity of the Alliance.

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-Rector 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 Bootcamp.
 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 Catholic University of Portugal: <https://www.ucp.pt/pt-pt/internacional/transform4europe>.
2. Results will be available until October 30th, 2024.

Lisbon, October 1st, 2024.

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