

# Academia de Verão



## TWENTY-NINE DIFFERENT THEMATIC PROGRAMS OFFERED TO 490 PARTICIPANTS

The “Academia de Verão” (Summer Academy) is an initiative organized by the University of Aveiro every July. The Summer Academy is the most intense scientific dissemination activity aimed at pre-university public. Either during one or two weeks, the university provides these young participants the opportunity to explore interesting scientific projects, integrating a handful of projects totally organized by the departments that accepted this annual challenge. It can be enjoyed in a residential model, in which participants are integrated in campus life 24/ 24 hours.

The 2017 edition welcomed 490 participants, aged between ten and nineteen years old, which joined one of the twenty-nine different thematic programs offered by the sixteen departments and schools involved.

The promotion of public understanding of science, the concern in communicating the scientific outreaches to the society, the development of “science to all” initiatives is a strong focus of the UA organizational culture. Since its foundation the UA promoted an open Day, lately transformed in an open Week, dedicated to strengthen the ties between the society and the scientific world and promoting the scientific areas and the different offer of study cycles. The creation of a dedicated structure to communication in the UA, in the mid-90s of the XX century, and the Fábrica – Live Science Centre in 2004 were very innovative and pioneer enterprises in the context of the Portuguese universities. Nowadays, the efforts of these structures are permanent and the commitment was strengthened to the global university community.

The UA concern about science outreach and public engagement with scientific and technological issues is also seen as an opportunity of improvement of the citizenship and welfare of our society. This is an all-year round premise that is also true during Summer Academy. Children and young people are welcome to join and get involved in the scientific and cultural activities, promoted especially for them, during the Summer as well as throughout the year.

