



**UNIVERSITY OF ELBASAN "ALEKSANDËR XHUVANI"**

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

**IN**

**3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE**

***"Student-Led Innovation: Empowering the Next Generation"***

***AND***

**CAREER AND SKILLS SYMPOSIUM**

**25-26 April, 2024**

**Elbasan**

## **Universiteti i Elbasanit “Aleksandër Xhuvani”**

**25-26 April, 2024, Elbasan**

We are pleased to invite all students to submit their papers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Student Conference, "Student-Led Innovation: Empowering the Next Generation" that will be held at the University of Elbasan, "Aleksandër Xhuvani," on April 26, 2024.

Innovation led by students serves as a crucial source to enhance and transform our society. In this new journey, students take the lead and create innovative changes in their learning environment. Their unwavering commitment, intertwined with creativity, shifts paradigms and creates new opportunities. In this context, student-led innovation is the key tool to empower the future generation of change-makers. This collective effort to explore, develop, and implement innovative ideas fosters an entrepreneurial spirit and the ability to see beyond common challenges. Empowering the future generation of change-makers through student innovation lays the foundations for a more developed and improved society. Along this journey, students gain profound knowledge, develop new skills, and cultivate a culture of inquiry and experimentation."

The main objective of the University of Elbasan is to train professionals capable of facing development challenges in the fields of humanities, natural sciences, economics, and education, as well as technical medical sciences.

The organization of this conference is a good opportunity not only to enrich the academic experience with valuable research methods but also to engage within students' communities, regardless of their backgrounds and perspectives.

### **Participants**

All the interested students of the first, second and third cycles at the University of Elbasan and all the other partner national and international universities are invited to participate in the Third Student Scientific Conference "Student-Led Innovation: Empowering the Next Generation" We encourage all students who have completed their diploma thesis, are working on a scientific project, and are confident in completing a research scientific project by the deadlines specified in this call to apply.

### **The main aim of this conference:**

The main goal of this is to contribute to the growth of the role and potential of students in innovative changes in society and to determine how this innovation can contribute to creating positive changes in the future.

### **The objectives of the conference:**

The conference aims to encourage, motivate, and guide students in critical thinking; to include them in discussions and debates on current and interdisciplinary issues and topics, promoting their skills and habits in the field of scientific research; and to increase and strengthen fruitful cooperation to develop and cultivate sustainable and advanced skills and habits in the field of scientific research and beyond.

The specific objectives of this conference are as follows:

- encouraging and motivating students to develop and present innovative projects in their fields of study;
- contributing to expanding and enhancing the practical skills of students in their independent scientific research;
- the development and improvement of students' abilities to identify challenges, develop innovative solutions, and implement practical projects;
- facilitating initiatives for further expansion of collaboration between participants and universities in our country, in the broader regional context

### **The main topics of the conference:**

The theme of this conference is focused on:

- a) Human and Social Sciences;
- b) Natural Sciences;
- c) Educational Sciences;
- d) Economic Sciences;
- e) Technical Medical Sciences;

### **The article may be presented in the conference in the form of:**

- Academic writing;
- Essay.

### **The Conference Proceedings**

- The Scientific Board will select the best papers in accordance with the topic, the clarity of thought and originality criteria, novelty and originality of research and scientific work. These selected works will be published in the university scientific bulletin called Special Edition.
- The abstracts of the accepted papers will be published in the Proceeding Book (ISBN)

### **The sessions will be scheduled in the conference as:**

- Plenary session;
- Thematic sessions.

**Important dates for the conference:**

<i>Abstract submission</i>	15.03.2024
<i>Power point presentation submission</i>	15.03.2022
<i>Date of conference</i>	26.04.2024

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION****The official languages of the conference: Albanian and English**

*The notification of the abstract acceptance will be sent electronically in the personal address of the applicant.*

**The forms of the paper presentations:**

- Oral presentation;
- Power point presentation.

**CAREER AND SKILLS SYMPOSIUM**

"We have the pleasure to invite all students to submit their works, such as paintings, sculptures, photographs, graphics, etc., to participate in the Career and Skills Symposium with the theme "Student-Led Innovation: Empowering the Next Generation," which will be held at Aleksandër Xhuvani University in Elbasan on **April 25, 2024**.

The exhibition of works will take place simultaneously with the 3rd International Student Conference and will focus on the presentation of artistic, graphic, and innovative works created by students. All works will be exhibited and evaluated by experts. Additionally, an award ceremony will be organized."

**Participants**

We encourage all interested students from the first, second, and third cycles of studies at the University of Elbasan and from all the national and international universities partners who have artistic works such as paintings, sculptures, photographs, or graphic and innovative works, to participate in the Career and Skills Symposium within the specified deadlines outlined in this call.

**The main aim of the symposium:**

The main purpose is to encourage the creative skills of students, provide guidance towards their growth, and establish direct contacts with potential employers to promote their employment.

## **The objectives of the symposium:**

The symposium aims to encourage, motivate, and guide students to be active participants in society, promoting their creative skills and expressions. It seeks to increase and strengthen collaboration with public and private institutions to facilitate professional growth leading to employment of young persons.

Specific objectives to achieve the main aim of this Symposium:

- encouraging and motivating students to develop and showcase their creative skills through artistic, graphic, innovative works, etc.;
- encouraging students to participate in work internships within public and private institutions;
- creating opportunities for students to closely interact with businesses related to their study profile;
- to organize a panel with leaders from the most significant local and national institutions to promote, advise, and guide towards all the opportunities available for students;

## **Symposium topics**

The theme of this Symposium is supported and focused on:

- a) career orientation;
- b) promoting different creative skills;
- c) increasing opportunities for employment;

## **Symposium activities:**

- Fair;
- Competition in artistic, graphic, innovative works, etc.;
- Panel discussions.

## **Important dates for the symposium:**

<i>Delivery date</i>	10.04.2024
<i>Symposium date</i>	25.04.2024

## **Avenue: University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”**

We would also be grateful if you shared with your colleagues and associates this Call for Participation in the Conference and in Career and Skills Symposium.

Thank you for your interest!

Please, do not hesitate to contact us about the symposium in the e-mail address: [konferenca.studentore@uniel.edu.al](mailto:konferenca.studentore@uniel.edu.al)

*Thank you for your interest and commitment!*

## FORMAT OF THE PAPER

The complete paper must be sent in electronic format to the address [konferenca.studentore@uniel.edu.al](mailto:konferenca.studentore@uniel.edu.al) in the format requested below, as well as accompanied by the figures (photographs) in good quality (if any).

The paper must not have been published before in any other journal or proceedings inside or outside the country.

<b>Length and size of the work:</b>	The paper must be written in Microsoft® Office Word 97–2003. The entire paper should be 3000–5000 words.
<b>Working language:</b>	<p>The paper must be written in the correct and understandable Albanian language, avoiding the use of foreign words. If it is necessary to use them, then it is necessary to translate them in brackets or in "footnotes". Make sure your manuscript is spell- and grammar-checked before submission. As a rule, the author must write in the third person, using expressions such as it is called, it is considered, it is reached, it is concluded that, it is proven that, etc.</p> <p>Manuscripts in English are also acceptable when the quality of the language meets the requirements and the text has been previously edited by a person authorized for the English language.</p>
<b>Font:</b>	Times New Roman, single line (underlining justified) Note: Justify underlining can also be activated using CTRL+J.
<b>Paper formatting:</b>	<p>Font: 11 Orientation: Portrait Page Layout-Size: B5 (JIS); 7.17" x 10.12 Page Layout-Margins: Moderate 1" x 1", 0.75" x 0.75" Text Alignment: Justified</p> <p>Line Spacing: 1,15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not set page numbers.</li><li>• Do not format the text in multiple columns.</li><li>• Do not leave paragraphs. Blank lines should be left only if necessary.</li><li>• Do not use multiple spaces.</li></ul>
<b>Organization of work:</b>	<p>The elements that a paper must contain are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Title, author(s), and affiliations</li><li>• Abstract and keywords;</li><li>• Entry;</li><li>• Materials and methods;</li><li>• Results;</li><li>• Discussion;</li><li>• Conclusions</li><li>• References/Literature</li><li>• Attachment(s) (if applicable)</li></ul>

<b>Title:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The title should be specific, correct, understandable, and convey the central idea of the paper to readers outside the field.</li> <li>• The title must be printed in capital letters with font 14 and in bold. The title of the paper should not exceed 250 characters.</li> <li>• After the title, the names of the authors are placed in font 12 and in bold, and the respective institutions and their full addresses are in font 10 and italic.</li> <li>• The title, author(s), and addresses are centered.</li> </ul>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<p>All individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the article should be listed as authors. Please enter the first and last names of the authors, as well as their affiliation. Affiliation includes the study program, university, or its location, including city and state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not list academic degrees, personal addresses, or e-mails.</li> <li>• The name and surname of the author(s) must be written in Font 12 Bold.</li> <li>• The affiliations of the author(s) must be written in Font 10 and Italic.</li> </ul>
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<b>Keywords:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The paper should have no more than 5-7 main keywords or phrases that reflect the essence of the paper.</li> <li>• Keywords or key phrases should be separated by commas.</li> <li>• Only proper names, surnames, and abbreviations should be capitalized.</li> </ul>
<b>Titles and subtitles of the paper:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Titles are written in capital letters, in bold letters, after a blank line.</li> <li>• Subheadings are written in italics in sentences. They are numbered using Arabic numerals (1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.2.1..., 2, 2.1...).</li> <li>• Limit manuscript sections and sub-sections to 3 heading levels.</li> </ul>
<b>Work:</b>	<p>In the introduction, a detailed presentation of the importance of the problem that will be at the center of the paper is made. The introduction should briefly describe the basis for the work presented. The introduction shows the objectives and reasons for undertaking the study, the structure of the paper, as well as briefly the results obtained, the discussions carried out, and the new ones that the paper brings.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Theoretical background:</b> In this part, a general description of the literature review is made and the proposed topic is established. In research work, one always starts from a theoretical base that is dominant in a certain scientific field.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Formulation of the problem and goals of the paper:</b> The scientific problem must be clearly, precisely and well defined. The goals of the paper must be aligned with the problem. The presentation of the problem, even if it remains as such, must be meaningfully connected to the theoretical approach, but also to the hypotheses and anticipated research methods.</p>

**Questions and hypotheses:** The question of the paper should be clearly formulated. It should imply a testable research hypothesis. The research hypothesis must be correctly formulated in order to avoid ambiguity and additional requirements. It is important to present the findings in such a way that conclusions can be drawn. In qualitative research, it is important to understand the researched phenomena correctly and to show that the experiences reflected in them help understanding and allow reaching certain conclusions. Whether we use quantitative research or a mixture of the two, it is also important to define a number of criteria by which a hypothesis is confirmed or denied.

**Material and method** should be presented in detail. Here are presented the different methods used in the study, as well as the statistical ones. Information should be sufficient to allow referrals.

**Results and discussions** should be clear and illustrated in tables and graphs. Experimental results should be statistically analyzed and conclusions drawn based on statistical reliability. The same results given by tables cannot be given by graphs, and vice versa.

**Conclusions:** The conclusions that come from the presented results should be fully discussed, directly related, and supported by the results achieved. Conclusions should not be speculative, taken from literature, general knowledge, or spontaneous knowledge.

**Tables:**

- The dimensions of tables, figures, and photographs should not exceed 12 cm in width by 18 cm in length.
- Tables should be placed at appropriate points in the text, between paragraphs, not within them.
- All tables should have table numbers and titles and be referenced by the table number in the text.
- The number and title of a table should be placed above, outside, and in the center of the table. Font 10, only the table name in bold, and the description in italic only. Example: **Table 1.** *General data from studies*
- Tables must be constructed using the Table function in Microsoft Word and must not include images or objects. They should not contain unnecessary spaces. Tables that are too long or too wide for a single page can be printed in a smaller font size or continued on the next page.

**Figures:**

- Figures, which include graphs, tables, maps, drawings, and photographs, must have a material impact on the content of an article and must not be used for decorative purposes.
- Figures should be placed at appropriate points in the text, between paragraphs, not within them.
- All figures should have figure numbers and titles and be referenced by the figure number in the text. The figure number and title should be placed above and outside the figure. Font 10, image title in bold only, and description in italic only Example: **Figure 1.** *General data of studies*
- Images must be of high quality and fit on one page.

**Acronyms:**

Do not use non-standard abbreviations unless they appear at least three times in the text. Keep cuts to a minimum.

**Notes/Footnotes:**

Notes are located at the bottom of a page. They cite references or comment on a certain part of the text or comment on a certain part of the text. Notes refer to relevant sources; they let your readers know where certain material came from or where they can look for other sources on the subject.



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