

Guide for preparing a proposal to organise EUROLIFE Summer/Autumn School 2025

The 7th EUROLIFE school is expected to be held in Summer/Autumn 2025

Background

Since the establishment of the Eurolife Education Alliance (EEA), their members are working towards streamlining of educational joint actions. Moreover, different activities have been carried out in order to develop new common standards of excellence in postgraduate life science education individual programs. The joint Eurolife schools help build or consolidate new links between Eurolife members and demonstrate that Eurolife members are top-level professionals in innovative practices in researchers' careers especially at early stages training.

The 1st Eurolife Summer School entitled "Antimicrobial drug resistance – Research and Innovation" was held in Barcelona from 10th to 14th July 2017, followed by Eurolife Summer School 2018, Leiden; Eurolife Winter School 2018, Obergurgl; Eurolife Summer School 2019, Leiden and Eurolife Summer School 2019, Dublin. Eurolife Summer School 2024: "Innovative Solutions to Address Current and (Re)Emerging Infectious Diseases at a Global Scale" took place from July 1st to 5th at Leiden University Medical Center, bringing together 26 MSc and PhD students from diverse backgrounds for an intensive five-day program.

Goals

The Eurolife Summer/Autumn School should bridge the gap between a general graduate education in biomedicine and medicine and the specific preparation necessary to do research on specific problems of current interest. An international and intercultural learning atmosphere inspires attendees in their future research careers.

Scope and size

The main activity of the Eurolife Summer/Autumn School can be a set of intensive short lectures offered by relevant experts in the field, designed to introduce Master and PhDs students to exciting current research or transversal competences and skills needed for a successful career at the forefront of innovative and creative research, looking at implementing technology. These lectures must not duplicate standard courses available elsewhere.

The Eurolife Summer/Autumn School should be able to accept and accommodate at least three students per Eurolife institution under special terms (i.e. minimum 27 students). These candidates will be nominated by their organisation (based on academic achievement, potential and motivation) and will be exempt from paying the corresponding fees. The payment of their inscriptions will be covered by Eurolife.

The school must be held anytime in Summer/Autumn 2025.

Proposal and project

Eurolife institutions interested in organising a Eurolife Summer School should prepare a short proposal (approximately two pages and a one-page budget). The proposals for this School should be prepared by individual Eurolife universities but should include the involvement of speakers from, at least, three different Eurolife institutions.

The proposal should include a title, a short description of the theme/main subject, learning objectives, a brief provisional programme, participant requirements, costs of attendance and an estimated budget (indicating possible funding sources and sponsorship).

The applications should be submitted by the leading institution via email to the General Eurolife Coordinator (Agnieszka.buelens@med.uni-goettingen.de) by 15 March 2025, in pdf format.

Selection

A pre-selection of proposals will be carried out by the Eurolife Education Alliance headed by the representative of the University Medical Center Göttingen (Eurolife coordinator institution) by the end of 2023. This commission will submit their selection for approval to the Eurolife Steering Committee.

A final decision will be announced by 31 March 2025.