

**FRAMEWORK OF AWARDING
ARQUS MENTION**

WP6



1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Arqus European University Alliance values and celebrates student performance, international experiences and active participation in networking through activities offered by Alliance during their university experience. Students participating in joint Arqus activities are developing their intercultural competences, which gives them added values extended beyond traditional academic learning. It fosters an enriched understanding and appreciation for the complexities of the globalised world, instilling student open-mindedness. Additionally, students gain valuable interpersonal skills, such as effective communication, adaptability, and conflict resolution, which are crucial in today's interconnected society. They become more adept at navigating ambiguity, finding innovative solutions to challenges, and embracing diverse perspectives. Ultimately, these experiences broaden their horizons, enabling them to become well-rounded global citizens, better equipped to thrive in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

The purpose of the following document is to provide official regulations for awarding Arqus Mention at Arqus universities to make these student achievements visible. Arqus Mention recognizes international experiences, professional performance and leadership skills, and serves as a proof of active and successful participation in innovative learning experiences within Arqus. These regulations outline the criteria and procedures that determine the eligibility for the Arqus Mention.

We encourage all students seeking an Arqus Mention, to familiarise themselves with these regulations and work towards meeting the established criteria. The pursuit of excellence is a journey where each student grows, and the Arqus Mention embodies their outstanding achievements and experiences.

2. CRITERIA FOR AWARDING ARQUS MENTION

- 2.1. Arqus Mention may be awarded to students and graduates of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree study programmes, who are actively participating in a sufficient number of innovative learning experiences and meet requirements set out in this document.
- 2.2. In order to obtain Arqus mention students or graduates have to satisfy one of two specified conditions:
 - 2.2.1. Students or graduates were involved and successfully passed at least two different types of Joint Arqus activities or extracurricular and professional experience activities of a total duration of at least 20 ECTS credits or equivalent workload (see Annex 1).
 - 2.2.2. Students graduated from Arqus joint/double/multiple degree programme.

3. APPLICATION AND AWARDING

- 3.1. Students or graduates who meet the criteria provided in section 2 will be awarded Arqus Mention.
- 3.2. Students graduated from Arqus joint/double/multiple degree programmes received the Arqus Label will receive Arqus Mention inevitably after their programme is completed.
- 3.3. Means to facilitate interested candidates in knowing if they are eligible to obtain the mention will be provided in Arqus webpage, providing information about the procedure and awarding.
- 3.4. Additional procedures in order to assist prospective candidates in determining their eligibility and preparing the relevant documents will be established within Alliance.
- 3.5. Online tools will be deployed within Alliance to facilitate the request and issuance of the mention certificates.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1. Procedures for appeals, complaints, suggestions, and comments will be established and published in Arqus webpage.
- 4.2. The application and award of the Arqus Mention is free of charge.

ANNEX 1. EXAMPLE LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ARQUS ACTIVITIES¹

1. Joint Alliance level activities

1. Twinning mobilities;
2. Blended intensive programmes (BIP);
3. Virtual Exchange (VE) courses and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses;
4. Microcredential courses;
5. Summer/ Winter schools;
6. Online courses and MOOC's;
7. Mobility Windows;
8. Short learning programmes.

2. Extracurricular and professional experience activities

1. Arqus internships or programmes, involving at least two Arqus universities;
2. Active participation in Arqus students governing body;
3. Community services of at least two Arqus universities;
4. Other initiatives benefiting the institution or the Alliance.

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