

Conference Awards

At the conclusion of the conference, roughly 8-12 of the best papers of the conference will be selected for publication in a special volume of conference proceedings (to view past volumes, visit scholarship.claremont.edu/urceu), and 2-3 students will be recognized for submitting the best paper or delivering the best presentation.

In addition, the EU Center will select two students from among the best paper and best presentation award winners to participate in a fully funded 2-week-long summer school program in Europe.



EU Center of California

The European Union Center of California was founded in 1998 with the assistance of the European Commission as part of a network of ten European Union Centers in the United States.

Mission

The mission of the European Union Center of California is to advance public understanding of European integration and transatlantic relations through education and research.

Undergraduate education about the European Union is the EU Center's top priority. To that end, the EU Center:

- sponsors a curriculum in European Union Studies at the Claremont Colleges;
- provides opportunities for students to study in Europe and to intern at various international organizations based in Europe;
- hosts scholarly conferences as well as lectures by distinguished visitors;
- hosts the oldest and largest regularly-scheduled academic conference in the United States dedicated to undergraduate research on European Union topics.

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25th Annual

Undergraduate Research Conference

on the

European Union



April 8-9, 2027
Scripps College
Claremont, CA

CONFERENCE

Purpose

The primary purpose of the annual Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union is to enhance undergraduate training in and knowledge of the European Union and transatlantic relations. The conference allows students with expertise in different areas to interact with each other as well as with faculty, fosters intercampus cooperation, and recognizes excellent work achieved by students.

Format

Having completed research papers on a variety of topics, participating students gather for an interactive conference focusing on European issues. Students present and discuss their research in a panel format, each panel being composed of 3-4 students. Presentations are usually 10-15 minutes long and are followed by questions and a discussion moderated by a faculty member. At the conclusion of the conference, faculty participants nominate and select the best papers of the conference, which are later published in a special volume of conference proceedings.

Who Can Participate

Participants must be currently enrolled undergraduate students either in the United States or internationally. Both individual and group paper applications are accepted.

Conference Fees & Travel Expenses

There are no conference registration fees for students to participate. The EU Center will also cover the cost of a hotel room for 2 nights and conference meals for accepted participants. Participants are responsible for their own travel costs.

DETAILS

Important Dates

February 1, 2027 – applications due (incl. abstract & 10-page draft)

March 15, 2027 – final papers due

April 8-9, 2027 – conference at Scripps College in Claremont, California

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***NEW** Applicants must submit a minimum 10-page draft of their paper by February 1. The draft can be uploaded as part of the online application or sent by email to eucenter@scrippcollege.edu.*

Final Papers

Final papers are due by March 15, 2027. Papers should be approximately 10-15 pages double-spaced, excluding references. All papers must be the original work of the author(s)–the use of AI tools to either generate or improve content is disallowed. Papers should be submitted by email to eucenter@scrippscollege.edu.

Sponsors and Partners

The conference is organized and funded by the European Union Center of California at Scripps College in partnership with the following institutions: *Pomona College • Pitzer College • The Institute of European Studies at the University of California at Berkeley • The European Union Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley • The Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley • The European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Washington.*

TOPICS



Students may pursue a wide range of topics that reflect their interest, expertise, and past research. Papers can be about the European Union, a particular country within the EU, or the EU's relationship with outside countries. Topic examples include, but are not limited to:

- Defining sovereignty and the role of the state in the European Union
- Role of the EU in the globalized world
- Immigration and social policy
- Minority issues
- Future of NATO
- Transatlantic relations
- Enlargement
- Institutional reform
- Nationalism and politics of the right
- Terrorism
- Energy and environmental policy
- Monetary integration
- Science and technology
- Future of Euro-American influence and legitimacy in a globalizing world