

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UNITA Prizes for Bachelors' and Masters' Theses on the Theme of "European Citizenship"

Within the framework of the European Alliance UNITA Universitas Montium, the University of Zaragoza organizes a competition for students who have written a thesis on the theme of European citizenship.

UNITA refers to a closer integration of the academic activities of six universities: Universidade da Beira Interior, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Università degli Studi di Torino and Universidad de Zaragoza. The Latin subtitle Universitas Montium emphasizes the commonalities of the UNITA universities: Romance Languages and the commitment to promote linguistic diversity on the one hand, and their proximity to mountain areas on the other hand.

One of the guidelines of the project is to strengthen the European identity by understanding both its past and recent developments in any discipline related to that concept. In this context, this Call for Prizes for End-of-Bachelors' and End-of-Masters' Projects (theses) related to the aforementioned subject presented by students from UNITA Universities is launched. The Call and awarding of the Prizes will be governed by the bases detailed below:

1. The objective is to contribute to the improvement of the understanding of European Identity and Citizenship by the inhabitants of the territories of UNITA Universities.
2. **Theses** (End-of-Bachelors' or End-of-Masters' Projects) in various disciplines can be presented, as long as they deal with European topics and any kind of relationship between Europe and any of the territories where UNITA Universities are located. They must be accompanied by a 5-page summary.
3. Each UNITA partner university organizes its own competition. The composition of the jury in charge of awarding the prizes in all universities is included in the annex to this call. In a first step each jury will choose 4 theses among those submitted. During the first two weeks of November, the four candidates will be auditioned by the jury and will present their work and their point of view on the subject. The student whose thesis has been chosen will have the opportunity to participate in a joint audition at the level of the UNITA partner universities.
4. **Graduates of a Bachelors' Degree (Modality I) or a Masters' Degree (Modality II) from UNITA Universities or the Universities Associated to UNITA who have defended their thesis during the last three academic years (2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022) and who have not taken part and obtained a prize in prior calls can submit their thesis.** Students from UNITA Universities may submit their thesis to the competition organized by any UNITA University. However, students may participate

in only one competition. The written work must be sent in PDF format by October 31, 2022 by the latest, to the following addresses (from east to West): unita@ubi.pt, unitacontact@unizar.es, unita@univ-pau.fr, unita.office@univ-smb.fr et anne-sophie.nardelli-malgrand@univ-smb.fr, unita@unito.it, unita@e-uvt.ro. UNIZAR Graduates sending their thesis to the University of Zaragoza must also send their application through solicit@unizar.es at the e-office of the University of Zaragoza (<https://sede.unizar.es/>). The thesis and the summary must be submitted in the language of the university organizing the competition (or in English).

5. The juries responsible for awarding the prize at each university will use the following evaluation grid:

- I. **Relevance of the title** of the thesis (clear and concise writing, relevance to the issue defined by the call);
- II. **Structure** (introduction; table of contents, conclusions and bibliography);
- III. **Style** (writing, graphic illustrations, 5 pages abstract in Romance language and English);
- IV. **Content** (thinking about concepts, proper use of theories and notions and bibliography, use of citations and sources) ;
- V. **Empirical research** (multidisciplinary approach, relevance of findings, originality of the research).

6. In the event that the jury considers that the presented works do not meet the minimum quality requirements or do not maintain the expected relationship with the proposed themes, one or both modalities may be left without a prize. In such a situation, the prize money can be accumulated and applied to the remaining entries. In all cases, the corresponding jury will have the ability to make the decisions it deems most appropriate and its decisions will be final.

7. The selected works will receive a prize of 215 € and a certificate for each of the modalities. In addition, the selected works, as well as the interventions of the students in the common hearing at the level of the UNITA Universities, will be published on the website and on the UNITA social networks.

8. The works of the prizes awarded in this call will be made available to the UNITA project, which may use them for information and awareness-raising purposes, as well as to defend the objectives of the project, always quoting the author's name.

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Appendix: Composition of Juries

Each jury is composed by four members of the university organizing the competition, from different specialties. In case of conflict of interest of one of the members of the jury, the university will have to propose another member to take the place of the person concerned by this situation. The composition of these juries is as follows:

Universidade da Beira Interior

- Bruno Ferreira Costa, University Professor in Political Sciences
- Luís Guilherme Marques Pedro, University Professor in International Relations
- Alexandre António da Costa Luís, University Professor in Contemporary History
- Catarina Sales Barbas de Oliveira, University Professor in Sociology

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

- Jacques Jaussaud, Professor in Management sciences
- Danièle Laplace-Treyture, Senior Lecturer in Geography
- Géraldine Larguier, Senior Lecturer in Language sciences
- Meriem Mengi, Senior Lecturer in Management sciences

Université de Savoie Mont Blanc

- Pascal Bouvier, Associate Professor in Philosophy
- Guillaume Kessler, Associate professor in Law
- Anne-Sophie Nardelli, Associate Professor in Contemporary History
- Doriana Treta, PhD Student in Law

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara

- Corina Ilin, Associate Professor, P.h.D. in Psychology
- Ana-Cristina Nicolescu, Associate Professor, P.h.D. habil. in Finance
- GrațIELA Noja, Associate Professor, P.h.D. habil. in Economics
- Corina Turșie, Lecturer, P.h.D. in Political Science

Università degli Studi di Torino

- Alessandra Algostino, Professor of Constitutional Law
- Mauro Forno, Professor of Contemporary History
- Elisa Corino, Associate Professor in L-LIN/02 Didactics of Modern Languages
- Giacomo Pettenati, Fixed-term researcher in economic and political geography

Universidad de Zaragoza

- Gemma Larramona Ballarín, Professor of Macroeconomics
- Ángel Pueyo Campos, Professor of Human Geography
- Pedro Víctor Rújula López, Professor of Contemporary History
- Carmen Tirado Robles, Professor of International Public Law and International Relations