



**New
York
City**

Leadership Summer School 2nd Edition!

New York City, USA

19 - 25 July 2026

Overview

Location	New York City, USA
Dates	19 - 25 July 2026
Organizers	EucA in Collaboration with <u>City University of New York (CUNY)</u> and <u>The City College of New York</u>
Training hours	30 hours
Main topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership theories and practices• Servant leadership: to place the focus on service toward people, employees, etc• Global challenges and leadership• Personal development
Key visits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• United Nations Headquarters• CUNY College/s,• More Universities/Campus Visits to be confirmed.
Target	Students enrolled in any master's or bachelor's degree program who are interested in developing their leadership skills.





Leadership Summer School New York Call for applications for university students

Hello future leaders,

EucA (European University College Association), in collaboration with The Conference of University Colleges of Merit (CCUM) & City University of New York (CUNY), is thrilled to present the second edition of the Leadership Summer School, taking place in the dynamic city of New York from 19 to 25 July 2026.

This immersive program offers university students the chance to develop their leadership potential through interactive workshops, hands-on training, and visits to prestigious institutions such as the United Nations and CUNY. Participants will learn from experts, gain global perspectives, and build key intercultural and leadership skills. Through real-world experiences, they will strengthen their ability to inspire change and solve complex challenges. The program, hosted by CUNY, blends academic excellence with practical insights for impactful personal and professional growth.

Join us in New York to connect with ambitious peers from around the world, broaden your horizons, and step confidently into the next level of leadership!

Art. 1 Event Description

The second edition of EucA's Leadership Summer School, to be held in July in New York City, offers an immersive experience to delve into the theories and practices of effective leadership in a global context. The program includes interactive workshops with experts from the Malave Leadership Academy from the City University of New York and EucA, hands-on training sessions, and trips into the field to prominent institutions such as the United Nations, the College/s of the CUNY, and other American University Campuses.

The main goal is to develop participants' leadership skills, enhancing their ability to positively influence, manage change, and address the complex challenges of the academic and professional world. The interdisciplinary approach integrates international relations, psychology, and personal development elements, providing a comprehensive and versatile view of leadership.

Art. 2 Duration, Dates & Agenda

The event will run for seven days, from 19 to 25 July 2026.

AGENDA

Sunday, 19 July 2026 (Arrivals)

- Evening: EucA Welcome

Monday, 20 July 2026

- Morning: EucA Welcome Sessions & Workshop from City University of New York (1 Workshop) + Campus Visit
- Afternoon: EucA Career Workshop
- Evening: Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, 21 July 2026

- Morning: Workshops from City University of New York (2 Workshops)
- Afternoon: Visit to the United Nations in New York
- Evening: Free time

Wednesday, 22 July 2026

- Morning: Workshop from City University of New York (2 Workshops)
- Afternoon: Cultural Activity City Pass
- Evening: Free time

Thursday, 23 July 2026

- Morning: Cultural Activity City pass
- Afternoon: Cultural Activity City pass
- Evening: Free time

Friday, 24 July 2026

- Morning: EucA Career Workshop
- Afternoon: Free time
- Evening: Farewell dinner all together

Saturday, 25 July 2026 (Departures)

Art. 3 Location and Modality

The Leadership Summer School New York will be held in New York City, USA, fully in-person and conducted entirely in English, including all the activities.

Art. 4 Learning Outcomes

- Integrate the Principles of Sustainable Leadership and apply the principles of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their leadership practices, developing innovative solutions to address global and local challenges sustainably and effectively.
- Identify global and local challenges using learned tools and strategies to navigate and manage the complexities of change in several contexts, with an in-depth understanding of global dynamics and their influence.
- Strengthen personal and professional growth by demonstrating greater resilience, adaptability, and ability to positively influence others through improved personal awareness and leadership skills, the so-called soft skills, thereby preparing for both academic and professional leadership roles.

Art. 5 Fee

The participation fee is € 2,500,00. *VAT not applicable.

It covers 6 nights in a shared room in a College in New York City (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 of July 2026), 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners, and all programme activities and extras as listed in Art. 13.

Art. 6 Training Hours

The project includes 30 hours of certified training by EucA & CUNY.

Art. 7 Who Can Apply?

The project is designed for Master's degree students and final-year Bachelor's students who are interested in developing their leadership skills. It particularly welcomes motivated students who are eager to engage in global cooperation and take an active role in creating positive social impact. Ideal candidates are those who value learning from diverse perspectives while contributing their own unique ideas. This program offers a prime opportunity for students looking to enhance their practical skills through hands-on experiences, interactive workshops, and meaningful engagement with professionals and peers from a wide range of cultural and academic backgrounds.

Art. 8 Methodology

The event integrates a range of activities built on the following methodologies:

- **Experiential Learning:** a hands-on approach to education where students actively engage in real-world experiences, reflection, and application of knowledge gained. Learning by doing promotes active engagement and helps students gain practical skills.
- **Problem-based learning (PBL)** involves students researching, analyzing, and applying critical thinking to a real-world problem. Using PBL, students address complex challenges using their knowledge and skills, promoting deeper learning and problem-solving skills.
- **Socratic Method:** asking thought-provoking questions stimulates critical thinking and discussion. To encourage students to explore ideas, analyze information, and articulate their thoughts, teachers ask open-ended questions. The Socratic method promotes active participation and a deeper understanding of concepts.

Art. 9 Innovation Aspects

Attending the second edition of the Leadership Summer School in New York will offer students the opportunity to:

- **Networking in a Global Hub:** This event offers students the chance to learn from leading experts and access advanced resources. The curriculum also includes visits to the UN and other prestigious American campuses, enriching the learning experience with real-world examples and unique insights from global institutions.
- **Exposure to a Diverse Environment:** NYC is one of the most culturally and professionally diverse cities in the world, so students will gain exposure to different perspectives and problem-solving approaches, sharpening adaptability and intercultural competence—vital skills for any leader.
- **Skill Building Through Practical Experiences and Career Preparation:** participants will stand out to future employers or college admissions officers, demonstrating that to have taken the initiative to develop their leadership potential in a high-impact setting.

Art. 10 Liability and Safety

EucA provides travel insurance coverage for participants for the official duration of the program, as specified in Art. 13.

Participants remain fully responsible for their personal behavior, actions, and conduct throughout the Leadership Summer School. Any damage caused to accommodation facilities, host institutions, public or private property, or to third parties, whether intentional or due to negligence, shall be the sole responsibility of the participant concerned, who may be required to cover the associated costs.



The organizing institutions shall not be held liable for incidents, losses, damages, injuries, or accidents occurring during participants' free time, individual activities, or as a result of failure to comply with local laws, institutional regulations, or safety instructions provided by the organizers.

Participants are expected to behave in a respectful, responsible, and lawful manner at all times. Serious misconduct, violation of rules, or behavior endangering oneself or others may result in exclusion from the program without any right to reimbursement.

By confirming their participation, students acknowledge and accept these conditions and agree to take full responsibility for their actions, health, and safety during the Leadership Summer School.

Art. 11 – Application Timeline and Procedure

The application and participation process for the NYC Leadership Summer School will take place as follows:

STEP 1 - Application Process (15 January – 10 February 2026)

Interested students must apply for the projects from 15 January to 10 February 2026.

The application deadline is 10 February 2026 at 2:00 PM (CET).

Applications must be submitted through the designated online form and include all required documents. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Link to apply:

- <https://forms.gle/4NqjwdcKaEi7aN487>

STEP 2 - College Confirmation & Allocation

The first confirmation list will be published by 28 February 2026, and it will be published via email, categorized as follows:

- Admitted with CCUM scholarship;
- Admitted without scholarship;
- Not admitted;

For scholarships, the CCUM considers one student per institution. If, after the first list, there are scholarships that have not been assigned using this criteria, Euca, in agreement with the CCUM, will proceed with their distribution.

STEP 3 - Confirmation & First Payment

Once the first list is published, selected students will be asked to confirm their participation via email and pay the first installment of the participation fee (€1,000). This payment is mandatory to secure the spot in the program.

- First Installment (€1,000): to be paid after receiving the confirmation letter, mandatory to accept the spot in the program.
- Second installment (€1,500): to be paid by 31 March 2026.
- Failure to confirm participation according to the deadline indicated by EucA or complete payments within the indicated deadlines will result in automatic withdrawal.

STEP 4 - Flight Booking

After confirmation, EucA will send a travel guide with logistical recommendations. Important: Students must not book flights until receiving the official "Green Light" email from EucA.

STEP 5 - Mandatory Online Onboardings

Before departure, participation in the following online sessions is mandatory:

- ESTA/Visa Workshop – March/April 2026
- Logistical Information Session – April 2026
- Pre-departure Onboarding (agenda, logistics, expectations) – May 2026
- The official Infopack will be released after completion of these sessions.

STEP 6 - NYC Leadership Summer School

Confirmed participants will attend the program in New York City.

Administrative Note for Colleges (CCUM): Scholarships are allocated to Colleges. If a student is selected, the College determines whether the institution pays the first installment on behalf of the student or whether the student pays EucA directly. All administrative and financial questions should be addressed to CCUM management.

Art. 12 – Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated in a transparent and structured way. Each candidate will be assessed based on their CV and Motivational Letter, with particular attention to four main areas:

- (I) motivation and alignment with the goals of the Leadership Summer School,
- (II) academic background and relevant experiences,
- (III) demonstrated potential leadership skills and soft skills such as teamwork, adaptability, and openness to intercultural dialogue.

Only applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and achieve the highest overall scores across these criteria will be admitted. For CCUM scholarships, the indication provided by the College Directors will also be taken into consideration.

To strengthen your application, we encourage you to clearly articulate your motivation and personal goals, highlight concrete examples of leadership or teamwork from your studies or extracurricular activities, present an updated and well-structured CV, and demonstrate openness to learning in a diverse, international environment. Please note that our application system includes an AI-generated content detector; therefore, ensure the originality and personal authorship of all documents you submit.

Art. 13 What's Included and Not Included

Included:

- Accommodation: 6 nights in a shared room in a College in New York City;
- Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners;
- Local transport included up to 34\$;
- Workshops and trainings from the City University of New York and EucA;
- NYC City Pass for attractions like the Empire State Building, 11/9 Memorial, National History Museum, and more;
- United Nations Headquarters guided visit;
- Universities and Campus visits;
- Insurance;
- EucA trainers;
- Certificates of training hours.

Not included:

- International Flight from/to New York City;
- Transfer from the airport to the accommodation;
- Electronic System for Travel Authorization - ESTA- to enter the USA (EucA will support you during the process);
- The rest of the meals.

Art. 14 Payment Terms and Cancellation Policy

1. **Payment Schedule:** Consistent with Art. 11, the payment schedule is as follows:
 - Deposit: 40% (€1,000) of the total fee must be paid within 5 (five) working days of receiving the official confirmation/admission letter.
 - Balance: The remaining 60% (€1,500) must be paid by 31 March 2026.
2. **Cancellation and Refund Policy:** To ensure clarity and transparency, our cancellation policy is valid only for confirmed participants who paid the fee according to the deadline and is structured in phases based on the notification date of the withdrawal.
 - Phase 1 – Withdrawal from 1 April to 31 May 2026: Refund of €1.000
 - Phase 2 – Withdrawal from 1 June to 1 July 2026: Refund of €500
 - Phase 3 – Withdrawal up to the first day of the event: Refund of €250 (minus any bank transfer fees).

3. **Name Changes:** Name changes (substituting a participant) will be allowed up until the completion of the ESTA application and ticketing process. Any additional costs associated with a name change (e.g., flight re-booking fees, admin costs) will be calculated by EucA and must be covered by the beneficiary/college. EucA reserves the right to approve or deny name changes based on logistical constraints or visa timing.

Art. 15 Budget and Funding

This event is funded by EucA and its members. Financial resources like scholarships from CCUM are managed transparently to ensure high-quality programming.

Art. 16 Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to adhere to a respectful, professional, and collaborative code of conduct, reflecting the values promoted by EucA and the project, including: respect and professionalism, active participation, punctuality and attendance, compliance with instructions provided by EucA organizers, facilitators, and venue staff.

Any behaviour contrary to these values, such as disrespect, exclusion, or actions misaligned with the project's ethos, may result in disciplinary action, including a formal warning from organizers, removal from specific activities, and, in severe cases, dismissal from the project at the participant's expense.

The objective is to create a safe, positive, and inspiring environment for all attendees.

Art. 17 Data Protection and Privacy

Personal data collected will be processed in full compliance with GDPR regulations and used exclusively for purposes related to the event.

Art. 18 Risk Management

- Incident Reporting: All emergencies or incidents will be documented and reviewed by EucA to improve safety and prevent future incidents.
- Emergency Procedures: Participants are expected to follow the venue's procedures, which will be shared in advance, and comply with local regulations and guidance from relevant authorities.

Art. 19 Post-Event Feedback and Mobility Certificate

At the conclusion of the event, participants will be invited to complete a Feedback Form to help enhance future events. Upon successful participation, students will receive an official EucA Mobility Certificate recognizing 30 training hours.



Art. 20 College staff & directors

We are pleased to share the Summer School program, which features visits and training sessions designed specifically for students. We would like to inform directors and teachers that, unlike last year, the current agenda does not include a certified training component for staff joining the experience. For any questions related to this topic, please contact the project manager of this event.

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