

# Academia de Verão



## SUMMER ACADEMY

The Summer Academy, an initiative of the University of Aveiro (UA) that provides, every year, a first contact with academic life and a diverse set of scientific, sports and leisure activities, especially for students from the 5th to 12th grades, already has had 14 editions. This great contact party with science, which normally takes place during the first two weeks of July, was attended by 455 participants in 2019 from various Portuguese districts.

The scientific activities are organized by the organic units and research units - a total of 16 departments, four polytechnic schools and about 20 research units - which propose programs for each annual edition of the event. In addition to the scientific aspect, there is also a social program with sports and leisure activities. Summer Academy participants can enroll with or without accommodation.

The promotion of the public understanding of science, the concern in communicating the scientific advances at UA, the development of “science to all” initiatives is a strong focus of UA's organizational culture. Since its foundation UA promoted an Open Day, lately transformed into an Open Week, and recently as the Summer Academy, dedicated to strengthening the ties between society and the scientific world and promoting the scientific areas and the different offer of study cycles. The creation of a dedicated communication structure for UA, in the mid-90s of the 20th 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.

UA's concerns 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 the Summer Academy.

