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Vilnius University is a member of the strategic partner universities of the Pan-European Seal Programme.

The Pan-European Seal Programme is a vehicle for early talent detection among Europe's brightest and highest-achieving graduates. It targets young, aspiring graduates from several academic backgrounds (IP and non-IP) who will be sponsored by the EUIPO and the EPO for one year-long, paid traineeships.

Each member of the Pan-European Seal is entitled to submit yearly two shortlists, one for the EUIPO and one for the EPO, from which an average of around 100 trainees in total are selected according to each student's profile and considering each Office's needs. Traineeships take place either at the EUIPO or the EPO with a monthly training allowance, as well as other benefits.

Trainees have the opportunity to benefit from on-the-job coaching by staff, as well as online training, e-courses in their field of expertise, and language courses in one of the official languages of each office.

The internship starts in September 2025 in one of the offices of EUIPO or EPO, and trainees are paid monthly compensation.

The Pan-European Seal Programme lasts one year with a possible extension and is available for students in the following areas:

- Information Technology
- Business Administration Science and Engineering
- Political science and international relations
- Economics and Finance
- Law (including intellectual property law)
- Engineering.

Candidates with technical academic knowledge in areas such as electronics, mechanics, energy, mobility and space technologies, agricultural technologies, materials and manufacturing technologies, digitization are also invited (more details [here](#)).

Requirements for students applying to EPO:

- You should be a national of one of the **EPO member states**.

¹ EPO scholarship on the first year of internship.

- You should hold a bachelor's/master's degree or PHD in a relevant field (for no longer than one year).
- You should have excellent knowledge of one of the EPO's working languages (English, French or German).

Requirements for students applying to EUIPO:

- Nationality of EU member state (although there is a possibility for a limited number of candidates from non EU member states);
- You should hold a bachelor's/master's degree or PHD at [PES University](#).
- You should have knowledge of one of the EUIPO's working languages (English, French, German, Italian or Spanish) at minimum level B1.

Selection of candidates

The selection of candidates will take place in two stages:

The first selection stage is organized by Vilnius University. For the first round of selection, candidates shall submit:

- [Europass CV](#) (in English);
- a motivational letter (in English) indicating the desired field for the internship and the desired internship location in the EUIPO or EPO office (you can choose only one internship location);
- a copy of the bachelor's diploma/master's or PHD diploma or a certificate of the completed year of study (for final year students).

Send us these documents until **February 14th, 2025 (innovations@vu.lt)** indicating your field of competence "EPO/EUIPO internship" in the title of the letter. We guarantee confidentiality.

For more information: Vilnius University Innovation Office, ph. (8 5) 2366279.

The second selection stage is organized by the EPO/EUIPO. For the second round of selection, candidates shall submit:

- a recommendation from Vilnius University (**Vilnius University** organizes the first selection stage and **submits recommended candidates to EPO/EUIPO for the second selection stage**).
- completes the candidate application on the EPO or EUIPO website (only **candidates who have passed the first selection stage** fill in the application; the application can be filled from March 1 to March 15 for the internship at the EPO office and from March 1 to March 31 for the internship EUIPO office);
- [Europass CV](#) (in English);
- a motivational letter (in English) indicating the desired field for the internship and the desired internship location in the EUIPO or EPO office (you can choose only one internship location);
- a copy of the bachelor's diploma/master's diploma with evaluation scores or a certificate of the candidate's completed year of study (final year students can also apply);
- certificate of attended free e-courses:

for EPO:

- [Introduction to the European patent system \(epo.org\)](#)
- [Using CPC in classification \(epo.org\)](#)
- [The EPO as PCT authority \(epo.org\)](#)

for EUIPO:

- [EUTM in a Nutshell](#) and/or
- [RCD in a Nutshell](#)
- You need to create an account to take these courses as [PES user](#) and log in at [EUIPO Academy Learning Portal \(EALP\)](#).

EPO and EUIPO will organize online motivational interviews with the selected candidates. Selected candidates will be notified. The internship is expected to start in 2025 in mid-September (September 15 at the EPO and September 16 at the EUIPO).

Click here to watch a video about the programme:

- [**The Pan-European Seal Young Professionals Programme at the EPO.**](#)