

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INSTITUT D'ESTUDIS ESPACIALS DE CATALUNYA AND THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE UNIVERSITY REGARDING THE AWARDING OF GRANTS TO STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 37TH EDITION OF THE SPACE STUDIES PROGRAM 2025 (SSP), WHICH WILL BE HOSTED IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA BETWEEN 30 JUNE AND 22 AUGUST 2025

In Barcelona and in Illkirch-Graffenstaden, on the date of the last signature.

**ACTING HERE
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Party of the first part, Mr Ignasi Ribas Canudas with national identity document number (DNI) : _____ and Ms Pilar Montes Marbà, with national identity document number (DNI) : _____ acting in the name and on behalf of the **FUNDACIÓ INSTITUT D'ESTUDIS ESPACIALS DE CATALUNYA (IEEC)**, with tax identification number G61051710 and a registered office at Carrer Esteve Terradas,1, Edifici RDIT, pl.2, 08860 Castelldefels, as Director and Management Director/Manager, and in their capacities as legal representatives of the IEEC.

Party of the second part, Mr. John Wensveen and Ms. Olga Vokh acting in the name and on behalf of the **INTERNATIONAL SPACE UNIVERSITY**, with registration number at the Companies Register 39500631500026 and at the Registre des Associations of Tribunal d'Instance of Illkirch-Graffenstaden under Volume XXIII Folio n° 930, with registered office at 1 Rue Jean-Dominique Cassini 67400 Illkirch-Graffenstaden, as President and Head of Finance of the ISU.

The parties mutually recognise one another's legal capacity to sign this document.

RECITALS

I. Whereas, the Fundació Institut d'Estudis Espacials de Catalunya was founded in 1996 (number 976 in the Foundations Registry the Autonomous Government of Catalonia) and it has been comprised, since its founding, of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia, the University of Barcelona (UB), the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), the Technical University of Catalonia · BarcelonaTech (UPC) and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). Its ultimate goal is to collaborate and participate in the development, promotion and distribution of all manner of activities, studies and projects related to space technology and scientific research from space for the benefit of all people, entities and institutions that show an interest in them.

The IEEC studies all areas of knowledge and technology applied to the sector and the space sciences, including astrophysics, cosmology, planetary science, Earth observation and space engineering. Its mission is to push the boundaries of space research through science and technology for the full benefit of society.

At present, the IEEC is an entity whose controlling interest is held by the Autonomous

Government of Catalonia, and it is considered a public foundation in accordance with article 174.1. b) of Law 5/2017 and it was attached to the Autonomous Government of Catalonia as detailed in the Government agreement GOV/98/2020, of 28 July, that stipulates the attachment of public foundations to the Autonomous Government of Catalonia.

II. Whereas, the International Space University (ISU) is a university based in Illkirch-Graffenstaden near Strasbourg (France) and the only university in the world dedicated entirely to space education since 1987. Currently, the ISU is comprised of a globally unique network with a main campus in Illkirch-Graffenstaden near Strasbourg, as well as centres in the United States and in the Asia-Pacific region, and associations with leading space organisations throughout the world.

III. Whereas, the ISU organises the Space Studies Program (SSP), which offers a eight-week development experience during the summer for the final education stages of higher education students. The main aim of the program is to educate and train students so they may access the professional world in the field of space economics and industry. The 37th edition will take place in Seoul, South Korea between 30 June and 22 August 2025.

The SSP is supported by the European Space Agency (ESA) and is an intensive program offering courses in a wide variety of space disciplines, in addition to practical training through workshops and professional visits. During the program, participants work in a team on projects to address current and future issues in the space sector.

The cost of the course is €20,000, which includes matriculation, accommodation and meals. The return trip to South Korea and medical insurance are not included.

The European Space Agency (ESA) offers financial aid to partially cover the registration fees associated with participation in the Space Studies Program (SSP).

IV. Whereas, pursuant to the agreement dated 27 October 2020, the Autonomous Government of Catalonia approved the Agreement for the NewSpace Strategy of Catalonia. The IEEC is one of the entities responsible for promoting and developing the different activities identified in the strategy, including development of the Talent and Society program, among others.

The Talent and Society program of the NewSpace Strategy of Catalonia promotes activities aimed at attracting, generating and retaining all that talent with capacities to develop solutions in the NewSpace field.

In the context of the Talent and Society program's goals, **the IEEC is interested in offering three grants** (*NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships*), in addition to the financial aid offered by the ESA, with the aim of partially covering the registration fees associated with participation in the SSP 2025.

V. Whereas, in light of the foregoing, both parties deem it convenient to formalise an agreement with a view to setting out the terms and conditions of collaboration between both institutions regarding the procedure for awarding grants for participation in the 37th edition of the SSP 2025.

In view of the above, the signatory institutions here by sign this agreement, which is subject to the following.

CLAUSES

ONE. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to establish the collaboration between the IEEC and the ISU in relation to the awarding of grants for the 37th edition of the SSP 2025 (SSP'25) that will take place in Seoul, South Korea between 30 June and 22 August 2025.

In the framework of this collaboration, the IEEC will open a call for three (3) "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships" for participation in said SSP'25 organised by the ISU.

The amount of the "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships" grant is €7,000 for student. These grants are set as a lump sum so the registration fees associated with participation in the SSP may be partially covered.

Once awarded, the grants will be paid by the IEEC directly to the ISU.

TWO. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF NEWSPACE CATALONIA SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES.

The parties agree that the candidates who meet the eligibility and rating requirements set by the ISU and the IEEC may benefit from the "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships". The final candidates will be selected in accordance with the selection procedure detailed next.

The selection process will have two stages. The first requires that an application be submitted according to the ISU's procedure and bearing in mind the ISU and the IEEC's requirements. The second stage involves the IEEC selecting three applications resulting from the pre-selection made by the ISU.

2.1. Application pre-selection by the ISU

The parties agree that to apply for the "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships", candidates must complete and pass the ISU's admission procedure in order to be able to participate in the SSP'25.

The ISU's eligibility requirements and the selection process can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.isunet.edu/ssp/>.

Apart from the ISU's eligibility requirements, candidates must meet the following participation requirements in order to receive a "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarship":

- having obtained the ESA scholarship for the SSP25 course.
- have completed at least three years of university study at the start of the SSP.
- be studying a bachelor's degree or master's degree in Catalonia or have recently finished (in the last five years)
- high level of English.
- The applicant's cover letter to the ISU should outline their interest in the NewSpace Strategy of Catalonia (250 words minimum).

2.2. Selection of applications by the IEEC/Autonomous Government of Catalonia, once ISU pre-selection is passed.

After passing the ISU admission phase, the IEEC will make a selection through an Assessment Committee, bearing in mind the assessment criteria set in the competitive basis application requirements that will be the subject of approval by the IEEC.

THREE. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE "NEWSPACE CATALONIA SCHOLARSHIPS".

Interested parties must submit their application to the SSP using the following link: <https://www.isunet.edu/ssp/>. They must also supply all required documentation.

The deadline for submitting applications to the ISU is 31 January 2025.

Once applications have been assessed by the ISU's Admissions Office, it will send them to the IEEC so the applications may be assessed internally in accordance with the criteria set out in the application requirements approved by the IEEC.

Lastly, once the applications have been assessed by the IEEC's Assessment Committee, this committee will inform the ISU of the identity of the three grant beneficiaries. The ISU will contact the beneficiaries to inform them they have been awarded a grant.

FOUR. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

4.1. Obligations of the ISU

In the context of this agreement, the ISU will:

- With the IEEC, contribute to the selection of "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships" beneficiaries by carrying out the ISU admission phase for participation in the SSP'25, detailed in clause two of this agreement.
- After completing the ISU admission phase, the ISU will send the identification and documentation of the applicants admitted by the ISU to the IEEC, and specifically to the Director of the Space Promotion Office at the IEEC, Mr Josep Colomé Ferrer, to the following emails addresses: colome@ieec.cat and lomascolo@ieec.cat.
- Allocate the amount of the grants awarded by the IEEC to fulfil the project or activity that supports the awarding of grants for the SSP'25.
- Submit to the verification and control actions duly required by the IEEC, providing as much information as necessary in relation to the payment of grants, where appropriate.
- Suitably advertise financing of the SSP'25 in public with the logo of the IEEC/Autonomous Government of Catalonia.
- Keep the IEEC informed as to the development of this agreement's purpose.

4.2. Obligations of the IEEC

In the context of this agreement, the IEEC will:

- Select the beneficiaries of the "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships" (up to a total of three) in accordance with the participation and eligibility requirements set out in clause two of this agreement.

- Pay the ISU the amount of the three (3) "NewSpace Catalonia Scholarships" awarded to the beneficiaries, with each being €7,000 (€21,000 in total). These grants are set as a lump sum so the costs associated with participation in the SSP'25 may be partially covered.
- Keep the ISU informed as to the development of this agreement's purpose.

FIVE. IECC CONTROL AND MONITORING MECHANISMS

The IECC may check, using the means it deems necessary, that the activities subsidised for the beneficiaries are being developed satisfactorily, and carry out as many verification actions as it deems appropriate.

If, after the verification actions, it is discerned that the amounts awarded were not used for the purposes for which they were granted, the IECC may demand their full repayment.

SIX. PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING AND CONTROLLING THE AGREEMENT

To monitor and control this agreement and with the aim of establishing a mechanism that facilitates this task, decision-making, and allows possible discrepancies that may arise during its fulfilment and development to be resolved, the parties appoint the following agreement supervisors whom the parties may address:

For the IECC, Ms Paula Lomascolo, Coordinator of the Talent and Society Program at the IECC.
Postal address: Carrer Esteve Terradas, 1, Edifici RDIT, pl.2, desp. 212, 08860 Castelldefels.
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For the ISU, Mr Nassim Bovet, Head of Admissions at ISU

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The decisions of these supervisors will be put on record.

SEVEN. TERM

This agreement will come into force on the day after the last electronic signature is provided and it will remain in force while the activities that constitute its purpose are developed, up until their completion and effective fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the parties.

It will have a term of one (1) year.

EIGHT. DATA PROTECTION

The parties will process the personal data to which they have access, or which are the purpose of transfer in the framework of this agreement's application, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, in addition to Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on personal data protection and guaranteeing digital rights as well as any implementing regulations.

NINE. ADVERTISING AND TRANSPARENCY

This agreement, once signed by the parties, will be published in the IEEC's transparency section: www.ieec.cat.

TEN. CAUSES FOR TERMINATION

The following are just causes for the termination of this agreement:

- Unanimous agreement between the signatory parties.
- Failure to comply with the obligations and commitments assumed by the signatory parties.

ELEVEN. AGREEMENTS AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

The parties agree to amicably resolve any disputes or possible differences that may arise during the term of this agreement.

However, when an agreement cannot be reached, the courts of Barcelona will be authorised to settle any issues that may arise between the parties regarding the interpretation and/or fulfilment of the agreements contained herein, with the parties submitting to their jurisdiction and authority, expressly waiving any other jurisdiction that may apply.

In witness whereof, the parties hereby sign this agreement electronically for one sole purpose on the date of the last signature provided.

THE INSTITUT D'ESTUDIS ESPACIALS DE CATALUNYA



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