

Application is now open for Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy 2024!

Are you wonder how to provide hands-on innovation support to local or regional stakeholder communities, notably startups and SMEs? Or maybe you are interested in how to build cross border collaboration and draw the attention of key agrifood industry players to your research infrastructure capacities and opportunities? Then the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy is for you!

Research Infrastructure Commercialisation Academy is a capacity building program funded by European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Food within HEI Initiative and designed to support aspiring managers and scientists/student working in Loyola University 's or Lodz University publicly funded research infrastructure related to the agrifood sector. It provides participants with highly interactive training and dedicated support by agrifood research and innovation management experts based on best commercialisation practices, tools and techniques to enhance their research infrastructure's commercial use and visibility, identify potential partners and stimulate the science-industry collaboration. It aims to equip participants with the necessary skills to provide innovation support to local or regional stakeholder communities, notably startups and SMEs, build cross border collaboration, and draw the attention of the national and international key agrifood industry players to their research infrastructure capacities and opportunities.

Who can apply

The Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy is focused on supporting academic and non-academic staff of Loyola University or Lodz University (e.g. scientist, manager/director, specialist/technician, researcher, research assistant, commercialisation specialist, IP specialist, student etc.) involved in management and commercialisation of research infrastructure.

The research infrastructure must fall under one of EIT Food's focus areas, including targeted nutrition, sustainable aquaculture, sustainable agriculture, alternative proteins, digital transformation of traceability, and circular food systems.

How it works

The program is comprised of **7 days** of **online classes**, **workshops** and **mentoring sessions** followed by several **assignments** spread across **three months** and delivered by InterHEI partners' experts in agrifood research and innovation management, providing their expertise and experience in research infrastructures commercialisation and innovation management relevant to the contemporary agrifood system. It is highly interactive and features various learning methods (e.g., lectures, presentations, team assignments, Q&A) incorporated with mentoring sessions. The program ends with each team presentation on their research infrastructure commercialisation plan in a final session to InterHEI partners, invited guests, and officials from Loyola University via online video conference on 16th May 2024 (to be confirmed).

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The Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy workshops and mentoring sessions will be run by educators, researchers and experts from **Lodz University of Technology**.

Participants do not pay tuition fee.

For more information, please download the Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy [Brochure](#) featuring some of aspects of the programme.

Timeline

Research Infrastructure Commercialization Academy will be held online on

	RIC Academy main session	Mentoring session
1	14.03.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	19.03.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
2	21.03.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	02.04.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
3	04.04.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	09.04.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
4	11.04.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	23.04.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
5	25.04.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	07.05.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
6	09.05.2024 Thursday hours 12:00-15:00 pm	14.05.2024 Tuesday hours 6:00-8:00 pm
7	16.05.2024 Thursday hours 12-14 pm final session	

Every Day

12:00-12:30 - Introduction to the training programme, workshop agenda, modality of main sessions, break-out rooms' activities, modules assignments and mentoring framework/ homework/ module assignment presentation

12:30-13:15 - Module presentation:

13:15-13:45 - Coffee break (free time)

13:45-14:30 - Teamwork (break-out room)

14:30-14:45 - Team presentations and feedback

14:45-15:00 - Introduction to module assignment

Mentoring session is for those who want to check the completed assignment or to deepen the information obtained. Preparation of assignment and final presentation is mandatory.

Apply today!

Applications are open from 28th February till 12th March 2024. For more information on how to apply, please contact Iwona Staniec iwona.staniec@p.lodz.pl and Edyta Milewska at edyta.milewska@p.lodz.pl.

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