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Call for Applications – Summer School 2026
Effective Solutions for Sustainable Buildings in Cities
Programme: Support for European Universities - recruitment 2024
Project: Across – Cross-border European University
Project numer: BPI/WUE/2024/1/00013

I. General Information

The organization, recruitment process, and conditions of participation in the Summer School course - *Effective Solutions for Sustainable Buildings in Cities*, implemented under the *Support for European Universities* Programme, shall be conducted in accordance with the “Regulations for organization, recruitment, participation and payment of scholarships and other forms of financial support under the NAWA Programme” – concerning the project “Across – Cross-boarder European University”

II. Scope and Thematic Focus of the Support

- 1) As part of participation in the Project, Participants shall receive comprehensive support covering substantive, organizational, and financial aspects, enabling full and equal participation in the Summer School 2026 programme, organized at Bialystok University of Technology in an on-site format from 2 to 11 July 2026.
- 2) The support includes participation in the Summer School course entitled *Effective Solutions for Sustainable Buildings in Cities* for a maximum of 18 students from foreign higher education and research institutions, enrolled at partner universities of the Across alliance, as well as students of Bialystok University of Technology
- 3) The support includes in particular:
 - a) participation in the summer educational programme devoted to sustainable development issues (course title: *Effective Solutions for Sustainable Buildings in Cities*), delivered in the form of lectures and practical classes conducted by international academic staff;
 - b) access to updated teaching materials and participation in theoretical and practical classes;
 - c) participation in field classes;
 - d) financial support for international students necessary to enable participation in the Project, covering costs related to participation in the 10-day Summer School and 2 days of international travel, including:
 - a travel lump sum,
 - a subsistence and accommodation lump sum,
 - a scholarship.

These funds shall be granted in accordance with § 6 of the “Regulations on the organization, recruitment, participation, and payment of scholarships and other forms of financial support under the NAWA Programme”.

III. Description of the Target Group

- 1) The support may be granted exclusively to students of Across partner institutions belonging to the European University “Across – Cross-Border European University.”
- 2) Participants in the programme may include students of Bialystok University of Technology as well as students of foreign higher education and research institutions enrolled in the following fields of study: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Power Engineering, Landscape Architecture, or related disciplines
- 3) Candidates applying for the recruitment process should demonstrate an interest in the design of low-energy and environmentally friendly buildings and possess a command of the English language sufficient to actively participate in the classes, including: understanding lectures and



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instructions delivered in English; participating in discussions and practical workshops; as well as reading course materials and using specialist tools in English.

- 4) Students who have already received funding from the NAWA Project funds for participation in the Summer School in 2025 shall not be eligible to participate in the Summer School 2026.

IV. Eligibility and Recruitment Criteria for Participants in the Project

- 1) The condition for participation in the recruitment process for the Summer School is:
 - a) familiarizing oneself with the Regulations available on the website: <https://pb.edu.pl/iros/projekty-nawa/wsparcie-universytetow-europejskich/dokumenty/>
 - b) completing the electronic **APPLICATION FORM FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL 2026** available on the project website: <https://pb.edu.pl/iros/projekty-nawa/wsparcie-universytetow-europejskich/zadania/> .

Completion of the Application Form shall be deemed equivalent to acceptance of the Regulations referred to in Section IV.1(a).

2) Student eligibility and selection criteria:

a) Formal criteria:

These criteria constitute mandatory conditions for admission to the recruitment process. Failure to meet any of them shall result in rejection of the application at the formal assessment stage:

- command of the English language at least at a communicative level (based on the participant's declaration);
- completion of at least two semesters of studies in Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, Power Engineering, Architecture, or related fields.

b) Participant selection criteria:

- order of applications – understood as the date and time of submission of a complete application, provided that the formal criteria (Section 2a) are met and the application complies with § III “Description of the Target Group”;
- principle of institutional diversity – in order to ensure multiculturalism and diversity of the academic environment, a maximum of four persons from one university shall be placed on the primary list in the first instance. In the event of a higher number of applications from the same institution, the remaining candidates may be admitted subject to the availability of places;
- candidate's motivation – assessment of the candidate's engagement and interest in the Summer School programme, as well as the relevance of their field of study or academic interests to the programme topic, based on the information provided in the application form.

- 2) The recruitment process shall be conducted by the Recruitment Committee appointed by the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, composed of academic staff of Bialystok University of Technology and the Project's Administrative Coordinators.
- 3) The Recruitment Committee shall assess whether candidates meet the eligibility criteria specified in this Call for Applications, prepare a ranking list, and inform candidates of the recruitment results by email.
- 4) Formal verification of documents shall be carried out once a week.
- 5) Candidates shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the Recruitment Committee within 3 days of receiving the recruitment results. Appeals should be submitted by email to: izabela.karpinska@pb.edu.pl
- 6) The final list of admitted participants shall be announced by 30 May 2026, or earlier if all available places are filled

V. Acquired Competences and Criteria for the Assessment of Learning Outcomes upon Completion of the Support

| Competences | | |
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| Knowledge | WUE_W01 | The participant knows contemporary trends, standards, rules and guidelines for the design in construction technologies and their impact on the architectural form of buildings |
| | WUE_W02 | The participant knows and understands influence of greenery ecosystem services in the city, solutions of blue-green infrastructure and types of urban greenery |
| | WUE_W03 | The participant knows and understands selected aspects of energy-efficient buildings design |
| Skills | WUE_U01 | The participant use scientific, popular science and industry literature, subject standards, legal acts, internet databases in English language; properly use the information obtained, as well as formulate and present opinions |
| | WUE_U02 | The participant properly select the technical conditions for designing buildings in relation to climatic conditions in order to design selected building elements of the facility and building systems |
| | WUE_U03 | The participant use acquired knowledge for critical analysis, synthesis, creative interpretation and presentation of issues in the field of environmental engineering and modern construction |
| Social Competences | WUE_K01 | The participant analyze the content obtained from various sources, as well as to critically evaluate it and use it in professional work |
| | WUE_K02 | The participant consciously apply non-technical aspects of engineering activity and consider its impact on the environment and the related responsibility for the decisions taken |

| Learning Outcomes | Verification Criterion |
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| WUE_W01- WUE_W03 | The participant knows the principles, standards, and guidelines, appropriate methods and tools, as well as selected issues in the field of green building solutions, HVAC systems, and renewable energy sources in sustainable buildings. |
| WUE_U01- WUE_U03 | The participant is able to correctly select and apply the learned methods and tools, appropriately choose data and technical conditions for building design with respect to climatic conditions, and properly propose solutions dedicated to the design of energy-efficient buildings. |
| WUE_K01- WUE_K02 | The participant is able to work in an international team, communicate effectively, and understands the importance of innovation in sustainable construction. |

VI. Methods for Verifying Learning Outcomes

The verification method will be based on a Competence Test (CT) assessing the participant's level of knowledge before the start of the course and after its completion. The verification criterion is achieving at least 80% correct answers in the final test, provided that this result is not lower than the score obtained in the initial test.



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VII. Rights and Responsibilities of Summer School Participants

- 1) Before the start of the Summer School, each participant will receive the necessary information regarding the organization and course of activities within the Summer School.
- 2) Participation in on-site classes is mandatory
- 3) Participants are obliged to immediately inform the course organizer of any changes to personal data entered in the Summer School participation documents.
- 4) An evaluation will be conducted upon completion of the Summer School activities.
- 5) After completing the Summer School, participants will receive a certificate of participation specifying the allocation of 3 ECTS credits.
- 6) Detailed information regarding the payment of scholarships for project participants can be found in §6 "Rules for payment of allocated financial support" contained in the Regulations of the European Universities Support Programme, available at: <https://pb.edu.pl/iros/projekty-nawa/wsparcie-universytetow-europejskich/dokumenty/>

VIII. Final Provisions

- 1) In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of available places in the Summer School, a waiting list shall be created.
- 2) If the number of applications is lower than expected, the organizer will conduct additional recruitment until all places are filled.
- 3) Information about the additional recruitment will be posted on the websites <https://pb.edu.pl/iros/projekty-nawa/wsparcie-universytetow-europejskich/> and <https://pb.edu.pl/across/> and sent by email to foreign universities.
- 4) For organizational matters requiring individual contact with candidates or project participants, the Summer School organizers will communicate primarily via email to the address provided by the candidate in the Application Form.

