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BARCELONA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMACY SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

SciTech DiploHub, the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub and IBEI, a leading academic and research institution on global affairs from Barcelona, have partnered to offer unique university-accredited training on Science and Technology Diplomacy. It will train the next cohort of leaders of a field that is increasingly essential to tackle humanity's global challenges, which require effective multi-stakeholder partnerships between the science and technology community and public and foreign policy practitioners. The 2021 edition will be online due to the COVID-19 crisis.



CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO SUMMARY OF THE LAST EDITION

In our last edition, the cohort of participants included 35 professionals from more than 15 countries, including heads of international relations, chief science officers and senior advisors for foreign affairs of research centers, higher education institutions, governments and public agencies.

The course faculty included speakers from CERN, United Nations University, the European Commission and the Union for the Mediterranean. Participants also had the chance to engage with the city's diplomatic missions and visit the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, CIDOB and La Pedrera, among other institutions.

BARCELONA: A HOTSPOT FOR SCIENCE AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS

This comprehensive and first-of-its-kind training course in Science and Technology Diplomacy will take place from July 9th to 23rd in an online format. A custom-made interactive digital platform with pre-recorded materials, readings, quizzes and networking opportunities will be combined with live zoom sessions, mentoring sessions and role-plays.

In 2018, Barcelona became the first city in the world with a Science and Technology Diplomacy strategy, paving the way for city-led science diplomacy. The city is among the top innovative hubs worldwide, the 3rd non-state capital in terms of consular representation and one of the leading cities in global municipalism, making it the perfect place for science and technology diplomacy training. In non-pandemic years, the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School takes place in Barcelona.

WHO WILL ATTEND

Aimed at mid-career scientists, technology experts, diplomats and professionals in international relations and public policy, the Summer School covers the most pressing issues on Science and Technology Diplomacy.

Participants should have a graduate degree in any branch of science, technology, engineering, international affairs, public policy or political science. Ideally, participants will have at least 3-5 years of related work experience in research, international organizations or project management.







PROGRAM STUCTURE

WORLD-CLASS SPEAKERS

The course faculty includes world-class scholars and practitioners from globally relevant institutions such as CERN, United Nations University, European Commission, Union for the Mediterranean, AAAS, high-level representatives from governments across the globe, among many others.

INTERACTIVE DIGITAL PLATFORM

Our custom-made digital platform provides an interactive experience for the live sessions and networking, and an all-in-one space for off-line curated materials to follow at your own pace.

SMALL GROUP TEACHING TO MAXIMIZE ENGAGEMENT

The Summer School has limited seats, based on a focused format and relatively small groups, maximizing the interactions between participants and lecturers. Additionally, this style allows for engagement opportunities shaped by the specific composition and interests of the cohort.

LIVE SESSIONS.

Lectures are organized following 10 different modules. Each module has about 2.5-3h of live sessions a day for two weeks (starting at 17.00 GMT+1).





PROGRAM STUCTURE

OFF-LINE SESSIONS.

Each daily module is complemented by about 1-1.5h of off-line work. Off-line work includes listening to pre-recorded short lectures and interviews covering relevant material from the topic at stake, readings, quizzes, forums and more.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

Participants will gain hands-on knowledge with practical sessions on science diplomacy skills and career mentorship activities. Two modules are specifically designed to achieve such an outcome: a custom-made role-play simulation in Science Diplomacy and a module on Careers in Science Diplomacy, connecting participants and lecturers in participative activities.

NETWORKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Embedded in our two weeklong program are activities designed to make sure participants get the chance to **know each other** and have deep and **extensive dialogues** with peers and experts.

JULY 2021 PROGRAM

FRIDAY 9th
Welcome Day

WEEK 1

MONDAY 12th

Introduction to Science and Technology Diplomacy

TUESDAY 13th

European Science Diplomacy

WEDNESDAY 14th

National Approaches to Science Diplomacy

THURSDAY 15th

Science and Technology
Diplomacy in the
Mediterranean

FRIDAY 16th

City-led Science
Diplomacy

WEEK 2

MONDAY 19th

Role-play in Science Diplomacy

TUESDAY 20th

Technology & Innovation Diplomacy

WEDNESDAY 21st

Global Health Diplomacy

THURSDAY 22nd

Climate Change Diplomacy

FRIDAY 23rd

Careers in Science Diplomacy

FORMER FACULTY



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APPLICATION INFO

TUITION / The discount fee for all accepted candidates is 1,300 euros. This is a not-for-profit project. The real economic value of the course is set at 2,600 euros and is generously subsidized thanks to our partner organizations.

APPLICATION / To apply, please send to Carles Sanchez (csanchez@ibei.org), IBEI research coordinator, the following documents: curriculum vitae and a motivation letter.

ACCEPTANCE / Seats are limited and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. All accepted candidates will receive an official acceptance letter modeled to request funding to their employer or external organizations.

FINAL DEADLINE / Interested candidates should apply before 11th June.

VISIT THE WEBSITE



ABOUT US

The School is a joint initiative by the pioneer organization SciTech DiploHub, first city-based science and technology diplomacy strategy in the world, and a world-class graduate school on international affairs, the IBEI-Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. This Summer School is a non-profit project. All fees are used to cover the school costs and fund scholarships for those interested but unable to afford it.



SciTech DiploHub, the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub, is the nonprofit public-private partnership in charge of implementing Barcelona's science diplomacy strategy. Backed by Barcelona's research centers, universities, non-profits, corporations, startups and public institutions, SciTech DiploHub has the global mandate to make Barcelona an influential global player through science, technology and innovation and its contribution to tackling humanity's greatest challenges.



IBEI is an inter-university institute created in 2004 as a joint effort of all five public universities in the Barcelona metropolitan area and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) to promote training and research in politics and international relations and global challenges, becoming a consolidated and achieved a high level of recognition as an academic and research center at both European and international.











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