



HUM-STEM Summer School 2026

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The HUM-STEM Summer School is a unique educational program designed for undergraduate and PhD students to explore the integration of Humanities and STEM disciplines. Hosted by the University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Technical Sciences in Čačak, in collaboration with other partners in the HUMANISTA network, this program will take place over 6 days in July 2026.

The first day will be a virtual preparatory meeting, where participants will get acquainted, review the agenda, and prepare for the onsite activities. The remaining 6 days will be held onsite in Čačak, featuring workshops, interactive classes, and cultural enrichment. The proposed summer school will focus on psychological resilience, communication between STEM and Humanities, and skill development in critical thinking, design thinking, intercultural communication, and English language proficiency. With the participation of guest lecturers coming from academia, industry and beyond, the program offers an interdisciplinary and collaborative learning environment that bridges the gap between human-centered thinking and technological innovation.

By the end of the program, interdisciplinary teams will develop and present a collaborative project proposal, concept framework, or research-oriented solution addressing contemporary challenges at the intersection of technology, communication, ethics, education, and society.

In addition to academic sessions, participants will have the opportunity to engage in cultural activities. Afternoons and evenings will be dedicated to visiting cultural sites in Čačak, where students can experience the local heritage, music, food, and traditions. Educational institutions, research facilities, and other local landmarks will be visited to give participants a broader perspective on the host country's culture and academic landscape.

At the end of the program, students will submit a reflective report on their experiences, which will help them consolidate their learning and gain valuable insights into interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge their involvement in the HUM-STEM Summer School.

This dynamic and hands-on learning experience will not only enhance students' academic and professional development but also inspire a deeper appreciation of the role Humanities can play in shaping the future of STEM disciplines.

Application Process:

Undergraduate and PhD students interested in attending the Summer School can apply for a CEEPUS scholarship. They must be students of the participating members of the HUMANISTA network. The first step is to contact the local contact person at their home institution in order to receive guidance regarding eligibility, application requirements, and internal selection procedures.

(*Note: Students coming from Serbian participating members are NOT eligible for a CEEPUS scholarship. However, they can express their interest in attending the Summer school by sending an email to [andrijana.gaborovic\(AT\)ftn.kg.ac.rs](mailto:andrijana.gaborovic(AT)ftn.kg.ac.rs))

Applicants should prepare the following documents/proofs:

- Short motivation letter explaining their interest in the HUM-STEM Summer School and its interdisciplinary focus
- CV or short academic biography
- Proof of enrolment at their home institution (or a student ID card)
- Proof of English language proficiency

The documents should be presented to the local contact person in the participating institution.

After the internal nomination process at the home institution, selected candidates will complete the official CEEPUS mobility application through the CEEPUS online platform, in coordination with their local coordinator and the host institution.

Deadline for submitting CEEPUS applications: 20 May 2026

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their local CEEPUS coordinator and begin the application procedure well in advance of the deadline, as internal nomination and document verification processes may require additional time at their home institutions.

Selection will be based on:

- Academic background and relevance to the HUMANISTA network themes
- Motivation and demonstrated interest in interdisciplinary work
- English language competence
- Potential contribution to collaborative and intercultural learning environments

The selection process will aim to ensure gender balance, disciplinary diversity, and inclusion of students from underrepresented or disadvantaged backgrounds.

Selected participants will receive further practical information regarding accommodation, travel, program schedule, and preparatory activities prior to the beginning of the Summer School.