



## FAQs

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### **What are the objectives of iSUC?**

iSUC was founded with the idea of bringing together students from across Europe (focus on CEE) with students from Austria. During the ten-day program focused on *Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Urban Design and Architecture* and on *Destination Management and Tourism Infrastructure*, highly talented students are given the possibility to work, think and learn together in an international and interdisciplinary environment.

### **iSUC – What is in it for me?**

Being coached, challenged and supported by professors from the US and Austria and by international experts applying state-of the art learning methods, you will develop in an inspiring environment. You will experience entrepreneurship real-time through intense contacts with our business partners. You have the possibility to get in contact with potential employers. iSUC is set in a charming surrounding, where you can increase your international and interdisciplinary networks.

### **Do I get ECTS credits?**

It is not possible to receive ECTS credits and get the courses accredited at your home universities. Nevertheless, we will provide you with a certificate of attendance signed by both, US and Austrian professors and the president of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce Carinthia.

### **Does iSUC provide full scholarship for the participation?**

For all selected applicants of iSUC a scholarship of 70% of participation fee is provided by our workshop partners and sponsors. It includes: academic program, learning material, side events for accommodation and full board (value 850€). Students have to contribute 350€ (30% off fee). Travel costs and private expenses have to be covered by participants.

To ensure that very talented students from any social background are able to participate at iSUC, we additionally offer scholarships covering the 30% of fee as well. (Extra application for this scholarship during application process needed).



### **Does the iSUC team help me with the provision of a VISA, if needed?**

Yes! If you need a VISA for coming to Austria, the iSUC team will help you with all the formalities necessary to get your VISA!

### **How do I travel to Carinthia/ iSUC?**

The iSUC takes place in Villach, a city in the Austrian province of Carinthia located in the south of the country along the border with Italy and Slovenia.

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If you are selected, our team will provide you with all the information needed to make your travel arrangements. As Villach is a major train hub, getting to Villach by train from Vienna, Southern Germany, Slovenia, and Croatia is quite easy. All trains stop at Villach's central station. If you come by plane, there is an airport in the nearby capital city of Klagenfurt (approx. 30km), from where you have multiple train connections to Villach every hour.

### **What roles do the professors play within the iSUC program?**

The professors from the *University of Pittsburgh*, the *Vienna University of Technology* and the *MODUL University Vienna* will be present during the whole week. They will not only give lectures during the first part of the program but they also serve as mentors, supporting you during the workshops. They will constantly instruct, assist and challenge you to make the iSUC become an intellectually inspiring and valuable experience for you. If you want to find out more about the academic background of the professors, please click here:

<http://www.summeruniversity.at/index.php?id=110>

### **Is it possible to join the iSUC later or leave earlier?**

As we want you to benefit completely from a short and intensive program such as the iSUC, only attending the entire program makes sense. Therefore, it is not possible to join after the program has begun or leave even a day earlier. We only accept late arrivals if you encounter a transportation problem due to no fault of your own. It is absolutely vital for each delegate to attend the full program.



### **Is it essential to have a good level of English in order to attend iSUC?**

Yes, a good level of English is essential as the entire program (presentations, lectures, discussions, workshops and leisure activities) will be conducted in English. We do not condone during the program that participants sharing the same language speak that language amongst themselves thereby excluding other from the discourse. Please clearly indicate your level of proficiency in English in your CV.

### **What do I have to prepare prior to iSUC?**

You will receive a reader that you need to review and familiarize yourself with prior to the start of the program. It will provide you with the foundation necessary to navigate the program for the entire week. In addition, we would ask you to bring some traditional or typical items (e.g., clothing, food, music, small cultural object objects etc.) to the program so you can give us an exciting presentation about your country and culture during the "Night of Cultures". If you are accepted as a delegate, we will inform you in greater detail about what might be appropriate for that occasion.

### **What criteria will be applied during the selection process?**

We are looking for genuinely interesting students (typically in 2nd part of their respective studies) and/or recent graduates who are expecting to broaden their horizon still further and willing to learn still more. We especially appreciate practical experience as well as good language skills and diverse backgrounds. As you are working in an international setting, intercultural competence and interpersonal skills are important. However, we realized that people in different countries have different opportunities and are faced with different economic and social challenges. To the extent possible, we will factor in such differences in our decision-making. To gain a better sense of who you are and what your potential is, we look forward to your motivational statement. In this letter of motivation, we would like you to tell us why you are the best possible candidate for participating in the iSUC program. We also ask our participants to have an open mind and be accepting of others, other cultures and new experiences. (be creative but also be thoughtful!)