

# Academia de Verão



## SUMMER ACADEMY

The Summer Academy is an initiative of the University of Aveiro (UA) that every year provides a first contact with academic life and a diverse set of scientific, sports and leisure activities, especially for students from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. In 2021, the event held its 15<sup>th</sup> edition, with activities adapted to the country's pandemic situation, and counted on the participation of 125 students from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The scientific activities are organized by both the organic and research units of UA – in a total of 16 departments, 4 polytechnic schools and 20 research units, each proposing activity programs for each Summer Academy edition.

UA's organizational culture has always been committed to the promotion of the public acknowledgment of science, the concern in communicating the scientific advances at UA and the development of “science for all” initiatives. Since its foundation, UA promoted an Open Day, later transforming it into an Open Week, and recently creating the Summer Academy, which is 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-1990s, and the Fábrica – Live Science Centre, in 2004, were very innovative and pioneer initiatives in the context of Portuguese universities. Nowadays, these structures develop permanent activities and are devoted 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 laid in the Summer Academy objectives.

Children and young students are welcome and challenged to join scientific and cultural activities proposed by the UA, especially during the summer period, and also other initiatives during the academic year.

