

ENGAGE.EU Summer School in Architecture, Innovation and Culture

Universitat Ramon Llull

Call for Teaching

I. General information about the ENGAGE.EU Summer School

The ENGAGE.EU Summer School in Architecture, Innovation and Culture is an intensive, **two-week summer pro-gramme for bachelor's and masters' students from all fields of studies**, hosted by the **La Salle Barcelona – Universitat Ramon Llull in July 2026 (online session: 16 June, and on-campus in Barcelona 13 – 24 July)**. Lecturers will participate from at least three **ENGAGE.EU** partner universities.

This initiative is aligned with the recognition of Barcelona as the *World Capital of Architecture 2026*, celebrating its rich history and innovative capacity in urban planning, culture, and technology. With a multidisciplinary approach and the collaboration of the School of Architecture, the International School of Commerce and Digital Economy, the Faculty of Philosophy, and the Digital Engineering School, this summer school will be a platform to explore the transformation of Barcelona through events such as the 1888 Universal Exposition, the 1929 International Exhibition, and the 1992 Olympic Games through to the contemporary global city it has become.

The summer school will explore how Barcelona has combines architecture, culture, technology, and the economy to become a global hub for events and innovation. Participants will study historical milestones and contemporary initiatives, sharing knowledge on sustainable urban development, digital innovation, and cultural heritage.

Participants will obtain:

- An in-depth understanding of the interaction between architecture, culture, technology, and economy in urban development.
- Practical knowledge through applied projects and mentoring from experts.
- Networks of contact with professionals and international participants.

Key Course Topics

The program will be divided into four interdisciplinary themes:

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- **Economics and event management:**
 - Analysis of economic strategies to attract and maintain global events.
 - Case studies on Barcelona's tourism and brand strategy.
 - Practical experiences of event management.
- **Culture and society:**
 - To explore the role of Barcelona as a cultural capital, integrating art, design, and philosophy in an urban narrative.
 - Workshops on how global events have shaped Barcelona's identity.
 - Experiences with local artists and cultural institutions.
- **Technology and innovation:**
 - Study the role of digital technology in modern urban planning and event management.
 - Sessions on smart cities, IoT, and sustainability in Barcelona's urban ecosystem.
 - Insights from projects with the Smart Society research group.
- **Architecture and Urban Planning:**
 - Explore the architectural evolution of Barcelona, from iconic monuments such as the Arc de Triomf (1888) and the Palau Nacional (1929) to the Olympic Village (1992).
 - To analyse urban planning strategies and their impact on the regeneration of the city.
 - Guided tours of architectural sites and talks with outstanding architects.

In line with the general ENGAGE.EU goals, the students will be equipped with hard and soft skills needed to tackle societal challenges and act as responsible future leaders.

The Summer School takes place on campus **July 13 to 24, 2026** at La Salle Barcelona - URL. The language of instruction is English. The overall number of students accepted on the programme is 45.

II. Teaching invitation for ENGAGE.EU faculty members

For the ENGAGE.EU Summer School, Universitat Ramon Llull is inviting the participation of faculty members from ENGAGE.EU partner universities who would be interested in teaching in the programme. Teaching positions are available for one to two days. We invite lecturers to submit proposals for the summer school, particularly focusing on the topics shared above. In addition, interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives are welcome.

Lecturers are welcome to involve an organisation outside of academia in their session to provide some practical insights into the topics.

Each teaching session will be remunerated at €225 (2 hours of class) or €450 (4 hours of class) gross amounts, subject to current tax legislation. La Salle - URL is happy to assist lecturers with arranging accommodation.

III. Application instructions

If you are interested in applying in the Summer School in Culture, Innovation and Architecture, please send the following documents to infoENGAGE@url.edu by **19th of October 2025**:

- Your curriculum vitae
- Brief description of your potential contribution to the programme (approximately 1 page)
- Information on possible availability (preferred dates to teach)

Lecturers at the ENGAGE.EU Summer School are expected to:

- Teach the course based on the previously agreed upon course outline, in cooperation with faculty from URL
- Prepare the course material
- Carry out student assessment and submit the grades to the programme management by the deadlines set in cooperation with faculty from URL
- Provide URL as the organizing institution with all information needed to communicate the programme properly to participants.

We will contact you regarding the outcome of your application by Mid- December 2025.

In case of any questions regarding the application or the programme, please reach out to David Falcon (dfalcon@rectorat.url.edu) or infoENGAGE@url.edu

Yours faithfully

Barcelona, 29 September 2025