

# Call for applications for Chair holder

## 1. Initiative

The Una Europa Chair of Sustainability at the Jagiellonian University (JU) in Kraków is focused on promotion of common initiatives between academics from Una Europa universities. Together with the Excellence Initiative at JU we are looking for an outstanding senior researcher from a Una Europa university, who would like to conduct a 3 months long project at the JU. The initiative aims to advance research, training and programme development in higher education by encouraging inter-university cooperation and transfer of knowledge. The Chair should serve as bridge-builder between different academic activities and profiles, creating long-lasting research and professional relations. In particular the goal is to:

1. attract high-level researchers from Una Europa universities and promote excellence in research
2. facilitate collaboration between Una Europa academics recognized in their field
3. strengthen existing activities, projects, applications and ideas, or initiate new ones
4. promote cooperation and networking among partner universities by means of knowledge sharing and promotion of interdisciplinarity in the context of Sustainable Development Goals.

## 2. Una Europa chairholder's profile and intended activities

The objective is to conduct high-quality research with JU partners, involving also other academics from Una Europa universities. The future Chairholder is expected to be an experienced or promising team-leader and teambuilder for whom the Chair will constitute an important chapter in existing or emerging long-term academic relationship with JU and other Una Europa partner universities.

1. The Chair will be provided to a senior academic from a Una Europa university (other than JU).
2. The Chairholder will be expected to reside at the Jagiellonian University.
3. The position will be offered for a period of 3 months: March-May or October-December 2022. The exact period is to be determined in accordance with the academic calendar.

4. The Una Europa Chairholder will be based at JU but the project is intended to benefit the work of Una Europa academics involved in the Focus Area of Sustainability. In order to reach this goal, the project will have to include a mobility period to at least two other Una Europa institutions. This mobility could be either « physical » meaning that the chair holder will perform part of their activities at the host institutions, or virtual, meaning that the collaboration with other Una Europa academic staff and students will be organised online. It could also be a mix of the two formats. The mobility component will be agreed with the selected candidate at the later stage, but the application should indicate goals of such mobility.
5. The Una Europa Chairholder, together with researchers from JU, will stimulate activities in the area of sustainability that will engage other Una Europa researchers, fostering physical and virtual collaboration. The activities may include inter alia:
  - a. Preparation of publications
  - b. Preparation of research grant proposals
  - c. Development of innovative and interdisciplinary teaching programs
  - d. Lectures on topics relevant to the field
  - e. Workshops, seminars, national, regional and international meetings/conferences
  - f. Teaching classes

The above elements, including teaching load, serve as exemplifications and should be coordinated with the inviting unit at JU.

6. The final report must involve a description of the impact of the Chairholder's activities.

### 3. Application process

Interested academics should prepare and submit a proposal consisting of the following elements:

1. CV of the Chairholder candidate including:
  - a. the most pertinent publications and research projects/grants for the period of the last 5 years
  - b. the membership of editorial boards
  - c. the most relevant teaching experiences
2. Letter of invitation from JU partner academic(s) indicating the willingness of cooperation and implementation of the common project. Applicants should contact colleagues/units directly at JU in order to find project partners. Members of the Una Europa Sustainability team at JU and members of the Anthropocene PRA at JU will gladly help to find partners/coordinate contacts.
3. Detailed research and teaching plan (not exceeding 5 pages) indicating the proposed activities and involvement of JU and Una Europa partner academics. It should highlight the link with the Sustainability focus area. It is recommended to include a timeline of proposed actions taking into account that the exact timeframe will be subject to negotiations with selected candidates.

Applications and questions should be sent to [unaeuropachair@uj.edu.pl](mailto:unaeuropachair@uj.edu.pl) by 4<sup>st</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The outcome will be announced by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

## 4. Evaluation and selection criteria

Candidates will be short-listed by the evaluation committee comprised of JU representatives in Una Europa Sustainability Focus Area, and then will be invited for an interview. The final decision of the Chairholder selection will be approved by the Una Europa Sustainability Self Steering Committee.

Selection criteria:

1. Project:
  - a. Academic quality [0-10]
  - b. Relationship with sustainability, especially with Sustainable Development Goals, as described in Agenda 2030 [0-10]
  - c. Potential of involvement of other Una Europa partners [0-5]
2. Applicant's curriculum:
  - a. Most pertinent publications and research projects/grants for the period of the last 5 years [0-10]
  - b. Membership of editorial boards [0-5]
  - c. Most relevant teaching experiences [0-5]
  - d. Experience and potential in teambuilding and teamleading [0-5]

Selection procedure:

1. Members of the Una Europa Sustainability team at JU will evaluate the candidates and draft a ranking list. Shortlisted applicants may be requested to take part in an online interview.
2. The ranking list will be discussed and approved by Una Europa Sustainability SSC.

## 5. Finances

- The Chair is financed by the Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University.
- Remuneration: 3 x 31 500 PLN = **94 500 PLN** (gross; ca. 21 000 EUR\*).
- Accommodation in a one-bedroom apartment for the duration of the stay will be covered by JU: 3 x max. 3000 PLN = **9 000 PLN** (ca. 2000 EUR).
- Travel costs up to **4 500 PLN** (ca. 1000 EUR).
- Flights and accommodation during two mobilities to two Una Europa Universities, **6750 PLN** (ca. 1500 EUR) per each of the two stays.

\*[1 Eur = ca. 4.5 PLN]

## 6. Background information

Eight leading European research universities have come together to create a unique alliance – Una Europa. Our universities have been educating Europe for almost 1,000 years. Together, we teach more than 400,000 students. Our combined student and staff community approaches half a million people and our digital learners number in the millions. Una Europa aims to draw on our collective strengths to create a truly European inter-university environment, a University of the Future.

To address the interdependent UN sustainable development goals effectively, a new approach is required. By bringing together and interacting with all disciplines in the fields of sciences, social sciences, health sciences, engineering, arts and humanities, Una Europa makes it possible to research and teach the connections and interdependencies between the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We aim to transform Una Europa into a single transnational campus that generates cross-disciplinary knowledge and societal interaction and to educate the next generation in making the 2030 Agenda part of daily life.

The Una Europa Chairs initiative is one of our key initiatives to attract talent to collaborate with us. The visiting professors, or Una Europa Chairs, are expected to carry out research, to teach in physical, virtual or blended mode and – optionally – to design activities for and with civil society. By attracting outstanding academics for visiting professorships, the Una Europa Chairs will further raise our profile on a global scale, deepen our activities and cement different kinds of mobility, within our network and beyond.

More information is available at [www.una-europa.eu](http://www.una-europa.eu).