

Terms and Conditions

Cologne Summer School „From Basic Mechanisms to Translational Aging Research“

I. Objectives

The Cologne Summer School “**From Basic Mechanisms to Translational Aging Research**” is designed for international and national Bachelor and Master students with a background in Biology, Biochemistry, Biomedicine or other related fields of Life Sciences and with a strong interest in aging research.

II. Program

The program of the Summer School will offer academic talks ranging from foundational theories of mechanisms in aging to their translational applications. These will be combined with practical workshops as well as social and cultural events. Your punctual attendance in all events is mandatory in order to receive your certificate of attendance.

The schedule of the Summer School will be kept up-to-date on the official event webpage of the CECAD. Short-term changes to the schedule can occur up to the start of the Summer School and also during it. Participants will be informed of any changes accordingly.

Detailed Information about the program and procedure of the Summer School as well as organizational aspects will be communicated to participants in advance.

III. Application

All applicants need to provide the following documents in **English language**.

- A letter of motivation (approx. 1 page) explaining your academic/professional background and answering I) why you fit into the Summer School and II) why do you think this summer school might be beneficial for your future career
- A CV (max. 2 pages)
- Transcript of Records / Overview of your current grades

If your transcript is not in English, please add a tabular overview listing the English course name, course name in original language as listed on the transcript, Credit Points and grade. Merge this overview and your original transcript together in one single PDF-file.

IV. Admission

Participants will be informed about the evaluation of the application via the provided e-mail address. If offered a spot in the program, participants will have to fill out a binding confirmation form. Only after this confirmation, the spot in the Summer School will be secured. Afterwards all the important Information regarding preparation before the trip and during the program will be provided.

V. Funding of Travel Costs

We provide a partial funding of travel costs according to the current country of residence of the participants.

Travel costs will be covered up to:

- 900€ for students from outside Europe
- 250€ for students within Europe (except Germany)
- 100€ for students within Germany

Invoice, credit card receipt and travel ticket (boarding pass or train ticket) are required for the payment of travel costs. No payment can be made without the submission of these documents.

Tickets for public transportation in Cologne (i.e., week ticket KVB 1b) will be provided upon arrival at the Summer School and do not have to be paid by the participants. Local transportation costs from arrival in Germany to the accommodation will probably have to be paid independently.

VI. Accommodation

Accommodation will be organized and booked without any costs for the participants. It will be in a hostel with shared rooms.

VII. Final Certificate & ECTS Awarding

At the end of the Summer School, all participants will receive a certificate proving their participation in the Summer School. Your punctual attendance in all lectures, workshops and other events as well as your presentation at the Journal Club is mandatory for receiving the certificate.

Upon your request, you will receive an additional certificate which indicates the number of ECTS as well as the topics of the workshops you have participated in during the Summer School. Please be aware that Cologne Summer Schools is not responsible for the validation of the acquired ECTS at your home university. It is your responsibility to inquire at your home university whether your certificate will be acknowledged.

VIII. Data Protection

The data collected is subject to the relevant data protection regulations. The legal basis here is your voluntary and informed consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. a) GDPR.

The data is processed exclusively for matters regarding the participation and execution of this program. In particular, the data collected is used to assess the eligibility of the candidates for the Summer School and to decide on the selection of participants. All personal data is processed exclusively for the stated purpose and stored until revoked.

All data will be kept private and confidential at all times and only be available to staff members responsible for the organization of the Summer School. Collected data will at no point be distributed to a third-party.

IX. Recording, processing and use of photographs

For the purpose of outreach activities of the CECAD or the University of Cologne, photographs will be made during the Summer School. Therefore, all participants will have to sign Declarations of Consent in person when arriving at the Summer School.

X. Modification of Terms and Conditions of the Program

By applying for the Summer School, candidates accept the Terms and Conditions of the program, which are not subject to appeal; and they waive any claim regarding any aspect stipulated in the Terms and Conditions