

## **COMPETITION FOR 20 GRANTS**

### **UNICREDIT FOUNDATION SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME FOR UNICREDIT EMPLOYEES**

**11<sup>th</sup> Edition – year 2025**

#### **1. General Rules**

UniCredit Foundation announces **20 (twenty) grants** exclusively aimed at **UniCredit employees wishing to attend a summer school program in 2025 at: Barcelona School of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science or University College London.**

#### **2. Details concerning the grants**

The winners will have the opportunity to attend, fully free of charge, 1-2 summer school courses at Barcelona School of Economics (schedule permitting), a 1-session summer school at LSE within the period June-August, a 1-session summer school within the period June-August at UCL (**eight grants each school for BSE and LSE and four grants at UCL**) depending on the school calendar. **The foundation will pay all the summer school fees** directly to the schools. The summer school period is considered as business/training trip and then reimbursed for the entire duration of the summer school by the department of the winner after manager approval.

#### **3. Eligibility requirements**

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must:

1. be **UniCredit employees** - both part-time or full-time, open-ended or fixed-term contracts - employed by UniCredit, from every country where UniCredit is present. Consultants and trainees are excluded
2. **hold a degree** in the fields of economics, finance, banking, management engineering, political science, law, and related fields
3. have a very **good knowledge of English**
4. be **wishing to attend a two-three weeks summer school at any of the above three institutions**

The grants are aimed at summer school sessions for a **maximum of 3 weeks, between June and August 2025** according to the school calendars.

#### **4. How to apply**

Candidates may only apply online using the application available on the Foundation's website at <https://www.unicreditgroup.eu/it/unicreditfoundation.html>

**All the documentation accompanying the application must be submitted exclusively online in PDF format (one file only) and must be written in English.** The application form is general and valid for all the contests launched by the foundation. Therefore, we ask the candidate to fill in just the fields of interest. In the application form **candidates must indicate:**

- the **preferred school** and a list of maximum 3 courses (in order of preference) where to spend the prize, selected among those indicated in the Annex (the course selection serves as an indication only, therefore cannot be guaranteed)
- the **preferred summer school period**, within June and August 2024
- the name of their **UniCredit responsible**
- that they authorize the Foundation to process their personal details, pursuant to regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016.

Applications **must be accompanied by the following documents** (in PDF format and in English). Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition:

- a **detailed CV** ("curriculum of educational and work experience")
- one copy of a currently valid identification document
- a **motivation letter**, where the candidate should indicate her/his main motivations for attending the summer school abroad
- one **letter of reference** written by candidate's responsible UniCredit manager
- appropriate evidence of **English proficiency**
- a declaration letter that authorizes the foundation to transmit all information to the school for the admission process.

#### **5. Closing date for presentation of the application**

Candidates' applications, complete with the accompanying documentation, must be **submitted online** no later than **March 15, 2025**, following the procedure indicated on the website. When this time limit is reached, the online application procedure will be disabled.

As soon as the application is successfully submitted, **candidates will receive a confirmation message** to their e-mail address confirming successful submission of their application.

#### **6. Scientific Committee and Selection Process**

The Scientific Committee, appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, is composed of members among academics' experts from the main European countries in economics and finance. The Foundation's Scientific Committee will be responsible for the selection procedure and will identify the **twenty winners of the grants**. In addition, **twenty winner substitutes** will be selected, should the winner candidates renounce the prize.

#### **7. Winners notification**

The winner and substitute candidates will be notified **by 30 April 2025** based on the final decision expressed by the Scientific Committee as provided for under art. 6.

All winner and substitute candidates will receive an updated list of courses offered by each school and will be asked to confirm their former choice or indicate an alternative course/date in case the program has changed compared with the list displayed in the Annex of this announcement.

**Information about both the winner and substitute candidates will be forwarded by the foundation to the schools** (according to the candidates' preferences) to check their admission process. The winners will be officially awarded only after **admission confirmation by the school**. In case any winner candidate is not admitted by the school, the prize will be assigned to the first substitute selected by the Scientific Committee (see Art. 6).

#### **8. Requirements for receipt of the grants**

The recipients are obliged to follow the assigned program in the country and period agreed. Any departure from this must be authorized in advance by the Foundation based on valid and documented reasons.

#### **9. Method of payment**

The Foundation **will fully pay the summer school program fees** directly to the school. The summer school period is considered as business/training trip and therefore reimbursed by UniCredit as a usual business trip after winner's manager approval.

#### **10. Acceptance of all the conditions of the regulations**

**Participation in the competition implies unconditional acceptance of the entire contents of these regulations.**

Milan, December 10, 2024

**ANNEX**  
**BSE, LSE AND UCL SUMMER SCHOOLS**

**SHORT DESCRIPTION AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**1) BARCELONA SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**

The Barcelona School of Economics (BSE) offers a diverse range of summer schools in economics and related fields. These short summer programs are addressed to researchers, professionals and graduate students who want to improve their competences in specific fields of knowledge. Renowned academics and leading practitioners teach BSE summer school courses. Summer school courses will take place in the **period June 23 - July 18**.

The 2025 summer course offering includes the following programs:

- Banking Summer School
- CREI Macroeconomics Summer School
- Data Science Summer School
- Data Science for Finance Summer School
- Development Economics Summer School
- Digital Economy Summer School
- Finance Summer School
- Labor Economics Summer School
- Macroeconometrics Summer School
- Microeconometrics Summer School

All BSE Summer Schools are taught in English, at the Ciutadella campus of the BSE, site of Pompeu Fabra University. The BSE Summer School programs are composed of courses, and participants can choose among the courses offered in each program or combine courses from different programs (schedule permitting). Each course is an intensive, one-week seminar that combines theory and practice.

Applications will be evaluated by the program directors and candidates will be informed of their decision by the foundation itself as indicated in the announcement (art. 7). At the conclusion of the Summer Schools, participants will receive a certificate for the number of hours attended. All BSE courses require an average of twice the lecture hours for readings, pre-readings and class preparation. The BSE Summer Schools offer the possibility of being assessed for the purpose of requesting official credits transfer (ECTS), details at <https://bse.eu/study/summer-school/credits>. Courses are designed with modularity so that participants can customize their own summer school program, tailored to their individual goals and interests.

For more information, please check <https://bse.eu/study/summer-school>

**2) LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The LSE Summer School offers an opportunity for students, researchers, and professionals to share in the LSE tradition of excellence and engagement. LSE Summer School offers a broad set of courses across a variety of different disciplines, taught by leading scholars in their fields. These courses are examined to LSE standards and can often be taken for credit towards degrees at other institutions. Summer School courses are drawn from across the wide spectrum of LSE's world-class teaching and are divided into the following subject areas:

- Accounting
- Business and Management
- Economics
- Finance
- International Relations
- Law
- Research Methods

There are many different courses available in each subject area, spread across three three-week sessions. **Summer School session dates for 2025:**

Session One: 23 June - 11 July

Session Two: 14 July - 1 August

Session Three: 4 August - 22 August

The programme will be delivered in-person at LSE's campus in central London and applications for summer 2025 have already opened.

Each Summer School course is equivalent to one course from an undergraduate degree. As a general guideline, LSE courses 7.5 ECTS in the European system.

At LSE summer school courses are taught at 3 levels, and only 200- and 300-level courses are eligible for this scholarship. Note that you may be asked to provide evidence of meeting specific course requirements. For specific course requirements please check at <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/summer-schools/summer-school/how-to-apply>

### 3) **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON**

Every summer, UCL welcomes students from around the world to study for credit in the heart of London. UCL is world-leading and many of the module tutors on the programme are leading academics in their fields. All modules are worth 7.5 ECTS credits and will be taught face-to-face on UCL's Bloomsbury campus. It is only possible to study one module per session. <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/>

As for this contest, UniCredit Foundation **scholarship is aimed to attend just one 3-week module from the following list:**

#### Session One (30 June – 18 July 2025)

- Data science and Big Data Analytics (Level 2)
- Mathematics for Machine Learning (Level 2)
- Quantitative Finance: Mathematics in Investment Banking (Level 3)
- Quantitative Modelling Techniques for Finance and Actuarial Sciences (Level 3)

#### Session Two (21 July – 8 August 2025)

- Data science and Big Data Analytics (Level 2)
- Mathematical Finance (Level 2)

Further details on each of the modules can be found under the Sciences and Mathematics section of the Module page here:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/>

Classes are student-centred with an emphasis on participation and interaction. At the end of the programme, all students will receive a UCL transcript and certification of attendance. Upon completion of the programme, students will also be granted the status of UCL Associate Alumni.

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#### Sources:

1. BSE <https://bse.eu/study/summer-school>
2. LSE <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/summer-schools/Summer-School>
3. UCL <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/>