



Partnerships

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Large and small communities coexisting to strive

Universidade Católica Portuguesa is a higher institution community in Portugal with a clear purpose expressed in its mission statement: to train individuals, to cultivate science, to renew the country and the world, and to lead by example.

Within this big community, hundreds of big and small communities coexist aiming to see it thrive. From students sharing a classroom to faculty preparing classes, from researchers discussing a problem to administrative staff working to provide all with better services, from chaplains celebrating Mass to cafeteria employees preparing meals or cleaning staff making sure we all arrive in the morning to a clean and safe office or classroom.

Católica's multiple communities share a common interest which ultimately makes it a modern university, hardworking, full of life, ambitious, focused on the search for knowledge and innovation, while promoting catholic values and aiming to the development of Portuguese society through the education of citizens who will be responsible members of the communities they will belong to during their lives.

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) is one of many communities at Católica. It works daily to facilitate collaborations between our communities and those of hundreds of universities around the world. By strengthening partnerships and supporting individual and group projects reach a global level, the GEO encourages Católica's community advance in its international strategy, reaching out to meet other communities that share the same objectives.

On the other hand, it is this Office's pledge to welcome communities of students, faculty, researchers and visitors from other universities to our *campi*, encouraging the creation of a tolerant and multicultural environment where education and respect are valued while we all, as a community, labour in the pursuit of knowledge and social development.