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The Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) is a private, non-profit, financially independent Portuguese institution.

Its main goal is to contribute towards Portugal's development by providing financial and strategic support for innovative projects by fostering cooperation between Portugal and the USA.

Since 2014, FLAD also operates its own study abroad program, the Study in Portugal Network – The gateway for US Higher Education to study abroad in Portugal.

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The Fulbright Commission Portugal was created in 1960 through a diplomatic agreement signed between the Portuguese Government and the Government of the United States of America. Since then the Commission has been administering the Fulbright Program of Educational Exchange in Portugal. In 2015 a new agreement was signed between the U.S. and Portugal, which contributed to the reinforcement of cooperation in the areas of education and science between the two countries, within the scope of the Fulbright Commission activity. The Fulbright Commission has developed an important role in the promotion of mutual understanding between the USA and Portugal, through its triple mission in the areas of education and science:

- offering opportunities for the exchange of scholars, researchers and students;
- delivering quality orientation and information services focused on the educational systems of both countries; and
- organizing knowledge-sharing initiatives.

The Fulbright Commission has been deeply involved in the activities developed by Portuguese higher education institutions to attract U.S. students, scholars and researchers and supports them in their internationalization strategies concerning the U.S.. The Commission lead the efforts to establish a sustained representation of the Portuguese Higher Education and Research system at NAFSA and has been part of the organizing committee of the Study and Research in Portugal delegation at NAFSA for the last years.

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Study in Portugal Network (SiPN) is a specialized study abroad provider based in Lisbon, Portugal, created and managed by FLAD - a major Portuguese Foundation whose mission is to promote the development of Portugal through bilateral relations with the United States.

SiPN is a multi-university consortium of Lisbon-based universities: ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Universidade de Lisboa and Universidade Nova de Lisboa that aims to attract and support students and faculty from the United States to come to Portugal on various study abroad experiences. Since 2016, SiPN also established a summer program in partnership with the University of the Azores.

SiPN offers semester and summer study abroad programs, including research and internship opportunities.

Additionally, each year we welcome in Portugal a large number of short-term faculty-led programs tailored to the needs and requirements of the program director and the respective home University in the United States.

FLAD-SiPN is a Gilman Global Partner

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SiPN's is especially interested in sharing new program features, such as:

- FLAD/SiPN- Gilman Scholarship
- SiPN Semester long programs:
  - Emerging Topics in Engineering, Technology & Sustainability, in partnership with Instituto Superior Técnico – Ulisboa
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- SiPN-promoted Internship and Research Opportunities
- SiPN's capacity to develop customized programs
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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Founded in Porto in 1982, CESPU (Cooperative for Higher Education, Polytechnic and University) is the largest private institution dedicated to health education in Portugal. A non-profit organization certified by IQNET and AENOR, CESPU manages prominent institutions in Northern Portugal, including the University Institute of Health Sciences (IUCS) and the Polytechnic University of Health (IPSN).

CESPU offers over 100 academic programs across undergraduate, master's, doctoral, and postgraduate levels in diverse health-related fields such as Dental Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Biomedical Sciences, Podiatry, Veterinary Medicine, and Biomedical Sciences. With a strong emphasis on innovation, excellence, and internationalization, CESPU has approximately 3,800 full-time students - 35% of whom are international - and more than 550 academic and administrative staff.

Its mission is to generate and disseminate knowledge in health sciences, providing high-quality, practical education tailored to both traditional and working students, with robust support for international learners. CESPU actively promotes early exposure to clinical environments and fosters a multicultural and inclusive academic setting.

CESPU's strategy focuses on student employability, lifelong learning, and societal impact. It plays a vital role in regional development and social integration through several national and EU-funded projects (e.g., Erasmus+, Portugal2020, PRR). A strong commitment to research and innovation is evidenced by its five research units and recognition in Institutional rankings.

Furthering its collaborative vision, CESPU co-founded the Interior Clinical Academic Group (A2CDI) and the North Teaching Health Association, in partnership with hospitals and private health groups, to strengthen healthcare education, research, and innovation across the region.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In line with its internationalization goals, CESPU seeks to become a leading reference in health education and research not only in Europe but globally. Through modern infrastructures equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a vibrant multicultural academic environment, CESPU actively welcomes talented students, experienced faculty, and high-level researchers in the health sciences. The institution is particularly focused on building meaningful partnerships with international centers of excellence to develop impactful cooperation projects in the fields of health and wellbeing - initiatives aimed at creating tangible benefits for both local and global communities.

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ESEL is a center for the creation, development, transition, and dissemination of nursing culture and science, aiming for excellence and innovation through:

- Human development in cultural, scientific, technical, ethical, aesthetic, and professional dimensions;
- Advancement of the nursing discipline and practice through fundamental and applied research;
- Promotion of autonomy, innovation, leadership, and responsibility through lifelong learning;
- Provision of services to the community;
- Participation in national and international projects for societal health development, fostering cooperation and bringing people closer together.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Nursing School of Lisbon (Escola Superior de Enfermagem de Lisboa - ESEL) is committed to strengthening its international profile by fostering meaningful and sustainable collaborations with institutions around the world. Our main interests in international collaboration are the promotion of excellence in nursing education, research and innovation, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and intercultural exchange.

Our aims include increasing student and staff mobility, developing collaborative education and research projects, and contributing to the global advancement of nursing knowledge and healthcare practice.

Located in the heart of Lisbon, ESEL is a public higher education institution that prepares nurses to work in diverse, complex and evolving healthcare environments. International collaboration is essential to ESEL's mission to build global connections, enhance academic quality and promote inclusive, humanistic and evidence-based healthcare worldwide.

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ULisboa is responsible for making the city of Lisbon one of the great European capitals of culture and science, as it welcomes more than 9,000 foreign students every year from more than 100 countries – about 17.5% of its 51,917 students, who are seeking high-quality education as well as different cultural experiences, delightful weather, and the hospitality that Lisbon and Portugal have to offer.

ULisboa is currently Portugal's largest and most well--ranked university and one of Europe's largest. Located in the heart of the city, it provides its entire community with the best and most diverse academic programs and vows to deliver a uniquely enriching experience.

From Lisbon to the World

As an institution of education and science committed to the progress of society, ULisboa is based on the creation, transfer, and social and economic reinforcement of knowledge and culture.

ULisboa is set on promoting its cohesion and spirit of identity; on attracting the best students; on fostering interaction with industry and public authorities; on encouraging the renewal, qualification, and mobility of human resources; on reinforcing its intervention and influence skills within strategic international scenarios; on the consolidation of a Quality Management System; on providing culture for the university and for the city of Lisbon; on encouraging social responsibility and sports, health, and well-being, as well as improving the infrastructures available for the academic community.

ULisboa's values:

Intellectual freedom and respect for ethics; societal innovation and development; democratic participation; social and environmental responsibility.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ULisboa offers extensive possibilities for international mobility through bilateral partnerships with institutions of international prestige, as well as through the opportunities offered by its participation in the Erasmus+ Programme. The Erasmus+ Programme plays a central role within ULisboa's internationalization strategy, offering students and staff the possibility to participate in various European and international academic experiences during their studies.

Currently, ULisboa takes part in the different actions of the Erasmus+ and Horizon2020 Programmes. ULisboa is part of the Unite! alliance, one of the European Universities created in 2019 in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. In 2020, the Unite! alliance was reinforced in its research and innovation dimensions, as one of the selected projects from Horizon2020.

ULisboa intends to strengthen its potential for intervention and influence in strategic international areas by maintaining a strong focus on Portuguese-speaking countries and by contributing to a broader use of the language as an institution of reference in teaching Portuguese as a foreign language. By establishing new partnerships, ULisboa seeks to attract an increasing number of international students and to promote international cooperation by establishing agreements for scientific and academic cooperation with higher education institutions in different countries outside the EU. Agreements and existing partnerships contemplate the different study cycles and joint degrees.

Last but not least, ULisboa's network of strategic industry, corporate, public and civil society partnerships has a footprint through the world, as well as the innovations and entrepreneurial minds based or born in the institution which prove a major impact on a number of Sustainable Development Goals

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The ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon was founded in 1972 as one of Portugal's first modern universities, with the central aim of studying labour and social dynamics in a rapidly changing world. Since its establishment, the university has expanded its disciplinary reach into five schools: Iscte Business School, the School of Sociology and Public Policy, the School of Technology and Architecture, the School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the School of Digital Technologies . On campus, students find not only a robust intellectual tradition, with mentorship from teaching staff involved in cutting-edge research, but also a vibrant, multicultural environment. Of the approximately 13 000 students enrolled in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, nearly 20% are international, coming from 90 different countries. Furthermore, the university is actively engaged in collaborative projects, networks and partnerships around the world, including a range of educational, training and research programs supported by the European Union. Through its commitment to internationalization, innovative research and education aligned with professional standards, Iscte prepares its students for competitive careers and thoughtful lives in the 21st century.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Students recruitment;
- International partnerships for joint educational programmes and joint research;
- Study abroad programmes.

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ISEG was the first School of Economics and Management to be founded in Portugal, back in 1911, and is now part of the country's largest university, Universidade de Lisboa. The knowledge and education provided at ISEG Lisbon aims to develop managers and economists who possess an analytical open mind, with a unique blend of solid quantitative and technological skills, in conjunction with a humanist approach which takes the social context into account for all managerial decisions.

ISEG offers more than 30 Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees, as well as the ISEG MBA and a wide range of Executive Programmes. 20 of these degrees are fully taught in English. This diverse offer ranges from Business to Economics, through to Applied Mathematics and Social Sciences.

Our vision and the day-to-day practice of our engaged community of faculty, students, and staff are fully aligned with the United Nations SDGs and the Principles for Responsible Management Education. ISEG's world-class degrees have recently been recognised in the Financial Times rankings, as well as by the AACSB and AMBA international accreditation agencies. In Portugal, our Bachelor's in MAEG is the Number 1 choice in the areas of Economics and Management and is among the Top 10 of all undergraduate degrees in any subject area.

ISEG is a school that is open to the city and the world, in an attractive location in downtown Lisbon, right next to the Parliament and the beautiful river Tagus, from where the first globalisation was launched centuries ago. Situated right at the centre of the western world, we are ready to face the future and make it happen.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ISEG is a century-old university, with a reputation for competence and scientific rigour, that is always on the lookout for new talent and new ideas. Scientific research plays a fundamental role at ISEG, where we bring together all the necessary means and resources to carry out advanced research in the most leading edge topics of research in the areas of Economics, Management, Applied Mathematics for Economics and Management, Social and Economic History, and Economic and Organisational Sociology.

ISEG fosters a culture of leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and constantly seeking to establish partnerships with reputed universities that are driven by the same international strategic goals. We also aim to empower student recruitment partnerships, as well as implement Dual Degrees and encourage joint research. ISEG has excellent Research Centre: CSG (Research in Social Sciences and Management) and REM (Research in Economics and Mathematics), both of which are accredited and evaluated by FCT (the National Foundation for Science and Technology.

Over many years, ISEG has educated several generations of leaders and professionals, including many prominent public figures, both in Portugal, and abroad. ISEG offers more than 30 Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees, as well as the ISEG MBA and a diverse range of Executive Programmes. 20 of these degrees and programmes are fully taught in English. This offer is diversified and ranges from Business to Economics, through to Applied Mathematics and Social Sciences. Currently, 30% of ISEG's population is international and this proportion is on the increase every year.

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Técnico Lisboa is the School of Architecture, Engineering, Science and Technology of the University of Lisbon, known in Portuguese as Instituto Superior Técnico (IST). Técnico was created in 1911 and since then, a thorough education in basic sciences, complemented by specialized training that is kept up-to-date with technological progress, has always been the basis of IST's educational system. It is also the key to the high quality of engineers that the school has trained generation after generation and the important role that many of them have played in Portugal's development. Since its foundation, IST has continued to grow in terms of quality and quantity, making increasingly important contributions to Portugal's social and economic development. High-quality university education and R&D, in increasing synergy with the economic sector, are the hallmarks of today's IST. This is why it is considered, both in Portugal and abroad, as one of the great schools of engineering, science and technology, on a par with the best Schools in the world. Técnico has 3 campuses with privileged access to Lisbon's main points of interest and a wide range of cultural, leisure and sports activities.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Técnico offers Bachelor, Master and PhD programmes, Lifelong Training, Short Courses and Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) activities, which are essential to provide an education based on the top international standards. It's a school highly internationalized, which promotes the relationship between university-business-society and encourages innovation, entrepreneurship, job creation and knowledge.

Técnico has strengthened its international partnerships and its presence in international mobility programmes with the best Schools in the world. The partnerships cover about 50 countries, across the 5 continents and the international collaboration focus on enhancing teaching and student learning through the development of cross-border partnerships for collaborative projects, research, exchanges or degree programmes and on strengthening the development of partnerships with highly ranked institutions.

RD&I activities cover a wide range of topics, from key aspects to projects with a strong involvement of industry. In this sense, Técnico also aims to establish and to develop strategic alliances with well positioned HEI and companies, in order to add more value to society. It is our goal to provide opportunities for internships, experiential learning and community engagement. Addressing complex global challenges and contributing to a fairer world requires a new generation of professionals trained with a new mindset and strong scientific and technical skills in emerging areas.

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave (IPCA) is the most recent Portuguese public Higher Education In¬stitution, founded in 1994. Located in a region known for its significant economic activity and by the youth of its population, IPCA has played an important role of devel¬opment agent in the region, being present in five munic¬ipalities of the Cávado and Ave Valley (Barcelos, Braga, Guimarães, Famalicão and Vila Verde). Despite its youth and numerous challenges, IPCA enjoys a very high rep¬utation for its educational performance and applied re-search. Its duly accredited and innovative academic offer is widely recognised at national and international levels.

IPCA has six dynamic Schools in the following broad fields: Design, Management, Engineering & Technology, Hospitality & Tourism, and Sports, Wellness & Biomedical Systems, offering a broad range of Bachelor, Master and Professional Short-cycle Courses. A student population of more than 7100 students together with more than 620 teaching and technical and administrative staff make IPCA an important reference in the Portuguese Higher Education landscape.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The remarkable degree of interaction with other institutions and the society in general is worth of reference. Internationalisation has been a priority since its very beginning, and, as such, it is a core transversal element of IPCA's Mission & Strategic Plan 2025. Recognising that internationalisation is a key element to obtain and maintain a high quality level of its areas of intervention - education, applied research and engagement with society-, and to promote the Institution in a growing competitive academic world, IPCA has been making considerable effort to consolidate its international dimension and have a still modest but important volume of international work in many categories which reinforce and complement each other, fostering institutional cohesion, inclusiveness, sustainability and aiming at attaining greater relevance. IPCA is also a founding member of the European University RUN-EU (Regional University Network.EU), which brings together seven like-minded regionally focused HEIs committed to societal transformation in their regions in the context of new and emerging regional and global challenges and, in particular, sustainable regional development. The pro-active participation in such international academic cooperation projects and the fostering of strategic alliances, co-creation platforms and collaborative networks are an explicit and integrated part of IPCA's internationalization and modernization strategy. IPCA intends to use the unique opportunities of international cooperation as a quantum leap for systemic change and for enhancement of its international dimension and institutional growth.

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Polytechnic University of Leiria is a Portuguese higher education public institution that supports its activities in four main interconnected activities, namely education, research, innovative services to society (added value and knowledge sharing), and internationalization.
With high standards of education and research, the Polytechnic University of Leiria began its activity in 1980 and has five faculties located in the cities of Leiria, Caldas da Rainha, and Peniche.
With more than 14,500 students, it offers quality training geared towards the job market in the areas of Arts and Design, Science and Technology of the Sea, Business and Legal Sciences, Education and Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Health and Sports, and Tourism.
With a growing activity in terms of research (15 research units), the Polytechnic University of Leiria has in its identity an ecosystem of research and innovation oriented towards the economic and social sector of the region where it is located.
Co-leader of the European University RUN-EU, Polytechnic University of Leiria contributes to the reinforcement of the European identity supported by Innovation, Sustainability, Entrepreneurship, and Knowledge.
Characterized by its multicultural environment, it currently has 1700 students from 75 nationalities, numbers that make the institution a Global Campus.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Polytechnic University of Leiria has a long internationalization history, in the mobility of students, teachers, researchers, and staff, in the development of training activities in partnership, and the cooperation in research and innovation projects with foreign institutions.

Focused on promoting and enhancing its international strategy, the main interests and goals of the Polytechnic University of Leiria for international cooperation are:

- International Agreements with Foreign Universities.
- International exchange and mobility (Students, Teachers, Researchers, and Staff).
- International Masters Programs (Joint Master Degrees and Double Master Degrees).
- Joint Research & Development.
- Recruitment of student partnerships between institutions (bachelor's and master's programs level).
- Exchanges of best practices with foreign institutions related to internationalization strategies and student recruitment and admissions processes.

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The Portalegre Polytechnic University is a public Higher Education institution which includes the School of Education and Social Sciences, the School of Technology, Management and Design, the School of Health, in Portalegre, and the School of Biosciences, in Elvas.

The activities of the four Higher Schools are coordinated by the Central Services, being the Social Action Services (SAS) oriented to support the student, namely on issues related to food, accommodation, psychological support and sports and recreational activities.

The Portalegre Polytechnic University also has a technology based incubator (BioBIP), a Research and Innovation Office (GII), an Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE), a Centre of Languages and Cultures (CLIC), an International Relations Office (GRI), an R&D unit called VALORIZA, accredited by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) as VERY GOOD and a Collaborative Laboratory in the area of Biorefineries, also accredited and funded by the FCT.

In order to be ever closer to the community and to contribute to its sustained development, it offers various services through its laboratories, partnerships and support to applied research.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The participation of Portalegre Polytechnic University in internationalization activities allows students, teachers and non-teaching staff to benefit from mobility periods in one of our partners, but also to develop wider cooperation projects, either in the academic or in the research area.

The Portalegre Polytechnic University has a vast network of partnerships, not only within the Erasmus+ programme, but also with other countries, with some of them negotiating the implementation of scientific projects or joint degrees, in addition to the exchange of students, teaching and non-teaching staff.

Therefore, in the extension of a Global Polytechnic with international projection, the Portalegre Polytechnic University objectives a reinforcement of international partnerships and alliances, aiming at strengthening existing ones with foreign higher education institutions; the promotion of new protocols of institutional cooperation, in the scope of other projects and international programmes focused on teaching, research and training and the increase in the number of double degree courses with foreign higher education institutions. Within this scope, it is also urgent to reinforce the promotion of new partnerships with training and academic objectives.

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The Polytechnic University of Viseu (IPV) is a prominent public institution of Higher Education located in central Portugal, playing a key role in improving regional qualifications.

Four of its schools are in Viseu: Education, Health, Agrarian, and Technology and Management. A fifth, also focused on Technology and Management, is located in Lamego, reinforcing IPV's link to the Alto Douro Wine Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

IPV hosts over 6,500 national and international students, supported by 510 faculty members and 210 non-teaching staff. It includes four research centers with around 350 researchers and one interface unit providing specialized community services.

IPV offers 96 professionally oriented programs, namely short-cycle technical and professional courses (CTeSPs), as well as Bachelor's, Master's, Postgraduate, and Doctoral degrees (the latter in collaboration with other universities). These programs are tailored to meet labor market demands across fields such as ICT; Teacher Education; Creative Industries; Business and Management; Nursing, Health and Social Care; Engineering and the Built Environment; Biosciences, Sport and Exercise Science; Nutrition and Dietetics.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Polytechnic University of Viseu (IPV) is deeply committed to internationalization, under the motto "From IPV, we see the World." It has strengthened its presence on the international education stage through academic cooperation, strategic alliances – such as its membership in the European University for Customized Education (EUNICE) –, and mobility opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. These efforts enhance IPV's appeal to international students and affirm its growing reputation in Portuguese and global higher education.

Aligned with the Strategic Plan 20|30, the Internationalization Core Area, in close collaboration with academic units and strategic partners, focuses on joining international networks; supporting the recruitment of foreign students; fostering mobility for study and internships (incoming, outgoing, and blended); promoting the Portuguese language and English language skills; and creating physical and virtual intercultural mobility spaces.

IPV's internationalization fosters inclusive teaching methods, collaborative research, and interdisciplinary projects with local and international communities. There is a growing trend in mobility flows, especially short-term programs, such as Blended Intensive Programs (BIPs), that offer flexible and accessible international experiences. Strategic initiatives like education fairs further strengthen its global outreach, supporting a diverse and future-ready academic community.

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Located in the south of Portugal, in a region of Mediterranean climate sought by thousands of tourists, the University of Algarve (UAlg) is headquartered in Faro, the capital of the Algarve. Its privileged location next to the International Airport of Faro and the great number of new air routes connecting to the main Portuguese cities (Porto and Lisbon), Europe and the World, as well as the excellent conditions that, together with the region, have to offer, this academy acquires a central and international status, visible in the streets of the city of Faro, which receives annually about 2,000 international students from more than 100 nationalities.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Attracting international students, with priority given to degree mobility, is one of the University of the Algarve's objectives. UAlg intends to do this by implementing various actions, such as actively and inclusively publicising the initial and postgraduate training offer in Portuguese, at fairs, virtual events and on delegation visits, to increase the attraction of students from the CPLP and Ibero-American countries.

Another of the main objectives for expanding international cooperation is to increase the range of courses on offer by developing new 1st, 2nd and 3rd cycle courses in English, including within the scope of inter-institutional cooperation whithin the European Alliance of Universities of the Sea SEA-EU and the Campus Sul Interuniversity Association. To this end, UAlg intends to focus on promoting its English-language training offer to target populations, through digital campaigns, presence at fairs and virtual events, among others. These objectives and strategies are aimed not only at teaching, but also at research, where UAlg intends to continue leveraging partnerships and establishing collaborative consortia with various international networks. Founded in 1979, appears for the sixth time in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2023, which analyzes the performance of higher education institutions created 50 years or less ago, standing out in the indicator that evaluates the international projection.

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Established in 1973, the University of Aveiro quickly became one of the most dynamic and innovative universities in Portugal, that continuously develops and implements its mission to provide undergraduate and postgraduate education, generate research, and promote cooperation with society.

To study here is to be involved with a multicultural atmosphere and enjoy an amazing quality of life, beautiful white sandy beaches and unspoiled surroundings. By choosing the UA, you will be choosing a University that enhances your skills, increases knowledge, and values training through its wide range of programmes, while living a relaxed, safe and vibrant life.

Attended by over 16,000 students, the UA has achieved a significant position amongst higher education institutions in Portugal and Europe, being among the top universities for the quality of its infrastructures, the strength of its research and the excellence of its staff.

The University of Aveiro is a founding member of the ECIU University, an EU-funded European University that will create a completely new educational model on a European scale, bringing together learners, teachers, and researchers to cooperate with cities and businesses and solve real-life challenges.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Teaching and research experiences of excellence: here you will find some of the best teachers, known internationally for their field work, research methods and results, as well as 20 highly renowned research centres.

Learn for the future: UA is a modern university with excellent infrastructures to learn and to start developing your career today. The university's interdisciplinary atmosphere is crucial for the growth of critical knowledge.

Student support: UA offers programmes for international students that allow them to become familiar with the Portuguese language or to level up their knowledge in core disciplines like Mathematics. In addition, you will find a team of fully dedicated professionals to help you in matters related to your studies and living abroad.

International cooperation and mobility: While studying in Aveiro, you can take advantage of numerous mobility programs that will take your education experience to a whole different level, while living in a new country, meeting new people and learning new skills.

A truly international university: Internationalization is of major importance to the UA ever since its foundation. In just 45 years the university came from being a very small institution to being a community over 15 thousand students, faculty, staff and researchers, coming from 90 different nationalities.

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Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP) was created in 1967 by Decree of the Holy See and was officially recognized by the Portuguese State in 1971. We are a nationwide University present in 4 major cities, Porto, Lisbon, Braga and Viseu. Our commitment to excellence in teaching and research, social responsibility and respect for the diversity of our common world, has granted us top positions in many fields of study and the respect of our partners and the Portuguese society in general. We are a global brand and we pride ourselves on being members of International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils; EUA – European University Association; AULP – Portuguese Language University Association; Europaeum, a Network of leading European Universities; and the Transform4Europe Alliance. We have hundreds of higher education institutions partners around the globe. Both our students, scholars and staff participate in international programs every year, as part of the university's internationalization mission. UCP offers a wide range of high quality programs in Humanities, Arts, Technologies, Social Sciences and Health Sciences, and promotes interdisciplinary studies through the LAC – Liberal Arts Curriculum option. Católica aims to be a front-runner in terms of innovation, promoting cutting-edge research, high quality education and international drive. We cultivate the international vocation that sustains the humanist catholic tradition of higher education development and knowledge promotion. Our vision is to be a leader in global education and in the production of science for the common good. Our goal is to produce life-changing science, educated and responsible citizens and forward-looking entrepreneurs.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Universidade Católica Portuguesa (UCP) has been building a path towards the development of global teaching and the internationalization of its campus, looking forward to strengthening ties with global higher education and research institutions that are leaders in their fields, so that strong partnerships may be born profiting all sides. UCP students look more and more for opportunities to study or do research abroad, and US prestigious institutions are naturally a target for successful academic and scientific experiences. So far, the number of UCP students in the US is not outstanding, but we hope to increase it through engaging partnerships. UCP is interested in building a more diverse student body and that includes more US students bringing a different perspective that will enrich the classrooms. The majority of UCP's international students are from Europe, Asia and Latin America, so UCP will certainly gain from the interaction with more US students . The same can be said about the diversification of UCP's faculty and their exposure to US colleagues and research partners. Project collaboration, co-authored international papers, exchange and debate of ideas between UCP and US institutions can mean long term solid relationships that will benefit both sides in terms of academic production.

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The University of Coimbra (UC) is a Portuguese public university with over 735 years of history. It was the only Portuguese-speaking university until the 20th century, and it has been asserting its position ever since, with a unique mix of tradition, modernity and innovation, being classified as World Heritage by UNESCO.

With more than 25.000 students in all programmes, UC is an excellent multicultural interface between Portuguese language speakers and the rest of the world, being part of international networks like EC2U "European Campus of City-Universities", an European Universities Alliance Group.

Strongly committed to the UN 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals, UC is the 26th most sustainable university in the world, according to the THE Ranking 2022, and the most sustainable nationwide and the most sustainable in the Union European.

UC research and innovation are organized in 5 strategic areas, spread throughout 38 R&D units, gathering researchers and fostering excellence, interdisciplinarity, and internationalization, aligned with the Horizon Europe Pillars:

- Health
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Natural Resources, Agrifood and Environment
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Heritage, Culture and Inclusive Society

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University of Coimbra receives exchange and full degree students from 120 different nationalities with those from the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) and from Europe being the most numerous. With more than 2000 Erasmus agreements and around 300 bilateral agreements with HEI's around the World, the UC spreads its influence and lets itself be influenced by the best practices. Classified with 5 stars in internationalisation by the QS Stars University Ratings and with more than 20% of international students, the UC functions as a unique interface between the Portuguese language and the rest of the world, with a growing Alumni network.

The UC encourages the internationalisation of its students and staff by promoting opportunities for the enhancement of the professional and cultural experience in studying, teaching, researching and management of international relations. Particular reference should be made to the Erasmus programme, including the EC2U European Alliance and the Erasmus Mundus action, and to the Santander Totta scholarship programme.

A significant part of the international dimension of the UC lies in its participation in international cooperation networks. Thus, the Coimbra Group network is of the utmost importance. It is also important to mention other networks such as the European University Association, the Utrecht Network, the SYLFF Network, the Asociación Universitaria Iberoamericana de Postgrado and the Associação de Universidades de Língua Portuguesa. (1499).

Focused on promoting and enhancing its internationalization, UC is open to a wide array of collaborations:

- International exchange and mobility (Students, Researchers, and Staff).
- International Masters and PhDs Programs
- Joint Research & Innovation projects

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Universidade Europeia, IADE and IPAM, institutions of higher education in Portugal, stand out for their capacity for innovation and their unique academic model based on experiential learning, which combines human knowledge and the most advanced technology. With more than 270 international agreements and 500 company partnerships, the group presents more than 120 different programs divided between undergraduate, master's, PHD and Executive Education Programs. There are more than 60 nationalities present in the 4 campuses.

Universidade Europeia aims to prepare its students to become the global professionals of the future, with all the necessary skills to achieve professional success anywhere in the world. It is a reference in the teaching of such diverse areas as Management, Human Resources, Sports, Psychology, Tourism and Law.

IADE-UE was recognized for three consecutive years as one of the 50 best Design schools in Europe and integrates institutions of international reference such as CUMULUS (International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media), EDCOM (European Institute for Commercial Communications Education), and UNIDCOM/IADE, a research unit accredited and funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology. At IADE students can find areas connected to the creation world, such as Design, Communication, Marketing, Photography, Computer Engineering and Technologies.

IPAM, located in Lisbon and Oporto, was the first Marketing School in Portugal and has trained thousands of students in more than 38 years of existence. The teaching model combines theory and practice, taught by a faculty with business experience and through real-world challenges which are posed to students by companies and which follows market trends and seeks to train professionals capable of transforming businesses through a marketing vision (Marketing Leads Business).

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

To promote the internationalization in cooperation with science, education and innovation. To share the best practices of the academic courses and curricular units. To establish mobility programs, bilateral agreements and double degrees. Access to schools and universities with international prestige and excellence for our students.

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The University of Minho (UMinho), established in 1973, is a prestigious Portuguese higher education institution located in Braga and Guimarães. As a comprehensive university, UMinho comprises 12 Schools and Institutes and serves over 21,000 students, including 2,400 foreign students. It offers 59 Bachelor's degrees, 2 Integrated Master's programs, 126 Master's degrees (including 5 European Masters), and 58 PhD programs. UMinho is actively engaged in research, with over 500 ongoing projects across 31 research centers, 9 associated laboratories, 13 collaborative labs, 5 innovation centers, and 48 spin-offs. It also hosts the MIT Portugal Program—a strategic partnership involving Portuguese universities, the MIT, the Portuguese government, and industry partners. Deeply committed to societal development, UMinho maintains 320 strategic partnerships with municipalities, schools, and companies, and participates in the governance of 58 associations and foundations across various social, economic and cultural domains. In the Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024, UMinho ranked 21st globally in Textile Engineering and among the Top 75 in Food Science and Technology. Civil and Mechanical Engineering programs are ranked within the Top 150 worldwide. Additionally, UMinho is the highest-ranked Portuguese university in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2024, and the 130th in the world.

MAIN INTERESTS AND GOALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The University of Minho (UMinho) is a dynamic and comprehensive Portuguese university, recognized for its academic excellence across a broad spectrum of disciplines—from Architecture and Design to Humanities and Performing Arts, from Economics and Law to Social Sciences, Engineering, Education, Psychology, Sciences, Medicine, and Nursing. Deeply committed to internationalization, every year, UMinho welcomes thousands of international and exchange students, faculty, and researchers from over 80 countries. As a key member of the Arqus European University Alliance, UMinho actively promotes cross-border collaboration in education, research, innovation, and mobility. It maintains approximately 1,100 Inter-Institutional Agreements under the Erasmus+ Programme and over 1,000 Cooperation Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding covering education, research, joint degrees, and societal engagement. UMinho fosters a culture of excellence, creativity, and innovation, supporting initiatives that enhance the development of students and staff while strengthening its international reputation. Attracting global talent and expanding partnerships worldwide are central to its mission of generating, sharing, and applying knowledge. Situated in Northern Portugal — a region where rich historical heritage meets youthful energy — UMinho offers an outstanding academic and personal experience.

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