UNIC Student Ambassadors at University College Cork

UNIC at UCC is seeking voluntary UNIC student ambassadors to support the UNIC universities alliance.

University College Cork is a founding member of UNIC, the European University of Cities in Post-Industrial Transition (co-funded by the European Union). UNIC brings together ten universities and their cities across Europe: University College Cork, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Koç University Istanbul, University of Deusto in Bilbao, University of Liège, Ruhr University Bochum, University of Oulu, University of Zagreb, University of Lodz, Malmö University. UNIC unlocks new international opportunities by connecting students, staff and city stakeholders with our partners for transformative learning, research, innovation and societal impact. Read more about UNIC: <https://www.unic.eu/en>.

Up to 15 UNIC student ambassadors will be appointed for the academic year 2024/25. UNIC Student Ambassadors should commit to delivering minimum 10 hours of engagement with UNIC during the academic year. This is a voluntary role but can contribute wholly or partly to an EmployAgility award: 20 hours of signed-off voluntary work is required for an EmployAgility Award.

(If 20 hours are not completed via UNIC, ambassadors can still be eligible for an EmployAgility award on the open pathway if the 10+ hours they committed to UNIC were combined with an additional activity such as on one of the other EmployAgility pathways: Student Life (societies and clubs), Internships, Volunteering, Research or Entrepreneurship.)

The group will be encouraged to come up with their own creative ideas about developing international links within the UNIC alliance and raising awareness of UNIC on campus; with the support of the UNIC office in UCC. We therefore seek proactive students to engage in this opportunity, bringing ideas and energy.

A mandatory group training session will be held in November (date to be arranged as suits the group). A further structured check-in session will be held in the second semester; there will also be informal drop-in sessions available in the interim period.

Eligible activities (sample)\*

* Attending a UNIC event hosted by UCC or partner university (can be online)
* Facilitating own event or initiative promoting UNIC
* Alongside the UNIC team, contribute to the ‘UNIC Student Learner’s Forum’ due to be held on campus in November.
* Take part in the UNIC Student Learner’s Forum (date TBC)
* Develop an initiative engaging with UNIC thematic topics: Sustainability; Superdiversity; Urban Resilience & Smart Cities; Justice, Security and Institutions; Entrepreneurial Learning for Innovation; Health and Wellbeing; Arts, Culture and Creativity
* Partnerships with UNIC students at partner universities e.g. on clubs or societies activities
* Develop social media content for UNIC
* Other creative ideas and initiatives in line with UNIC (review with UNIC project manager to get approval as eligible activity).

\*All activities will require co-ordination with, and approval by, the UNIC office at UCC

Criteria

* Registration as a UCC student in the academic year 2024/25 (yes/ no)
* Intention to commit minimum 10 hours to UNIC in the academic year 2024/25 (yes/no)
* Willingness to work in a group (yes/no)
* A strong interest in European matters and in connecting UCC students with international opportunities (yes/no)
* A vision for what you want to achieve as UNIC student ambassador (scored)

UNIC student ambassadors will be expected to positively represent UNIC values, including respectful engagement with people of different backgrounds and perspectives.

We welcome applications from students of all backgrounds and identities, including mature students and those from underrepresented groups.

**Email 250-500 words about you and what you’d like to achieve as UNIC student ambassador to** [**unic@ucc.ie**](mailto:unic@ucc.ie) **by end of day October 16, 2024.**

**Please also tell us your course and what year you are in. Applications will be evaluated against the criteria above.**