

# Welcome to Barcelona!

We draw talent, we shelter and we help out























Barcelona Centre Universitari: instrument of Barcelona to attract university and teaching talent

Year 2022



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# What is the Barcelona Centre Universitari?

- The BCU was born in 1997 to foster, coordinate and manage all the actions and activities that are considered necessary to promote Barcelona and its metropolitan area as an international university centre.
- The Barcelona Centre Universitari (www.bcu.cat) is the official
  accommodation service for the universities and research centres in
  Barcelona, and counts with the support of the Barcelona Council
  and the Government of Catalonia. Its aim is to take care of the
  needs of students, teachers and researchers so they can enjoy and
  optimize their stay in Barcelona and its metropolitan area. Helping
  them in choosing the accommodation that best suits their needs. We
  want the talent who visit us to have the best experience as
  possible.



### What does the BCU do?

- In order to promote the metropolitan area of Barcelona as a university and international scientific centre, the BCU:
  - ⇒ Has a housing stock for foreign students, teaching staff and researchers
    (https://bcu.cat/en/accommodation-in-barcelona/)
  - ⇒ Informs of the city's university offer and delivers complementary information (https://bcu.cat/en/studying-in-barcelona/)
  - ⇒ Delivers information about the city: culture and leisure, useful advices, how to arrive, etc. (https://bcu.cat/en/living-in-barcelona/)
  - ⇒ Reports on scientific policy in Catalonia (https://bcu.cat/en/research-in-barcelona/)
  - ⇒ Provides quality accommodation at affordable prices for conferences men and serves as a showcase for university spaces and other venues that can host conferences or professional meetings (https://bcu.cat/en/congresos/)



- Promotes activities aimed at the cultural and citizen integration of foreign students and teaching staff and researchers living in Barcelona and its metropolitan area (https://bcu.cat/en/agenda/)
- ⇒ Offers useful information to those who want to go abroad for a stay (https://bcu.cat/en/frombcn/)

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The BCU website is available in seven languages: Catalan, Spanish, English, French, German, Chinese and Russian.



# Accommodation in Barcelona

**BCU** facilitates the arrival of students, teachers and researchers who come to Barcelona or its metropolitan area and offers the following services:

⇒ Accommodation for stays up to 1 month, in residences, apartments or hotels.















Accommodation for stays between 32 days and 11 months in flats and shared flats in Barcelona, with guarantee of quality (ISO 9001:2015 to the accommodation service quality), security and hygiene.



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Adapted flats for disabled students, fulfilling one of the objectives of the Technical Commission UNIDISCAT (University and Disability in Catalonia) of the Government of Catalonia for equal opportunities of disabled students.

BCU accompanies the students, teachers and researchers interested in visiting flats and rooms.

BCU manages leases to facilitate the stays.

### Tips before...

### ...renting a flat:

- ⇒ Make sure the flat is close enough to your university.
- ⇒ Make sure it meets all your requirements.
- ⇒ Write an inventory down both on your arrival and when you leave the flat.
- ⇒ The landlord must be informed as soon as possible when household items suffer any kind of breakdowns or damage.

### ... signing a contract:

- ⇒ Read the agreement and make sure you've understood it all.
- ⇒ Payment of the whole deposit, rent and utilities (e.g. gas, water, electricity).
- Ask for a copy of the regulations and guidelines that are part of the tenancy agreement you're signing.
- ⇒ Keep a copy of the tenancy agreement and other documents you might consider significant.

### · ...making a decision:

⇒ Come to BCU and solve any question.



# BCU-Estate market accommodation comparisson



### TERMS AND CONDITIONS BCU / Resa Housing

### **USUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Contracts from 32 days to 11 months with possibility of extension.	Leases: usually leases are not offered for less than a year.
The reservation fee is 8%+VAT (min. 200 € / max. 599 €) of the rental price of the total stay.	Fees: the contract fee may be a rent month, or the 10% of a year rent payment.
Security deposit: 2 months rent.	Security deposit: furnished flats usually require 2 months deposit.
Rent: to be payed monthly in advanced.	Rent: is paid monthly in advanced.
To sign a contract you will need: a photocopy of your identity card or passport and photocopy of the letter of acceptance, college tuition or documentary proof of the research center.	To sign a contract you will need: a bank guarantee is required (between 4-6 months of rent) and a salary.



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We provide **information** about the public transport network, registration, healthcare, immigration, telephone companies, etc.

You can make online inquiries to our legal department to solve questions regarding the lease contract during your stay.

We provide assistance in Catalan, Spanish, English and French.

Possibility to make reservations online or in person.

Possibility of checking out the rental lease from home.

Information offered by agencies or housing services vary according to the service's quality.

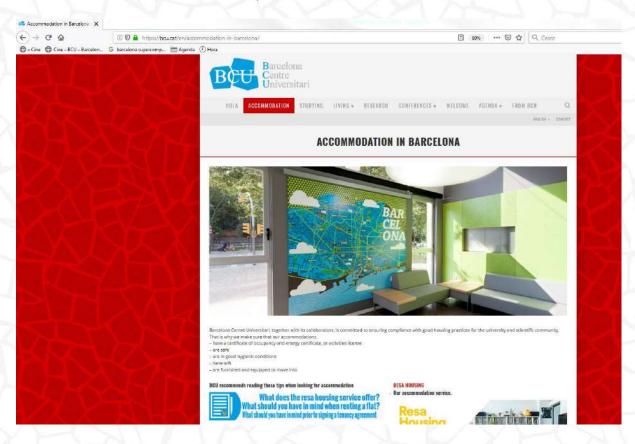
# Special protocol for university professors and researchers

- We contact them to understand their accommodation needs.
- We send them different accommodation options to allow them choose the one they prefer.
- If they come with their children, we inform them about private schools or we help them to look for a state school (no fees) or semi-private school (fees).
- We attend their needs, giving them the same treatment given to expatriates of multinational companies.
- We provide them with practical advices posted in our website, about wifi, banks, health, etc.



### Global data of the accommodation service

- We accommodate directly more than 3,000 people every year from a hundred different nationalities.
- We inform about 100,000 people (personally, via e-mail, web and *Barcelona Talent Guide*).





# Studying in Barcelona

- All universities in Barcelona have their respective International Relations Area, responsible for promoting the international mobility of the university community. These areas and BCU work together to facilitate their stay and take full advantage of it.
- The BCU website includes a brief presentation of each university and provides links with complementary information about the admission to the university.











#### UB I UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA

UB is the main public university of Latalonia, the university with the largest body of students and the most overarching and well-rounded education.

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#### UAB J UNIVERSITAT AUTÓNOMA DE BARCELONA

The Universität Authorms de Barcelona (UAB) is a leading public university with a strong international vocation, highly committed to promoting mobility, collaboration and the copture of faient.

#### UPC ( UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA

Engineering, architecture, science and technology are the four main areas of knowledge of the Universität Politecnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC).

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#### UPF | UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA

UPF is a public, international and research-intensive university. Founded in 1990, it has quickly earned a place for itself among the best universities in Europe.

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#### URL | UNIVERSITAT RAMON LLULL

The Ramon Liuli University (URL), located in Barcelona, is a private, notfor-profic university. It is inspired by humanist and Christian values and promotes a public service that aims to provide a high-quality, personalised...

#### UVIC-UCC | UNIVERSITAT DE VIC-UNIVERSITAT CENTRAL DE CATALUNYA

Open to the world and focusing on allround training, the University of Vic – Central University of Catalonia (UVic-UCC) offers degree courses in the fields of Science, Education, Business, Health, Blosciences, Engineering,...

#### UIC | UNIVERSITAT INTERNACIONAL DE CATALUNYA

Benefit from praximity learning, with personal guidance. So that you can give your best.

#### UAO | UNIVERSITAT ABAT OLIBA CEU

Abat Office CEU University, established as a private university in 2003, is one of the three universities promoted by the San Pablo CEU Foundation, an educational institution with more than 85 years' experience.

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# Living in Barcelona

- This section of the BCU website delivers practical information about living in the city.
- Culture & Leisure offers a brief explanation about Catalonia, cultural tourism proposals, information of the neighbourhoods of Barcelona and links to the main museums, language courses and libraries.



• **Know Barcelona** informs about the climate, cost of living, the Barcelona WiFi Service, food etc., and gives practical information under the FAQs modality:



- ⇒ how to open a bank account
- ⇒ how to access public health
- ⇒ leading mobile phone and Internet companies
- ⇔ where to learn Spanish and Catalan
- ⇒ where to validate the titles
- ⇒ others

It includes a video introducing the Barcelona International Welcome Desk, a public support service for international talent who want to come and live in the city or who have recently settled here. It gives practical information on living in Barcelona and gives support to carry out some procedures such as:

- ⇒ empadronament: (compulsory) registration in the municipal register of residents



- ⇒ volant de convivència: document stating where and with whom a
  person officially resides
- pet registration
- ⇒ public libraries user card
- ⇒ idCat digital certificate
- ⇒ others

In addition, this section includes Safety Tips prepared with the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of Catalonia and information about the 112 apps.

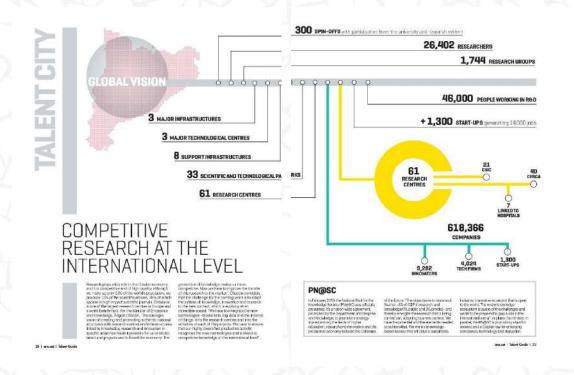
• **How to arrive in Barcelona** informs about the mobility in Barcelona and outskirts.



### Research

- The BCU website explains the catalan R+D+I system and the importance of Catalonia as a pole of knowledge.
- It provides articles about science published in the *Barcelona Talent Guide* in collaboration with the newspaper *ARA*.





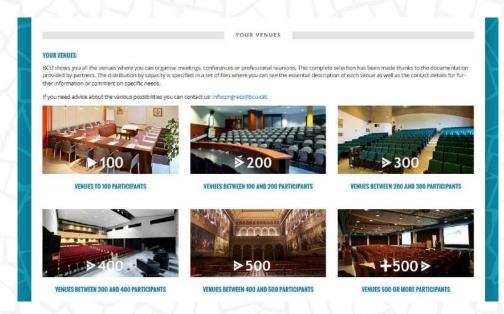




## **Conferences**

### Support to conferences:

- We provide the best low cost accommodation option available at the moment: halls of residences, hotels, hostels, touristic flats.
- We post information about the venues at universities and others.





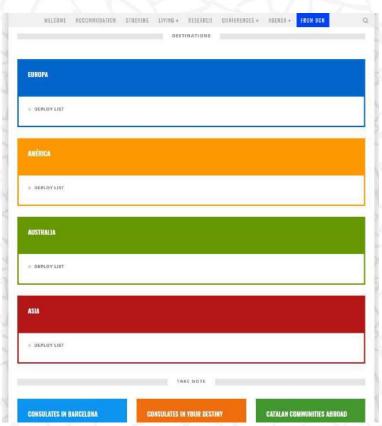
HOLA ACCOMMODATION STUDYING LIVING+ RESEARCH CONFERENCES+ WELCOME AGENDA+ VENUES BETWEEN 300 AND 400 PARTICIPANTS Here is a list of available venues in our day. UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA - ASSEMBLY HALL ON THE FACULTY OF LAW, MAIN BUILDING ru: 296 xeets (stells) and 7 seets (presidential table) Legation: Main Building, Av. Diagonal, 684 - 08094 Barcolona map-TEL D edu \* +34 934 021 840 \* +34 934 021 84 imi Av. Pedraibes, 60-62 - 08034 Barcelona

- We collaborate with:
  - ⇒ all the universities of Barcelona
  - ⇒ Barcelona Convention Bureau
  - ⇒ Catalonia Convention Bureau
  - ⇒ ACCIÓ
  - ⇒ Associació de Residències d'Estudiants i Col·legis
     Majors de Catalunya (ARECMAC)
  - ⇒ Futbol Club Barcelona
  - ⇒ L'Aquarium
  - ⇒ Barcelona Supercomputing Center
- We spread the 112 Accessible, My 112 and 112 Accessible emergency apps for deaf people.



# From BCN

- BCU also helps students and researchers who want to expand their training abroad.
- To do this, through www.bcu.cat, we provide links to find accommodation, consulates, means of transport and leisure information outside of Barcelona.





# Agenda

- The BCU online Agenda publishes daily free or reduced-cost proposals for Cinema, Exhibitions, Music, Conferences and Theatre.
- These are events organized and offered by the universities,
   CaixaForum, CosmoCaixa, Museum of Natural Sciences of
   Barcelona, Residence of Researchers, L'Auditori, ESMUC, Liceu
   Conservatory, Municipal Conservatory of Music of Barcelona, Casa
   Asia, Casa America Catalonia, CCCB, Sala Beckett, Institut del
   Teatre, IEMed, consulates, research centres, civic centres, etc.



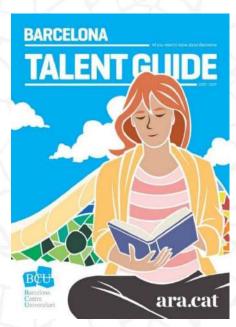
# **Outstanding action**

• Creation of the *Barcelona Talent Guide* in collaboration with *ARA* newspaper:









# Location

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Opening hours:

Mon-Thu: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm; Friday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

























