



2nd Summer School

Advancing Careers in Research and Innovation

Agenda

22–26 September 2025

International Centre for Cancer Vaccine Science

University of Gdańsk

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Day 1: Career Development and Scientific Leadership

22 Sep 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:30 Opening word & Introduction

09:30 – 11:00 **Assessment of the 'now' & career planning.
How can AI support decision taking?**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

Short break (15 min)

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11:15 – 12:45 **How to change behavior and attitude to
advance your career**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

Lunch break (45 min)

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13:30 – 15:00 **Inspirational leadership, attracting and
retaining talent. Is new technology a help
or obstacle?**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

Short break (15 min)

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15:15 – 16:45 **How to take decisions in a scientific
context**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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Day 2: Research Productivity and Digitalisation

23 Sep 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:30 **Empowered Academics, Sustainable Futures: Connecting Personal, Professional & Planetary Well-being**

Lecturer: Ela Kurtcu

Short break (15 min)

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10:45 – 12:15 **AI compliance for research**

Lecturer: Evita Milan

Lunch break (45 min)

 **Steinbeis**

13:00 – 14:30 **Responsible and ethical use of AI tools**

Lecturer: Evita Milan

Short break (15 min)

 **Steinbeis**

14:45 – 16:15 **Researchers and data flow: A journey in a distributed research infrastructure**

Lecturer: Gianluca Romanin

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18:30 – 19:30 **Social programme:** Guided city tour to visit the Old Town of Gdańsk. For registered participants, free of charge.

Day 3: Research Funding – Workshop on Proposal Writing

24 Sep 2025

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and welcome coffee | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Introduction & overview
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Identifying and building the consortium
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| | <i>Short break (15 min)</i> | |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | Building a project concept
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Writing project objectives & corresponding KPIs
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| | <i>Lunch break (45 min)</i> | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Writing the project work plan, including portioning budget
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| | <i>Short break (15 min)</i> | |
| 14:15 – 15:15 | Planning a good communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy
Lecturer: Rebecca Zammit |  acrosslimits |
| 16:30 – 19:00 | Social programme: Visit to the European Solidarity Center (museum).
For registered participants, tickets at participants' own cost (~35 PLN). | |

Day 4: Knowledge and Technology Transfer

25 Sep 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:00 **Fundamentals of knowledge and technology transfer**

Lecturer: Bernard Denis

Short break (15 min)



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10:15 – 11:45 **Knowledge valorization & open science: latest updates from INORMS congress**

Lecturer: Elena Sultana

Short break (15 min)



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ta' Malta**

12:00 – 13:30 **How to reduce barriers between technology and knowledge transfer staff and industry**

Lecturer: Angela Zennaro

Lunch break (45 min)



14:15 – 15:00 **Get to know ICCVS and its goals!**

Speaker: Natalia Marek-Trzonkowska



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17:00 – 18:00 **Social programme:** Visit to the University of Gdańsk OLIWA campus. For registered participants, free of charge.

Day 5: Entrepreneurship, Commercialization and Project Building

26 Sep 2025

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:00 **Fundamentals of innovation and entrepreneurship**

Lecturer: tbc

Short break (15 min)



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10:15 – 11:30 **Creating bridges between scientific research and non-academic stakeholders**

Lecturer: Marcello Turconi

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11:30 – 12:45 **Pitching to investors and research funders**

Lecturer: Ivana Marsic

Lunch break (45 min)



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13:30 – 14:00 **Entrepreneurial spin-off skills & avoiding common pitfalls in academic spin-offs**

Lecturer: tbc

Short break (15 min)



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14:45 – 16:00 **Workshop: Project building with AI tools**

Lecturer: Daniel Mertens

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16:00 – 16:15 Wrap-up of the event

Speaker: Izabela Raszczyk



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