UPSKILLS Project
UPgrading the SKIlls of Linguistics and Language Students

The UPSKILLS summer school will bring together highly-motivated students and lecturers in a hands-on, research-oriented 5-day program. Through lectures, workshops, and practical tasks, students will learn about the skills required by the job market - both in academic positions and in companies that make language their main business.

Following a general introduction to a number of much-needed transversal skills, including analytical/scientific thinking, problem-solving, and project management, students will work closely with experienced trainers and other students on small-scale practical research tasks related to language data collection, processing, analysis, sharing, and much more. Toward the end of the program, students will have a chance to present the results of the tasks they worked on and discuss their learning experiences with the lecturers. Throughout the program, the focus will be on real-world scenarios and enhancing students' awareness of the current job market and employment opportunities.

The summer school will take place in Serbia, at Petnica Science Center, from 15 to 20 July 2023.

All travel and subsistence costs will be covered for **six selected students**. Accommodation will be arranged directly on campus. Participants are responsible for their health/travel insurance and potential visas and visa fees.

This call is open to students **enrolled in language-related degrees at the University of Bologna**. Preference will be given to Bachelor's students, but Master's students are also welcome to apply. All activities will be conducted in English.

Please apply using this form.

As part of the application procedure, candidates are expected to upload a motivation letter (around 500 words) in which they **describe their background and answer the following questions**:

- Why do you want to take part in the UPSKILLS Summer School?
- How do your language-oriented interests relate to the UPSKILLS project?
- How do you see the future of the language professions?

The deadline for applications is **17 March 2023**.

For further information please contact Adriano Ferraresi.

Candidates will be informed by email about the selection results within two weeks of the application deadline