



2nd Summer school by ERA SHUTTLE Project

Title: Advancing Careers in Research and Innovation 2025

When: 22nd – 26th September 2025

Where: International Centre for Cancer Vaccine Science, University of Gdansk,
Kładki 24 street, Gdańsk, Poland

Introduction: In line with its mission to support R&I talents from widening countries, the ERA SHUTTLE project fosters cross-sector collaboration, research development, and capacity building for researchers, research managers, and technology transfer officers. A series of educational and networking events in Croatia, Poland, and Malta will equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed for a thriving research career. The Summer School is one of them.

Programme description: The Summer School 2025 empowers researchers by combining expert-led sessions on AI, leadership, innovation, project planning, and knowledge transfer. Held at the University of Gdansk, it balances academic insights with practical skills, offering networking and social activities. The programme supports career advancement in research and innovation across diverse scientific and interdisciplinary fields.

The programme will cover five courses taught over five days as follows:

Day 1: Career Development and Scientific Leadership

- Assessment of the "now" & career planning. How can AI support decision taking?
- How to change behavior and attitude to advance your career
- Inspirational leadership, attracting and retaining talent. Is new technology a help or obstacle?
- How to take decisions in a scientific context

Day 2: Research Productivity and Digitalisation

- Empowered academics, sustainable futures: Connecting personal, professional & planetary well-being
- AI compliance for research
- Responsible and ethical use of AI tools
- Researchers and data flow: a journey in a distributed research Infrastructure

Day 3: Research Funding– workshop on proposal writing

- Identifying and building the consortium
- Building a project concept
- Writing project objectives & corresponding KPIs, work plan, including portioning budget
- Planning a good communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy

Day 4: Knowledge and Technology Transfer

- Fundamentals of knowledge and technology transfer
- Knowledge valorization & open science: latest updates from INORMS congress
- How to reduce barriers between technology and knowledge transfer staff and industry

Day 5: Entrepreneurship, Commercialization and Project Building

- Fundamentals of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Creating bridges between scientific research and non-academic stakeholders
- Pitching to investors and research funders

- Entrepreneurial Spin-off skills & avoiding common pitfalls in academic Spin-offs
- Workshop: Project building with AI tools

The courses will be complemented with discussions and Q&A sessions to review the lecture material. These courses will be taught by field experts from ERA SHUTTLE consortium, who are highly advanced in their field of specialization.

Learning outcomes: By the end of the Summer School participants will enhance their skills in AI integration, leadership, ethical research, project planning, innovation, and knowledge transfer, gaining practical tools to advance careers, foster collaboration, and bridge academia with industry.

Who should attend: This programme is tailored to cater to the requirements of researchers as well as the research managers & technology transfer officers. Eligible for application are employees from University of Split, University of Gdansk (including members of the Fahrenheit Union of Universities in Gdansk with limited number of places) and University of Malta. The project consortium offers 4 places for attendees from University of Odessa (dedicated rules of participation are applied).

Costs: Participation in the Summer School is free of charge. Travel and subsistence costs for the University of Split and Malta employees will be covered for the selected 5 participants from each university.

How to apply: The deadline for application via the following [Registration form](#) is 28th of August 2025. Please note that due to limited places available, applicants from Malta and Split will undergo a selection process and will be informed of the outcome following the closure of the application deadline. For participants from University of Gdansk the rule first come, first served is applied.

For more information about the project:

- Official website – <https://erashuttle.eu/>
- Social media – [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#)
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