

**XI SIMPOSIO CIENTÍFICO  
DE ALUMN@S DE LA FACULTAD  
DE CIENCIAS DEL MAR Y AMBIENTALES**

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# REGULATION

## 1. OBJECTIVE

The Symposium of Students of the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences (SACMA) was established to bring the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences' scientific activity closer to its students.

The activity aims to have students from the Faculty show their peers the scientific work they do, promoting dissemination and collaboration between areas of knowledge. Furthermore, the aim is to strengthen the points of connection between students internationally through participation in the alliance of the European University of the Seas, SEA-EU.

Among the objectives of SACMA are the dissemination of scientific topics, fostering the critical and entrepreneurial spirit of the students, improving their communication and dissemination skills, as well as integrating the participants into the research activities carried out in the Faculty.

## 2. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

SACMA participants must be enrolled as students at one of the [Universities integrated into the SEA-EU alliance](#) in the current academic year 2025-2026, at the levels of:

- a. Bachelor's and/or double degree
- b. Master
- c. Doctorate\*

The participation of doctoral students has been restricted to students who are in the first two years of pre-doctoral training.

Or, to have been a student at one of the levels indicated in the 2024-2025 academic year (always at one of the universities that make up the SEA-EU university consortium).

### 3. MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION AND COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

The different ways to participate in SACMA are:

- Oral communication
- Poster Communication
- SEA-EU Session (Poster)

Additionally, all participants in any of the above modalities may also participate in the following activities:

- Dissemination on social media (*reel* and Instagram)
- Informative video capsules or video podcasts on the essential content of their respective works (INMAR session)

NOTE: Any student who wishes to do so may register solely as an attendee of the Symposium, without needing to participate in any of the aforementioned formats. In that case, this should be indicated when completing the registration form.

#### 3.1. Oral and poster presentations

To participate in these modalities, each participant must submit a summary of a research paper (maximum 350 words) from one of the areas of knowledge related to the teaching offered at the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences. These papers must have the approval of a faculty advisor from one of these areas.

The summary template to be completed can be downloaded from the Faculty's website:

<https://ccmaryambientales.uca.es/sacma-2026/>

#### SEA-EU Session

SACMA will include a specific session for participants from universities that are part of the SEA-EU alliance, including those from the University of Cádiz. Given the international nature of this session, the language of participation will be English. In this case, the abstract must be written in English. The template for the SEA-EU session abstract can be found on the Faculty's website.

*\* Depending on the number of applications received from students of universities other than Cádiz, an online session may be held to present the communications for this modality.*

### Oral presentations on the theme of the Blue Economy

To promote the presentation of research framed within the theme of the Blue Economy, in this edition of SACMA2026 a specific prize will be established to recognize the best oral contribution in this field, regardless of the academic degree of the student who presents said contribution (see awards section).

*\*If more oral communications are received than can be presented at SACMA, the scientific committee will decide which of these communications will be presented in poster format.*

### **3.2. Dissemination of the research on social networks**

In parallel, any SACMA participant who presents an oral communication and/or poster may present a video in *reel* format. This is a short video with several clips where participants' creativity will be rewarded. Text, filters, and audio tools can be used. The video can be created on any platform (such as TikTok), but it must be uploaded to an Instagram account and tagged with the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences account (@fac.cienciasmarambientalesuca), to SACMA's own account (@sacma\_UCA), to the SEA-EU account (@seaeualliance), as well as using hashtags #SACMA and #SACMA2026. The videos will aim to disseminate the research presented at SACMA by the students. The videos must be submitted **before May 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM**, and they cannot exceed 2 minutes in length. The use of English is recommended. Participants will be able to count on the advice of the communication expert for the optimization of this content.

### **3.3. INMAR Research Dissemination Session: My Research in Video Capsules**

In parallel with the other modalities, those participants who wish to do so may present their research in video capsules or videopodcasts to be eligible for an incentive funded by the University Institute of Marine Research (INMAR). To guarantee the quality and communicative effectiveness of these resources, the Symposium organizers will assign qualified support staff who will provide the necessary technical and methodological advice for the proper creation and production of this audiovisual content. The fundamental objective of this initiative is to create an institutional digital repository within the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences, thereby facilitating the dissemination of and access to student research. Participation in this activity and the subsequent inclusion of the video

capsules in the repository will be subject to acceptance of the technical and rights transfer guidelines that will be established for this purpose. The application\* to participate in this modality will be made using a Google Forms form enabled for this purpose and must be submitted before **March 23, 2026**.

**ES:** <https://forms.gle/FdZMmC3UbazFCoci8>

Only one abstract will be accepted (oral communication or poster/SEA-EU poster).

*\*If more applications are received than can be submitted in the video capsule format, the scientific committee will decide which of these communications will be presented in this format.*

#### **4. REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

The deadline for registration in SACMA and submission of abstracts will be **April 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM**.

Registration will be done through the link provided for this purpose:

**ES:** <https://forms.gle/ojzPBZndWEFRxLEv8>

**IN:** <https://forms.gle/afFwtDBsZMEUMJQL7>

To participate in SACMA, it will be necessary to attach the abstract or summary of the work to be presented, as well as the approval of the tutor(s). As this is a symposium of students from the University of Cádiz together with the Universities that are part of the SEA-EU alliance, this condition must be accredited by attaching the enrollment for the current academic year 2025-2026, or for the previous academic year 2024-2025.

The Abstract must be submitted in .docx, .doc or LibreOffice (.odt) format, and always in accordance with the template available on the SACMA website (<https://ccmaryambientales.uca.es/>). It must not exceed 10 MB under any circumstances.

- The approval of the Tutor/Professor must be attached to the registration form according to the template available on the SACMA website:

**ES:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TCi3k6Dh-cX004qwLvzKivyG6FltsTc7/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115750556132247671654&rtpof=true&sd=true>

IN:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19j\\_vzcOCQ-XI5SdYVA7UTqaiRgKwK2PN/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115750556132247671654&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19j_vzcOCQ-XI5SdYVA7UTqaiRgKwK2PN/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115750556132247671654&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Likewise, the student who enrolls must confirm in the enabled form, the transfer of your image rights, which may be used exclusively for the promotion of SACMA and other activities of the organization. These activities include sharing your image with the media and disseminating it for educational or scientific purposes. Any work that does not include these documents will not be accepted.

To register as an assistant for this activity, it will be necessary to register via the online form before **May 5, 2026 at 11:59 PM**.

Any questions or issues can be reported to the email address provided [sacma@uca.es](mailto:sacma@uca.es).

## 5. PRESENTATION OF THE WORKS

### Guidelines for oral communications:

- Participants will have 10 minutes for their oral presentation. They must strictly adhere to this time limit.
- The communication should preferably include the following sections: Introduction, objective(s), materials and methods, results and discussion, and conclusions.
- The question and answer session will not take place immediately after the presentations. Instead, once all presentations within a single session have concluded, the scientific committee will open the floor for questions, as well as any questions from the audience. Therefore, students participating in a given session must remain in the room throughout all the presentations.

### Guidelines for poster communication:

- Poster size 120 cm x 90 cm.
- It must include at the top the title, name of the author and tutor, and the department where the work was carried out.
- The poster will be submitted in .pdf format, via Google Form, before **May 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM**.

ES: <https://forms.gle/BqbELuJ99Wcp7eTR6>

- The posters will be placed in the lobby of the Andalusian Higher Center for Marine Studies (CASEM) and will be available online on the SACMA website.
- **The author of the work must be present at the poster session** and answer any questions the scientific committee deems appropriate.

#### Guidelines for communication SEA-EU Poster:

- Poster size 120 cm x 90 cm.
- It must include at the top the title, name of the author and tutor, and the department where the work was carried out.
- The poster will be submitted in .pdf format, via Google Form, before **May 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**

**IN:** <https://forms.gle/SDg24pmxgHa6CeRcA>

- The posters will be placed in the lobby of the Andalusian Higher Center for Marine Studies (CASEM) and will be available online on the SACMA website.
- **The author of the work must be present at the poster session** (UCA students) and answer any questions that the scientific committee deems appropriate.
- The poster presentation for this session will be in English, as will the text of the poster itself.
- Depending on the number of posters received from students of universities in the alliance, an online session may be held for their presentation.

## 6. AWARDS

All participants in SACMA will receive a certificate of participation and attendance. Supervisors of papers presented at SACMA2026 may provide proof of participation by publishing the abstract in the book of abstracts, which will be published after SACMA in the University of Cádiz repository (RODIN). Certificates of participation will not be issued to anyone other than the students themselves.

A first prize will be awarded for each of the categories:

- Oral: Undergraduate and Postgraduate
- Improved oral communication - Blue Economy theme\*
- Poster: Undergraduate and Postgraduate
- Better poster SEA-EU
- Best educational video *reel*
- Best video capsules

The prizes will consist of:

- Oral: Tablet (Hidralia)
- Improved oral communication on the topic of the Blue Economy: GoPro-style camera (INMAR)
- Poster: Polaroid-style camera (CEIMAR)
- Best SEA-EU poster: Alexa speaker
- INMAR video outreach “My research in video capsules”: Polaroid-style camera
- Video dissemination on social media (*reel*) SEA-EU: Alexa speakerphone

In addition, the award-winning participants in the categories of best oral presentation, best poster, best outreach video reel, and best video podcast will receive, as recognition of the excellence of their participation, a set of specialised material provided by the Gaditana Society of Natural History (SGHN).

Each piece of work will be evaluated and graded based on:

- Originality
- Clarity in the presentation
- Defense of the work done
- Interest in the field of the blue economy, should you participate in that area

Oral presentations will be assessed according to the following percentages:

- Summary/Abstract (20%): The quality and clarity of the summary submitted will be evaluated following the structure of the provided template.
- Time (10%): It will be taken into account that the student adheres to the time allocated for the presentation.
- Content (40%): the coherence of the scientific content presented will be evaluated, as well as the structure and clarity of the presentation, the originality of the work, and/or the treatment of data and analysis of the results obtained.
- Defense (30%): the student's ability to defend the work in response to questions from the scientific committee will be evaluated.

Regarding poster presentations, the percentages will be as follows:

- Summary/Abstract (20%): The quality and clarity of the summary submitted will be evaluated following the structure of the provided template.

- Content (40%): the coherence of the scientific content presented will be evaluated, as well as the structure and clarity of the presentation, the originality of the work, and/or the treatment of data and analysis of the results obtained.
- Defense (40%): the student's ability to defend the work in response to questions from the scientific committee will be evaluated.

Finally, the percentages for evaluating the social media outreach video will be:

- Impact on social media (20%): The reach of the video will be taken into account.
- Use of English (15%): as this is a video whose prize will be awarded by the SEA-EU, the use of English will be scored.
- Scientific content (30%).
- Dissemination capacity (35%).

### **6.1 Extracurricular internship grants (UCA official master's degrees)**

In the SACMA2026 edition, 5 extracurricular internship grants will be awarded to students enrolled in the current academic year 2025-2026 in one of the following official master's degrees of the Faculty of Marine and Environmental Sciences of the University of Cádiz:

- Inter-university Master's Degree in Oceanography
- Master's Degree in Integrated Coastal Area Management
- Master's Degree in Integrated Water Management
- Master's Degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries
- Master's Degree in Conservation and Management of the Natural Environment

These scholarships are intended to reward the best communication (oral or poster) presented by students from each of the aforementioned master's programs. The work must fall within one of INMAR's research areas and lines of inquiry. The evaluation will follow the same criteria established for the other awards.

Each scholarship will consist of three months of extracurricular internships in the corresponding area, with a stipend of €360 per month, plus social security contributions. The aim of this scholarship is for the student to develop their skills and adapt their research work into a scientific article.

The awarding of these scholarships will be carried out by the SACMA2026 scientific committee, based on the criteria presented in the previous section. The committee's

decision will be final. If no applications are received for any of the master's programs, the committee may declare the award void or reassign it to another project.

CLARIFICATION NOTE: The evaluation of the papers will be based on the criteria of the scientific committee, which may ask any questions it deems necessary during the presentations in order to assign a score to all SACMA participants. The committee will select the winners according to the established criteria. The top three finishers in each of the three types of presentations (oral, poster, and SEA-EU session) will receive a certificate. The committee may, if it deems it appropriate, declare the prize void. The committee's decision is final. The prizes are awarded to the students who present and defend the scientific papers and may not be transferred to other students under any circumstances.

## **7. LANGUAGE OF THE SYMPOSIUM**

The language of the symposium will be Castilian, both for writing the summaries/*abstracts*... as well as for the presentation of oral communications and posters. Only English will be accepted in the SEA-EU session, where both the *abstracts* the poster defense will be in English.

## **8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS**

By participating, participants accept the rules established in these regulations, as well as the decisions made by the organizing committee. This committee will be responsible for resolving any incidents that may occur during the activity and that are not covered by these regulations.

## **9. Frequently Asked Questions**

Q1. I have started my final degree project, but I don't yet have many results to show at SACMA2026. Can I present an oral communication and/or poster?

R1. Of course. You don't need to have finished your undergraduate or master's thesis to participate; you could simply submit your research plan.

P2. I have sent an abstract since I would like to present an oral (or poster) communication, but I would also like to participate in the video format on social media. Could I participate in this format, or do I have to submit a different one?

R2. Of course you can! In fact, to be able to apply for one of the educational video categories, whether for my research video podcast, you must have submitted a summary of your research to be presented either as an oral presentation or as a poster presentation.

P3. A colleague from the lab has also participated in the research I will be presenting at SACMA2026, can I include her in the abstract?

R3. No. Only you and your tutor (or tutors if you have more than one) can appear as authors of the communications.

Q4. In the 2024-2025 academic year, I defended my final degree project (TFG) at a university that is not part of the SEA-EU consortium, but in the 2025-2026 academic year, I am enrolled in a Master's program at the University of Cádiz. Can I submit my TFG to SACMA2026?

R4. As a student in the current academic year at a SEA-EU University, you can present your research at SACMA2026, provided you have the approval of your tutors.

P5. I have many references to add to the abstract and these cause me to go from an extension to two pages, is there a problem with that?

R5. References should be included on the same page as the rest of the abstract. Select the references most relevant to your work.

P6. I am going to present my final degree project at SACMA2026, and I would like to have *feedback* from the scientific committee of my session regarding what I need to improve in order to defend my work.

R6. This is a scientific symposium; therefore, you cannot expect the scientific committee to tell you what to improve in your final degree project, as this is not their role at SACMA. However, the committee may occasionally make recommendations regarding presentation improvements such as typography, clarity of graphics, etc.

Q7. Can I present an oral communication and also a poster?

R7. The number of submissions per student is limited to one, whether it be an oral presentation, poster, or SEA-EU poster. In addition, regardless of the type of submission chosen, you may present your research in reel format and/or video podcast.

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