

Summer School: Innovation, Tech & Culture

Terms of Selection & Participation

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1 INTRODUCTION

These Terms of Selection and Participation (hereinafter “the Terms”) govern the application and participation in the Innovation, Tech & Culture Summer School (hereinafter the “Summer School”). By submitting an application, all individuals (“Applicants”), and if selected, those participating in the Summer School (“Participants”), agree to be bound by these Terms.

Please read the following Terms carefully before submitting your application. By submitting an application, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and unconditionally agree to all these Terms.

If you do not agree with any of these Terms, please refrain from applying to the Summer School

2 ORGANISERS AND IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

1. The Summer School is organized by
 - **ARIONA HELLAS S.A.**, acting through the **ONASSIS ONX team**, headquartered at Galaxia 2 & Eurydamantos, 11745 Athens, Greece; and
 - the **Athens Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (ACE)** of the **Athens University of Economics and Business**, located at Troias 2, Kimolou & Spetson, 11362 Athens, Greececollectively referred to hereinafter as the “**Organisers**”.

3 OVERVIEW AND DURATION

1. Summer School is a 10-day intensive program, designed to empower emerging professional artists, creative technologists, business professionals and entrepreneurs. It aims to inspire innovative thinking to disrupt social norms, business operations and traditional practices with the use of digital arts and tools.
2. The Summer School will be hosted at the premises of the Athens Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (ACE) (Troias 2, Kimolou & Spetson, 113 62, Athens Greece).
3. There is no participation fee.
4. Participation in the program will be in person and requires physical presence throughout the duration of the Summer School. A maximum of two (2) absences from scheduled modules will be permitted. More than two (2) absences will lead to the immediate termination of participation.

5. The operating language of the Summer School — including lectures, mentoring sessions, group work, and all program-related communication — will be English.
6. The Summer School will take place from 1 to 13 July 2026
7. The Summer School includes:
 - a. Expert instruction and lectures delivered by academic faculty from two esteemed institutions — the Athens University of Economics and Business and the New York University Tandon School of Engineering — as well as guest lecturers from the Onassis ONX team and other invited experts.
 - b. Expert mentoring and guidance for works-in-progress by tutors and guest speakers.
 - c. Opportunity to develop your own project.
 - d. Networking & Collaboration opportunities.

4 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Summer school is open to a maximum of forty (30) participants.
2. The Summer School is addressed to individuals who are 18 years of age or older at the time of application.
3. Individuals may apply either in their personal capacity or as representatives of the company they work for or own.
4. The individual participation is open to residents of all countries. However, please note that travel, accommodation, and any other participation-related costs are not covered by the program and must be borne by the participants.
5. Applicants can be students or graduates or professionals in different fields within the creative, tech and business industries. Indicative fields include, but are not limited to: Marketing, Branding, and Communication Professionals, Art Directors, Product Managers/Strategists, Product Designers, Web and Graphic Designers, Store and Interior Designers, Entrepreneurs, Visual Artists, Designers, Architects, Artisans, Business Administration Professionals, Technologists, Informatics Professionals, Game Developers, Marketing Agents, UI/UX Designers or other relevant disciplines.
6. All applicants are required to submit a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and/or a sample of previous work as part of their application, along with a statement of interest in participating in the Summer School. While prior personal or professional experience in relevant fields is not mandatory, it is highly recommended.

5 APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. To be considered for participation in the Summer School, applicants must cumulatively meet all of the following conditions:
 - a. Meet the eligibility requirements.
 - b. Submit their application exclusively via the official portal of the Onassis Foundation website, by completing the online application form no later than 21 June 2026 at 23:59 (UTC+2). Applications received by any other means and/or submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated.
 - c. Fully and unconditionally accept these Terms, the associated Privacy Notice, and consent to the collection and processing of their personal data for the purposes and context of the Summer School, as described in the Privacy Notice.
 - d. Submit their application and all accompanying materials necessary in English. Applications and material submitted in any other language will not be accepted and evaluated.
 - e. Provide valid and accurate contact information and remain reachable throughout the application process and during the Summer School. Inability to contact an applicant may result in disqualification.
 - f. Confirm their availability and commitment to attending the entire 10-day Summer School in person.
 - g. Declare that all material submitted through the application form is original and constitutes the exclusive intellectual property of the applicant. Plagiarised or non-original material will lead to immediate disqualification.
 - h. Commit to active and collaborative participation in all scheduled workshops, discussions, and program activities, and to bringing their own laptop and necessary equipment.
 - i. Acknowledge and accept that travel, accommodation, and other associated expenses are not covered by the Organisers and must be borne by the participants.
 - j. Commit to English as the official operating language
2. Each Applicant may submit only one (1) application. In the case of multiple applications, the first application only will be taken into consideration.

6 SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of participants for the Summer School will be done in two (2) phases.

1. PHASE I: SCREENING

At this stage of the selection process, each application will be received and initially reviewed by an Onassis ONX (Ariona) team member. The reviewer reviews all applications in order to ensure that the eligibility criteria stated in the present Terms & Conditions are fulfilled.

More specifically, the reviewer assesses **(eligibility criteria)**:

- i. All required fields are correctly filled in.
- ii. The Applicant is committed to fully attending physically the Summer School.
- iii. Applicant's commitment to actively participate in all workshops, discussions, and activities during the aforementioned time period.
- iv. Willingness to collaborate and contribute to the participating community.
- v. Acceptance of the present Terms & Conditions and Privacy Notice of the Summer School.

2. PHASE II: SHORTLISTING

In Phase II, the eligible applications, including the requested supporting materials, will be reviewed in detail by expert members of the Ariona team and ACE team. ARIONA is responsible for collecting all submissions and give access to team members of ACE as evaluators. The final selection is made jointly, based on the selection criteria as described below.

6.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clarity of intent and motivation alignment with Summer School's objectives.
- Previous relevant experience (proven by submitted CV and/or portfolio).
- Feasibility and potential impact of how the applicant plans to apply the knowledge and skills gained from the Summer School in its current or future projects.
- Quality, creativity, and relevance of the submitted portfolio (if applicable).
- Overall potential impact of the applicants' participation on their work and contribution to the Summer School's community.

It is expressly stated herein that:

- The criteria set out above shall all be taken into account jointly by the Organizers (i.e. Onassis ONX (Ariona) and ACE).

- The Organizing team is under no obligation to communicate the reasoning behind its choices or with regard to proposals that are rejected.
- Once the results have been announced, there shall be no re-evaluation of the submissions, and there can be no appeals.

6.3 RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFIRMATION OF THE PARTICIPATION

1. All applicants will be informed about the evaluation results by email.
2. After the announcement of the selection results, selected Applicants must confirm their participation through completing an online participation form **by June 25th 2025, 23:59, UTC+2**. The form will be shared to them via email by the Organizers.
3. As stated in section 3.2, participating businesses are asked to provide the necessary documentation by the same deadline.
4. No or delayed completion of the form gives the right to the Organisers to consider the application as withdrawn.

In case a selected Applicant confirms his/her participation by any other means, the Organisers reserve the right to terminate participant's involvement in the Summer School.

7 ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSIVITY AND FAIR SELECTION

- Summer School is firmly committed to fostering a **diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment** where everyone is welcome to apply and participate. We strongly believe in the value of diversity and inclusivity for fostering innovation, creativity, and a positive community.
- **Equal Opportunity:** We ensure equal opportunity for all applicants without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability status, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable law. Our selection process is designed to be transparent, objective, and free from bias.
- **Fair Selection Process:** Our selection criteria are based on relevant qualifications, experience, skills, and other Summer School-specific requirements. We are committed to conducting a fair, transparent, and unbiased selection process to identify the most suitable candidates for our Summer School.
- **Accessibility and Accommodation:** We strive to make our application and selection processes accessible to everyone. Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply, and reasonable accommodation will be made to ensure they can participate fully in the application and selection process.

- **Continuous Improvement:** We are dedicated to continuously improving our practices to enhance inclusivity and equity. We welcome feedback from our applicants and participants on how we can better achieve these goals.

8 INCENTIVES

1. All participants upon successful completion of the Summer School (i.e. after attending and fully participating in the entire duration of the Summer School) will receive a certificate of attendance.
2. Throughout the Summer School the participant will enjoy
 - a. Incubation and seed-funding opportunities.
 - b. Participation in the Program, led by expert tutors.
 - c. Expert mentoring and guidance for works-in-progress by tutors and guest speakers.
 - d. Opportunity to develop your own project.
 - e. Opportunity to join an interdisciplinary team network of makers/ creatives.
 - f. Opportunities to be included in potential follow-up work / opportunities with the organizers.
3. After the completion of the program, selected participants might get:
 - a. Access to studio time & equipment in the brand-new studio of Onassis ONX in Athens (Onassis Ready).
 - b. Access to mentoring provided by Onassis ONX and international experts.
4. Additionally, participating businesses (through their business representative), will have the following benefits:
 - a. Access to professional capacity building programs addressing to businesses and enterprises, co-organized with Onassis ONX collaborators.
 - b. Access to funding & development opportunities supported by Onassis ONX participating networks

9 CANCELATION & TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION

1. The Organisers reserve the right to cancel the participation of any individual at any stage of the program — including after selection — if it is determined that the applicant:
 - a. does not meet the eligibility criteria or required Terms;
 - b. has not fully accepted these Terms and the associated Privacy Notice;
 - c. cannot be reached for communication; or
 - d. engages in conduct or behavior that substantially disrupts the smooth implementation of the Summer School

2. The Organizers may cancel entries that are in any way in breach of these Terms, as well as entries with content that is illegal, offensive, or inappropriate, such as (but not limited to) material that is pornographic, violent, misleading, threatening, abusive, defamatory, racist, or vulgar, or generally contrary to applicable law, including intellectual and industrial property law, morality, the right to privacy and public order.
3. If the maximum of two (2) absences from scheduled modules is exceeded the participation will be immediately terminated at any stage of the program.

10 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLICATION RIGHTS

1. Applicants retain full ownership over their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application, applicants represent and warrant that they hold ownership of or have legally obtained a relevant license (in writing) to use all elements provided/submitted as part of their application and that the provided materials and information do not infringe any intellectual or other property rights, including patents, of any other persons, companies, or entities. Elements of the application that are based on rights held by others, such as patents, must be marked as such in the application.
2. The participants bear sole and full responsibility towards the Organisers and any third party for the material they submit and for the accuracy of the information they declare.
In the event that any third-party claim is brought against the Organisers related to copyright or other intellectual property right infringement, the Participants are solely responsible and obliged to reimburse the Organisers for any amount they will be required to pay to the third parties as compensation, including the relevant legal costs and expenses of any kind.
3. The submission of the proposal does not constitute any transfer of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to the Organisers. Intellectual Property developed by Participants during the Summer School is retained by the respective Participant, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.
4. The Organisers will discuss, evaluate, share and in general process the information that the Participants provide solely for the purposes of the Summer School and in the manner that are identified herein, namely for the purpose of reviewing and selecting Participants to the Summer School under the present Terms & Conditions. However, please refrain from including any proprietary or confidential information in your application.

5. Your application to the Summer School does not create any kind of relationship between you and any of the Organisers, other than your agreement to this site's Terms of Use, and you won't receive any compensation for your application.

11 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

For information on the processing of personal data in the context of the Summer School, please refer to the Privacy Notice that is attached herein.

10 MISCELLANEOUS

1. By submitting their application form, Applicants agree to the present Terms, which form part of their submission.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to amend these Terms at any time in the future.
3. The Organizers reserve the right to change the dates and/or cancel the Summer School. In this case, there will be a relevant announcement on the Website, and the Organizers will make every reasonable effort to facilitate the needs of the accepted applicants/participants.
4. You may withdraw your application at any time by informing us by email at any time by the **26th of June 2026, 23:59**.
5. The Organisers reserve the right to terminate a participant's involvement in the Summer School for failure to comply with any with these Terms.
6. Participants of the Summer School might be subject to a formal ex-post impact assessment within five years after the end of the Summer School (July 2026). This is to determine the impact of the Summer School's outputs.
7. All information, news, and updates regarding the Summer School will be exclusively available on the Summer School's website page or via email.

12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION – APPLICABLE LAW

1. In case of disagreement, controversy or dispute regarding the interpretation or correct application of the terms contained herein, the Participants will address before any legal action to a three-member committee consisting of representatives of the Organizers, which will make an effort to compromise, amicably resolve the dispute.
2. Any controversy, dispute or disagreement that has not been resolved amicably during the above procedure and arises from or relates to these terms, shall be resolved exclusively by the courts of Athens (excluding any other jurisdiction even concurrent) in accordance with Greek law.

13 IMPORTANT DATES

June 19, 2026

Deadline for submission of all applications (no exceptions). All applications must be submitted no later than 23:59 (Coordinated Universal Time, UTC+2). The Open Call online platform will go offline after the specified time and no exceptions will be made to any applicant for any reason.

June 25, 2026

Participants must confirm their participation. Course Materials will be sent to confirmed participants.

July 1– July 13, 2026

Summer School takes place in Athens.

14 INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the application or the Summer School, please email onx@onassis.org and/or:

- Anastasia Mavrogianni, Innovation Officer (amavrogianni@onassis.org) (Office hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00-18:00 UTC+2),
- Nikos Zaros, (nzaros@onassis.org) (Office hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00-18:00 UTC+2),