

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### SUMMER SCHOOLS



The Santander Group Summer Schools are programmes offered to students from SG member universities. They are organised annually and aim to strengthen ties between students,

as well as to widen their knowledge about various dimensions of global and European integration through an intensive and interdisciplinary programme of lectures, discussion panels and workgroups.

These schools provide a unique opportunity to promote multicultural exchange and develop international contacts through the accompanying social programme. Credit transfers are possible.

### COOPERATION WITH THE USA



The Santander Group has developed relations with the leading US University of California, Berkeley resulting in a bilateral agreement on student mobility. This joint exchange programme offers

applicants from Santander Group member universities an exemption from tuition fees, and it is open to graduate students for the duration of one semester.

### INTERNATIONAL TRAINEESHIPS

The Santander Group facilitates student access to professional training opportunities abroad via an international job placement database. Internal traineeships are also available.

## BENEFITS FROM MEMBERSHIP

- Participation in international and EU funded projects
- Extension of your international network
- Increased exposure for your institution
- Access to member university resources
- Transfer of knowledge through Task Force activities
- Sharing best practices in teaching, learning, and research
- Support for staff and student mobility through international exchange
- Access to meeting facilities at the Secretariat in Brussels
- Invitations to SG organized conferences and seminars

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Higher education institutions that are interested in joining the Santander Group should address their application to the SG President. Membership is decided by the Executive Committee after consultation with all the member universities.

For a detailed description of the responsibilities required of Santander Group members, please refer to our website.

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European Universities Network

## OUR VISION

### *The whole is greater than the sum of its parts*

The Santander Group is a European Universities Network comprising almost 40 members from 16 European countries that cooperate closely to strengthen their individual potential as they strive for excellence in university governance, learning and research. It is a member-centred organisation that recognises the power of teamwork and cooperation in the achievement of long-term objectives.

## STRATEGIC AIMS

- Promote and coordinate joint educational, research, and life long learning projects
- Facilitate the mobility of students, academics and administrative staff within the network
- Promote international Master's and PhD courses
- Exchange best practice to further the development of European education and research policies
- Develop relations with EU institutions, other HEIs, and business and social partners
- Participate in international projects and apply for external financial support

## CORE ACTIVITIES



## TASK FORCES

The Santander Group task forces work on key areas strategic to SG member universities and to the EHEA and the ERA. Their aims are to develop new thinking, disseminate best practice and promote joint activities.

- SANBOL** Implementing and extending the Bologna Process
- SANDOC** Promoting doctoral education and post-doctoral career development
- SANEDU** Reinforcing science education and developing new pedagogical practices
- SANGRE** Fostering research collaboration and maximizing funding opportunities within the EU Framework programmes
- SANLAT** Co-operating with Latin America and creating partnerships based on experience from the Alban Programme
- SANMED** Working with partners from Mediterranean countries through joint programmes, exchange and internships.

## STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



The Santander Group has developed internal staff exchange programmes to promote and increase academic and administrative staff mobility within the network. Recently the Group has inaugurated an administrative staff mobility programme under the ERASMUS framework. Selected participants are allotted funds from Erasmus grants to take part in one or two-week work exchanges between the Santander Group Universities.

## INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Santander Group has managed or been a partner in numerous international projects. These include:



Management of the EC programme for high-level scholarships in the European Union open to Latin American students. Over 3,300 Master's and PhD students from 18 Latin American countries having received scholarships. The project's total budget amounts to 100 million Euros.



The SG is currently a partner in the Erasmus Mundus Action IV Project which aims to develop tailor-made cultural preparation courses for North African students embarking upon a European study experience



The SG has been the coordinator and contractor of several Tempus-Phare programmes promoting international cooperation in higher education between the European Union and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe



The SG has worked with this UNESCO programme since 1994, establishing five chairs in Latin America and four in Africa as a way to advance research, training and programme development in higher education



Our Network has coordinated four Santander Group for Industrial Activity (SANGRIA) placement projects for young graduates and students of SG universities