

# Academia de Verão





## “ACADEMIA DE VERÃO” IN AN OPEN CAMPUS

The Summer Academy (Academia de Verão) is the most intense outreach activity for young people promoted by the University of Aveiro. In the 2013 edition, 376 young students from all over the country (aged between 10 and 21 years old) participated in this programme. During two weeks of July, the departments and schools organized 22 thematic programmes in different scientific areas, to fulfill the interests and expectations of the young participants.

Either during one or two weeks, the University provided these young participants with the opportunity of exploring interesting scientific projects, integrated in a handful of projects totally organized by the departments that accepted this annual challenge. Some municipalities and companies sponsored the participation of the best students in the Academy, with a total of 74 scholarships attributed.

Besides the laboratorial experiments, the exciting field work and the pleasant field visits outside the Campus, students also had the privilege of being in contact with the real university lifestyle - they were accommodated in the students' residences, had their meals in the campus canteens and performed sports activities in the gymnasium and on the university lanes in the afternoon. Of extreme importance was the close relationship with the university students and researchers that monitored their stay on Campus and coordinated the cultural, sports and lab activities.

Children and young people are welcome to visit the campus and join the scientific and cultural activities, promoted especially for them, throughout the year. In 2013, more than 3000 visitors were in the university campus. In the Science and Technology Open Week, which takes place in November, over 8000 students joined the university students and researchers in 446 activities specially designed for them.

As its motto states, the University of Aveiro is a true “campus with ideas”.

