



2026 HIT INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL

HARBIN SNOW CONSTRUCTION FESTIVAL

The Harbin strand investigates historic districts, architecture and everyday urban life through the lens of winter. Places such as Central Street and the St. Sophia Cathedral area offer opportunities to explore relationships between built form, cultural heritage and seasonal conditions.

The ice-and-snow strand considers construction techniques, cultural creativity and sustainable development in cold-climate regions. Students connect observations of the city with ideas for spatial design, materials and winter experiences.

The program adopts a co-teaching + cross-cultural teams + international exhibition model to deepen collaboration between HIT and global partners while showcasing outcomes to academia and industry.

PARTICIPANT UNIVERSITIES

Harbin Institute of Technology (China)

Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

University of Hong Kong (China)

Macau University of Science and Technology (China)

Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona - UPC (Spain)

ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

HIT will provide student local accommodation and transportation for scheduled programme activities in Harbin during the event period. The organisers also provide construction tools, cold-weather clothing and protective equipment for the construction activities.

ETSAB: Travel grant covering partial round-trip travel costs, the minimum grant amount is €333 per student, which will be doubled for MEC scholarship holders.

DATES & PLACE

14th to 20th December 2026. Harbin, China

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

2 ECTS elective (for GArq)

PLACES

8 spots for ETSAB students enrolled at:

Degree in Architecture Studies

APPLICATION

deadline:

15th November, 2026

send email to:

relint.etsab@upc.edu

with subject:

ICE HARBIN_Name Surname

with your:

name | ID | email | phone | current studies

attach:

motivation letter (in English)

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