

E³UDRES² Award of Excellence for Student Innovation

"Local Pulse, Global Waves"

Award Description:

The E³UDRES² Award of Excellence for Student Innovation "Local Pulse, Global Waves" celebrates student-driven projects, research, or initiatives that address **local challenges with global potential**. This competition allows students across the E³UDRES² Alliance to showcase their work through a **creative and visually engaging poster**, demonstrating innovation and global impact. During the E³UDRES² Science Festival, the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite poster, making it a celebration of both creativity and the broader reach of student-led initiatives.

Eligibility:

- Open to all students (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels) from partner institutions within the E³UDRES² Alliance.
 - Students can submit projects, research, papers, or other initiatives where they were the main initiator or played a significant leadership role.
 - The poster can be about any project, thesis, research, or activity that aligns with the festival's theme: "Local Pulse, Global Waves".
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Application Process:

To participate in the competition, students must submit:

1. **A Digital A0 Poster (in PDF format)**, adhering to the following requirements:
 - **Portrait format (A0 size, 841mm x 1189mm).**
 - The content of the poster is entirely up to the student's creativity! They are encouraged to present their work in a visually compelling and unique way. The poster should communicate the essence of their project, research, or initiative clearly and effectively.
 - The key focus should be on clarity: The information should be easy to follow and understand, even for a general audience. Creativity and originality in design are highly encouraged!
 - The poster can include any visual elements (graphics, images, charts, diagrams, photos, etc.) that help convey the message and engage the audience (please note that the use of visual material need to conform to copyright rules)

2. **Nomination Deadline:** Submissions are due by **09 May 2025**.
3. **Submission of Applications:** Submit your essay and supporting files by the above-mentioned deadline at alexandros.xafis@fhstp.ac.at.

Nomination Process:

- **Self-Nomination Only:** Students can submit their own poster for consideration. Since the focus is on student creativity and initiative, only self-submissions are allowed.

Public Voting and Selection:

- **Top Posters:** A selection committee will review all submissions and choose the top posters based on creativity, clarity, and relevance to the theme. These posters will then be displayed for public voting during Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 May 2025 at the campus of St. Pölten UAS.
- **Public Voting:** The public vote will determine the winners. The posters will be displayed at the university, and the public (students, faculty, staff, and visitors) will be invited to vote for their favourite based on the following factors:
 - **Relevance to the Theme:** How well does the poster address the theme of "Local Pulse, Global Waves"? What is the level of novelty and potential impact of the proposed solution?
 - **Clarity:** Is the information easy to understand? Is the message clearly communicated?
 - **Visual Appeal:** Is the poster engaging and eye-catching?
 - **Creativity:** How creative is the design and presentation of the content?

Award Presentation:

The winners will be announced at the E³UDRES² Science Festival, on Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 19:00 – 20:30 (look at updated programme for details), where the winning posters will be prominently displayed. The students will be awarded the E³UDRES² Award of Excellence for Student Innovation, and their work will be recognized for its impact and creativity (hybrid participation possible).

Incentives for Award Recipients:

The E³UDRES² Award of Excellence for Student Innovation "Local Pulse, Global Waves" recognizes the creativity and impact of student-driven projects. In

addition to this honour, the winners will enjoy the following tangible rewards to further support their initiatives:

- **Monetary prizes:** €1000 for first place, €750 for second place, and €500 for third place, in recognition of their achievements and to celebrate the positive impact of their innovative solutions.
- **Widespread visibility** through promotion on E³UDRES²'s communication platforms, including social media, newsletters, and the website.
- **Feature of winning posters** at various E³UDRES² events and exhibitions, providing more opportunities to showcase their innovative projects.
- **A dedicated, personalized certificate** for the winners to formally recognize their achievements. A certificate of participation will be provided to all applicants, acknowledging their contribution to the award.

These incentives are designed to honour and celebrate the students' impact within E³UDRES² and the community of young academics.