



Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU) Research Mobility Fund

SACRU is an international network that includes the Australian Catholic University (Australia), Boston College (USA), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (PUJ), Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Sophia University (Japan), Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Portugal), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy), and Universitat Ramon Llull (Spain). SACRU's mission is to promote global cooperation among research-intensive Catholic universities, advancing world-leading knowledge and higher education for the common good. The Alliance supports a transdisciplinary approach, encouraging academics to work together to tackle global challenges.

The purpose of the SACRU Research Mobility Fund is to foster university cooperation and collaboration by supporting programs that enable mobility of research students across SACRU member institutions.

Scope

Applications for SACRU Mobility Fund must demonstrate:

- To support the mobility of research students from three or more SACRU member universities
- Clearly defined outcomes that can be delivered within the upcoming calendar year (2026)
- A commitment to fostering global cooperation aimed at advancing knowledge and higher education in alignment with the Catholic mission and the common good
- A focus on research students (Master's and PhD students) or early career researchers with no more than 6 years' experience as a researcher.

Timing

Applications must be submitted to the SACRU Secretariat (sacru.alliance@unicatt.it) by no later than Tuesday, December 23rd, 2025.

Quantum

- Maximum per project: 10,000 Euros
- Funds may be used to assist with the cost of travel, including flights and accommodation, venue hire, external presenters or facilitators.

Evaluation Criteria

The proposals:

- Must align with the Vision and Mission of SACRU as a network of Catholic research universities
- Must demonstrate clearly defined outcomes that support and enhance research collaboration between SACRU members



- Must involve a minimum of three SACRU member institutions
- Funds must be expended by the end of the following calendar year (2026)
- Must include a presentation or element such as a webinar that is open to either the public and external organisations, or staff of SACRU member institutions

Evaluation Process

- Applications for SACRU Mobility Fund will be reviewed by the SACRU Internationalisation Committee for recommendation to the SACRU Executive Committee
- The SACRU Executive Committee will review and approve the final applications



SACRU Research Mobility Fund – Application Form

PROJECT DETAILS	
1. Name of the Project	
2. SACRU project members and institutions requesting funds	
3. What is the funding to be used for/what will be achieved?	<i>Funding purpose:</i>
	<i>Outcomes to be achieved:</i>
4. How does the proposal align with the following evaluation criteria: a) Alignment with the Vision and Mission of SACRU as a Catholic network, b) Demonstrated clearly defined outcomes that support and enhance research collaboration between SACRU members, c) Project must involve a minimum of three SACRU member institutions, d) Funds must be expended by the end of the calendar year (2026)	
5. Will there be on-going outcomes or benefits such research collaboration as a consequence of the project?	

6. Who will be the principal contact responsible for the project	
7. Are there other organisations outside SACRU you will be working with to support this proposal? If so, please provide details. Please advise of any other funding that may be provided to support this proposal at Q.9.	
FUNDING AND DELIVERABLES	
8. Funds Requested (maximum 10,000 Euros):	
9. Contributions from other sources:	