

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL OF MUSEOLOGY AND HERITAGE 2025

Research and practices in a rapidly changing world

The UNESCO Chair in Interpretation and Education for Integrated Approaches to Heritage at the University of Primorska and the Department of Archaeology and Heritage at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Primorska are pleased to announce the International Summer School of Museology and Heritage 2025.

This year's summer school theme is "Research and Practice in a Rapidly Changing World." The aim is to present the contemporary challenges faced by professionals, researchers, and students in the field of heritage work in museums and institutions. With international experts, participants will learn about new research approaches, community engagement methods, digital innovation, sustainability, and heritage interpretation and education resilience. Based on the activities of the UNESCO Chair and the promotion of integrated approaches to heritage, the 2025 summer school will focus on research and examples of good practice.

Summer school is intended to exchange knowledge and experience between experienced professionals, young professionals at the beginning of their careers in the field of heritage, and students. The summer school aims to improve the quality of heritage education at the formal and informal levels. Through lectures, workshops, and fieldwork, participants will learn about key concepts, gain insight into good practices, evaluate existing practices, and develop their research plan for selected case studies.

The summer school will take place in person at the University of Primorska in Koper from September 1 to 5, 2025, with a preliminary introductory week online to allow for preparation and initial networking. The official language of the summer school is English. The summer school is financially supported by the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO.

Call for lecturers

The organising committee invites lecturers, researchers, and practitioners from museology, heritage interpretation, heritage education, cultural policy, digital humanities, conservation, community engagement, and related fields to submit proposals for participation. We welcome different presentations, especially innovative approaches that link research and practice in light of contemporary global challenges such as climate change, digital transformation, social inclusion, and ethical approaches to heritage. We invite you to submit proposals for presentations of good practice examples.

You can apply for:

- Longer (45 min) and shorter (20 min) live lectures (September 1-5, 2025) and remote lectures (August 25-29, 2025)
- Practical workshops (only live with the possibility of a preparatory meeting remotely).

To apply, please fill in the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/JUFMD0QVWu>

Deadline for submissions: May 30, 2025

Notification of selection: June 15, 2025