

FAQs

- When the schedule states a first intensive week, what does it mean?

Intensive week will happen at Barcelona (4-7/9), then there are three intensive weeks at CERN (11-15/9), (23-27/9) and (6-15/12).

- What does it mean “extra time”? The time that we spend on our own, or there are specific school hours?

The dedication along the regular weeks is basically performed devoting a full day all the team together in the same place (probably at Espai Emprèn at UPC). As result of the working meetings, there is usually needed to perform individual assignments (information search, reports, interviews, ...) as autonomous work individually or in pairs. Please think that 10-12 ECTS should be roughly 20 hours per week. The specified workload is lower than that, except in the weeks at CERN.

- Is it a Lab project, or is it rather oriented to business?

Is a user-oriented project. There is a technological implementation, to provide a prototype able to give a proof-of-concept but the needfinding and creative part has a higher role than in our usual projects at UPC. Everyone should learn about ideation, design, business and implementation. Engineers have clearly more opportunities to learn about the other disciplines than management or design students.

- Which are the estimated costs for travel and tuition?

The approximate cost for 20 days at CERN is 1.000-1.200 €: 250 € in flights, 250 € in food and extras and 700 € in residence.

- Is there a scholarship from UPC / CERN / other institutions?

We are looking for sponsorship and we have asked for an EU Erasmus+ project to cover the expenses. We still do not have the answers. There are no grants from CERN but they do not charge for using their facilities and materials.

- Is a diploma given at the end of the course?

Yes, IdeaSquare at CERN gives a diploma in the final gala

- Do we self-arrange the teams, or will be assigned by the teachers?

The faculty arranges the teams according to the student's combined skills to have balanced teams.

- Is needed a prior knowledge of any particular subject?

No. The challenges will be revealed at the beginning of the first week. They are wide societal needs. You will learn about the topic along the project.

- Do we have to prepare some documentation during / at the end of the course? And before?

The documentation is less formal and extensive than in our projects, but there are more presentations and multimedia short communications. The graphic design team members are great in that sense. There are several deliverables and a final report. They are not long but a high quality and relevance of contents is expected.

- What is the deadline to join? (UPC schedules autumn is published in late June, and we can have subjects overlap).

We ask for your application letter on fib.vd.iirr@upc.edu by June 5th.