

MPC Summer School Call 2025

Introduction

The 21st Migration Summer School will provide an opportunity for participants to be able to learn about recent trends in research on the governance of international migration, asylum, mobility, and transnationalism.

The Migration Summer School will follow a problem-oriented approach to encourage critical engagement. To achieve its objectives, high-level scientific expertise will be blended with extensive scope for participants to discuss their own ideas and to develop an enhanced perspective on their own professional and career development. Participants will be supported by extensive background material, debates, group work, individual drop-in sessions with tutors, and sessions during which participants can present their own projects.

The Migration Summer School will have a global focus, addressing the following topics through the inputs of professors and researchers from the Migration Policy Centre supplemented by distinguished keynote speakers:

- Asylum and refugee protection
- Attitudes towards migration
- Citizenship and integration
- Irregular migration
- Labour migration
- Migration drivers
- Migration impacts
- Migration governance

The Summer School provides a unique opportunity to take advantage of the unique research facilities of the European University Institute (including the Library) and to network with an enriching mix of postgraduate students, civil servants, officials at international organisations, representatives from NGOs and other civil society organisations, journalists, policy analysts, and teachers from around the world. You can follow the updates on BlueSky with the hashtag [#MPCSummerSchool](#).

Format

A key objective of the Summer School is to create a collaborative experience for all participants. The combined insights from political, economic, sociological, legal, anthropological, and practice-based approaches to the study of migration will provide participants with a deeper understanding of one of the most complex and multifaceted phenomena affecting governments and society across the globe. The teaching format blends the following activities:

- Daily seminars with emphasis on Q&A sessions and group exercises
- Pre-recorded content, including lectures, interviews, background videos etc.
- Plenary sessions with high-profile speakers
- Individual and group-based assignments
- Panels for participants to present their own research/professional projects
- Drop-in sessions for individual consultation with teaching staff
- A certificate of participation

Over the course of the 10 days, we anticipate around 60 hours of contact supported by a variety of background materials. The course materials comprise a combination of readings, case studies, problem-based exercises, and short clips. All materials will be uploaded online in advance of the beginning of the Summer School. We will provide time for reading and preparing for the different sessions during the Summer School. This will allow for self-paced work, as well as facilitate active exchanges between participants and lecturers throughout the course.

In addition, participants will be divided into small working groups. These groups will meet regularly during the summer school to work with fellow participants on a key question to prepare a presentation for the closing plenary sessions.

Date

The 21st Migration Summer School will take place between Monday 16 June and Friday 27 June 2025. Participants are expected to arrive in Florence on Sunday 15 June and leave on Saturday 28 June 2025.

Eligibility

Successful applications to the Summer School will satisfy the following criteria:

- A relevant Master's degree or equivalent experience;
- A strong professional and/or research background in international migration;
- An excellent working knowledge (speaking and writing) of English;
- The availability to attend the entire teaching sessions of the programme.

Researchers, civil servants, journalists, teachers, and professionals from intergovernmental and governmental agencies working in migration-related areas are warmly encouraged to apply.

Fees

The fee is €2500 and includes: all tuition fees, all course materials, access to the University library, wifi access, social activities, lunches and coffee breaks on lecture days. The costs of accommodation will be covered by the participants. The secretariat of the Migration Policy Centre will support the selected candidates in finding the accommodation.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships will be funded by the [Migration Policy Centre](#) and the [School of Transnational Governance](#) (EUI) on a merit basis.

Scholarships will cover the fees, travel and accommodation and they will be awarded to outstanding candidates **applying from [low-income and lower-middle-income economies](#)** according to the following criteria:

- PhD students and PostDocs, early- or mid-career professionals (e.g. in politics, civil service, media and non-governmental organisations), able to demonstrate both professional experience and potential for future excellence in the policy sphere;
- Genuinely engaged individuals involved in policy issues related to migration either through registration on a PhD programme or through demonstration of substantial relevant career experience;
- Self-motivated, able to present a clear explanation of why and how the applicant will benefit from participation in the summer school;
- Fluent in written and spoken English.

Applicants may only submit one application, either for a full-paying place or for a scholarship place. Scholarships are not intended for participants who can be funded by their own institutions.

EU-Widening grants

Eight grants of 500€ each will be awarded to outstanding candidates who are citizens of the countries that belong to the EU-widening region. The successful participants will have to pay the fee to attend the Summer School and will receive at the end of the School 500 euros as reimbursement for the costs incurred to attend the training (hotel and flight tickets will be requested as supporting documentation for the reimbursement).

Travel

All participants (excluding participants who are awarded a scholarship) are kindly requested to organise and cover expenses for their travel to and from Florence, as well as their local transportation in Florence.

How to apply

Applications should be made by submitting a completed form by 28 February 2025. We regret that applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.