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## Ms. Anja Habacha Chaibi decorated by the President of the Republic

**August 25, 2025:** Prof. Anja Habacha, Director of the National School of Computer Science (ENSI) at the University of Manouba (UMA), was honored by the President of the Republic, Kais Saïed, who awarded her the honorary title of “National Order of Merit – Third Class” in the field of education and knowledge during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the ENSI. Kais Saïed, who awarded her the honorary title of “National Order of Merit – Third Class” in the field of education and knowledge during the celebration of National Knowledge Day at the Carthage Palace. This distinction recognizes an exemplary career, driven by strategic vision, constant commitment, and a valuable contribution to the development of higher education in Tunisia. Prof. Anja Habacha Chaibi has been working for several years to consolidate academic quality and modernize university governance. She is also an active member of several national bodies involved in the management and reform of higher education. Prof. Anja Habacha Chaibi holds a degree in computer engineering from the National School of Computer Science, a PhD in computer science from the University of Tunis El Manar, and a university qualification from ENSI. Her career is marked by recognized expertise in systems engineering, institutional governance, and quality management.



## Three researchers from the University of La Manouba are among the World's Top 2% of Scientists

The University of La Manouba is proud to announce that three of its distinguished researchers have been included in the prestigious list of World Top 2% Scientists, compiled by Stanford University.

Prof. Naïma Lassoued and Prof. Imen Khanchel, professors at the Tunis School of Business (ESCT - UMA), and Prof. Mohamed Lazhar Gharbi, a professor at the National School of Veterinary Medicine (ENMV – UMA), stand out for the quality and international impact of their scientific work.



Elsevier Data Repository

**August 2025 data-update for "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators"**

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Contributor: John P.A. Ioannidis

**Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List 2025**

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**Classement top 2% des scientifiques les plus influent: année 2024**

Nom des auteurs	L'université de la Manouba	Rang à l'échelle de l'université	Rang à l'échelle national	h-index	
Lassoued, Naima	Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Tunis		1	23	10
Khanchel, Imen	Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Tunis		2	33	8
Gharbi, Mohamed Lazhar	Ecole Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire		3	75	6

## Key Figures

**1294 candidates:** Transfer - total number of applications registered on the platform

**252 candidates:** Second bachelor's degree - total number of applications registered on the platform.

## Mot clé Tag

**CES in Accounting :** The Certificate of Higher Education in Accounting (CES-RC) is a decisive step for future Tunisian accountants. It embodies the high standards, expertise, and responsibility required by this strategic profession, which serves financial transparency and economic governance. It is a mark of competence, a guarantee of professional ethics, and a gateway to the accounting profession in accordance with national and international standards.

### The University of Manouba at the heart of university guidance – July 2025

**July 15, 2025:** As part of its commitment to supporting future students, the University of Manouba organized a Regional Orientation Day at Espace Hayet, bringing together high school graduates, parents, teachers, and educational leaders with a common goal: to facilitate access to information and promote the UMA's educational programs. This meeting allowed visitors to discover the academic offerings of UMA institutions, talk directly with teaching staff, and receive personalized advice on career choices, professional opportunities, and possible pathways between programs.



**July 17, 18, and 19, 2025:** The University of Manouba took part in the National University Orientation Days, organized by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research at the Cité des Sciences in Tunis. During these three days, UMA presented its educational offerings at an institutional booth staffed by academic administrators, teachers, and guidance counselors. Visitors were able to learn about bachelor's and master's degree programs, available transfer options, and the specific features of the university's various departments. This participation is part of a desire to make guidance more accessible, transparent, and tailored to the aspirations of young people, while highlighting the UMA's commitment to helping high school graduates make informed and meaningful choices.



# End of the 2024–2025 academic year at the University of Manouba

**23 JUILLET 2025:** The University of Manouba celebrated the end of the 2024–2025 academic year during Knowledge Day, a ceremony marked by recognition, conviviality, and institutional pride. This event brought together the university community around the University President, Prof. Ameer Cherif, and the two Vice Presidents, Prof. Azza Frikha and Prof. Nabil Grissa, and the Secretary General, Mr. Imed Hidri, to salute the efforts and successes that marked the year. Honorary distinctions were awarded to teachers and researchers who have contributed to the academic and scientific reputation of the university. Prizes were awarded to our students who have excelled in their academic careers, and a special tribute was paid to the administrative and technical staff for their constant commitment

This awards ceremony was distinguished by:

- The recognition of top-ranked students (valedictorians) by degree and scientific field
- A tribute to a student with a disability for their remarkable academic journey
- Congratulations to a Palestinian student for their outstanding results
- Recognition of children of UMA staff members who obtained their Baccalaureate
- Awards presented to administrative staff
- A tribute to Dr. Salwa Ghannouchi
- A tribute to Professor Chokri Mabkhout, President of the University of Manouba (2011–2017)
- Recognition of the best doctoral dissertations
- The Best Researcher Award presented to Professor Mourad Ben Saïd
- Best Book-Publishing Laboratory Award: “Maghreb-Africa-Europe Exchanges” — Director: Professor Mohamed Lazhar Gharbi

- Tribute to faculty coordinators of European projects
- Recognition of the best university clubs and student activities
- Recognition of research laboratories within doctoral schools:

- ECCOFIGES** — School of “Economics, Commerce, Accounting, Finance and Management”
- o 1st place: LIGUE — Interdisciplinary Laboratory of University-Enterprise Management — Director: Professor Rym Bouderbala
  - o 2nd place: MOCFINE — Modeling in Accounting, Finance and Economics — Director: Professor Chokri Slim
- STICODE** — School of “Sciences and Technologies of Computer Science, Communication, Design and the Environment”
- 1st place: RIADI — Research in Engineering and Applications of Distributed and Intelligent Computing — Director: Professor Narjès Bellamine
  - 2nd place: EPIET — Epidemiology of Enzootic Infections in Herbivores in Tunisia, Applied to Control — Director: Professor Lilia Messadi
- CCP** — School of “Communication - Culture - Heritage”
- 1st place: ESLI — Semantic Research and Computational Linguistics — Director: Professor Abdesslem Aissaoui
  - 2nd place: ATTC — Textual Analysis, Translation and Communication — Director: Professor Farah Zaïm
- It was a powerful moment of cohesion and recognition, illustrating the spirit of excellence and belonging that drives the University of Manouba.



# Summer school by UNESCO Chair: Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism



**From September 15 to 27, 2025:** The University of Manouba, through its UNESCO Chair on Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Africa, and Sapienza Università di Roma, have launched a summer school program dedicated to cultural heritage and sustainable tourism. This program brings together experts, teachers, students, and various stakeholders to explore innovative approaches that combine heritage preservation with the development of responsible and sustainable tourism. The program offers lectures, workshops, field trips, and enriching exchanges to imagine creative solutions for our shared heritage.

## Academic Calendar 2025-2026

On the occasion of the new academic year, the University of Manouba extends its sincerest wishes for success to its entire university community. We wish our students every success in their studies and welcome new students joining the UMA family. Our best wishes also go out to our teachers and administrative staff, whose commitment and dedication contribute every day to the reputation of the University of Manouba as a place of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration. May this academic year be one of ambition, success, and collective prosperity.

يوم واحد يضبط في الإبان*	عطلة المولد النبوي الشريف
يوم الأربعاء 15 أكتوبر 2025	عيد الجلاء
يوم الأربعاء 17 ديسمبر 2025	عيد الثورة
من يوم السبت 20 ديسمبر 2025 بعد انتهاء الدروس إلى يوم الأحد 4 جانفي 2026 بدخول العايات.	عطلة الشتاء
يوم الخميس 01 جانفي 2026.	رأس السنة الميلادية
من يوم السبت 14 مارس 2026 بعد انتهاء الدروس إلى يوم الأحد 29 مارس 2026 بدخول العايات.	عطلة الربيع
يوم الجمعة 20 مارس 2026	عيد الاستقلال
تضبط في الإبان*	عطلة عيد الفطر
يوم الخميس 09 أبريل 2026	ذكرى الشهداء
يوم الجمعة 01 ماي 2026	عيد الشغل
تضبط في الإبان*	عطلة عيد الأضحى
يوم واحد يضبط في الإبان*	رأس السنة الحجرية
يوم السبت 25 جويلية 2026	عيد الجمهورية

## Partnership News

### First workshop of the Erasmus+ Pythagoras project at the University of Manouba



**July 8, 2025:** The University of Manouba, in partnership with the Higher Institute of Biotechnology of Sidi Thabet (ISBST), organized the first workshop of the Erasmus+ Pythagoras project, a significant step in strengthening academic and scientific cooperation.

This event highlighted the importance of innovation and the development of higher education and research in the field of biotechnology.

Pythagoras is an Erasmus+ project aimed at strengthening

capacities in the field of higher education. It seeks to consolidate the links between the research and education sector on the one hand, and the business world on the other hand.



## Just Published

### The Guide for Recent High School

**July 2025:** The University of Manouba is pleased to present its new college guide, a practical and inspiring resource designed for recent high school graduates looking to plan their academic journey with confidence.

This guide highlights the diversity and richness of UMA's institutions—schools, institutes, and faculties—as well as their academic specializations, career paths, and various opportunities. It offers a clear overview of academic programs, research projects, student life, and support services. Designed to guide young people in their post-high-school choices, this guide illustrates the mission of the University of Manouba: to offer a high-quality education that is open to the professional world and rooted in the values of sustainability, innovation, and citizenship.



## News from the Schools



**July 17, 2025:** The ISBST hosted an intensive training session led by Dr. Oussema KHAMESSI and Dr. Kais GHEDIRA. "Genomics and Molecular Docking: Concepts and Applications in Structural Bioinformatics"



«Mobility Days»

Workshop ESEN-ATEN



**July 1st, 2025:** As part of its initiative to explore innovative research in the digital economy and international best practices in doctoral education, ESEN, in partnership with ATEN (the Tunisian Association for the Digital Economy), organized a workshop led by Prof. Beatriz Casais of the University of Minho in Portugal, a specialist in qualitative methodologies applied to the digital economy and management.



**Meeting / Debate with Mr. Pascal Boniface at the University of La Manouba**

**September 18, 2025:** The University of Manouba and the Faculty of Letters, Arts and Humanities of Manouba (FLAH) had the honor of welcoming Mr. Pascal Boniface, French author, intellectual and founder of the Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS). A recognized specialist in geopolitics and international relations, Mr. Boniface engaged with faculty members, researchers and students on current topics, offering in-depth insights into their impact on societies. Recognized specialist in geopolitics and international relations, Pascal Boniface engaged, during this conference moderated by Prof. Ahlem Ghayaza, in discussions with professors, researchers, and students on current global issues, offering an in-depth reflection on their impact on societies. The geopolitologist and director of IRIS also presented his book *Permis de tuer*, published in 2025, in which he examines the way the West perceives, labels, or chooses to ignore certain realities. A rigorous essay that encourages critical thinking in the face of dominant narratives.



## The Regional and Societal Impact of ESEN

**18 Juillet 2025:** July 18, 2025: The École Supérieure d'Économie Numérique (ESEN) has made a major contribution to the professional retraining program led by the Manouba S<sup>2</sup>T Technology Park. This program aims to enhance the employability of recent graduates by facilitating their transition into digital professions. Through 240 hours of intensive training delivered by an ESEN team, the school reaffirms its role as a key player in developing digital skills and supporting professional integration.



**JULY 7-9:** L'ISCAE hosted the 3rd annual ISCAE-ESCT Symposium on Finance: "Frontiers in Finance: Navigating Sustainability, Technology, and Global Uncertainty."

The event featured in-depth academic discussions on relevant and cutting-edge topics in finance.



### ISCAE Students Achieve Outstanding Results on the National Accounting Audit Exam

**July 14, 2025:** ISCAE announced the outstanding success of its students: 33 candidates passed the national CES exam in accounting auditing out of a total of 91 test-takers.

This remarkable achievement once again confirms the University of Manouba and its institutions' position among the top institutions in the country.

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**Symposium: “NEET – Young People Not in Education, Employment, or Training: Migration and Demographic Trends in Tunisia: Understanding Vulnerabilities to Envision Growth”**




**JULY 25, 2025:** The RIGUEUR Laboratory organized a scientific conference titled: “NEET – Young People Not in Education, Employment, or Training: Migration and Demographic Trends in Tunisia: Understanding Vulnerabilities to Envision Growth.” This meeting provided a unique opportunity to discuss a major challenge for Tunisia: so-called NEET youth, who are at the heart of issues related to education, employment, migration, and demographic dynamics. The event brought together university researchers, national and international experts, and institutional stakeholders, who shared their perspectives to analyze the vulnerabilities faced by young people and explore avenues for inclusive and sustainable growth. The richness and diversity of the presentations, along with the quality of the discussions, helped highlight key areas for reflection regarding public policies and development strategies.





**ESC Honors and Distinctions of the Qualitative Analysis Laboratory (ESCT)**

The QuanLab (Qualitative Analysis Laboratory) of the École Supérieure de Commerce de Tunis (ESCT), affiliated with the University of La Manouba, counts three of its members among the researchers ranked in the global Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% list of the most influential scientists for the year 2024.

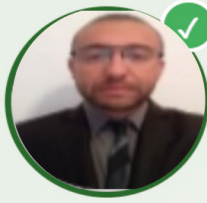


*Congratulations*  
**World's Top 2% Scientists**






**SAHBI FARHANI**



**NAIMA LASSOUED**



**MEHDI BEN JEBLI**

## Inspiring Conclusion of the Student Entrepreneur Program – UMA

July the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025: Under the auspices of Mr. Mondher Belaïd, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and in the presence of Mr. Mahmoud Chouaib, Governor of Manouba, and Mr. Ameer Chérif, President of the University of Manouba, the 3<sup>rd</sup> ceremony for the awarding of the National Student Entrepreneur Status (SNEE) was held in an atmosphere that was both engaging and inspiring.

Sixty-two recipients from 11 institutions were honored for their entrepreneurial commitment, divided into:

32 Initiators – bearers of inspiring ideas

28 Innovators – with validated business plans and in the concrete creation phase

2 Promoters – legally established startups

The certificates were officially presented by the President of the University of Manouba (UMA), Prof. Ameer Cherif, and the Vice President, Prof. Azza Frikha, accompanied by all institutional and academic representatives, thus highlighting the significance of this recognition in the academic journey of the awardees.



## Academic Year 2024–2025 Closing Ceremonies – UMA

The University of Manouba's campuses concluded the 2024–2025 academic year in a festive and proud atmosphere. Through various ceremonies, students, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate honorees, graduates, and innovators, demonstrating the vitality and influence of the university community.

The University of Manouba extends its most sincere congratulations to all graduates for their achievements, as well as to everyone who contributed, through their dedication and creativity, to making this year a true collective success.



### Hommage

It is with deep sadness and great sorrow that the UMA announces the passing of:

Our colleague, the late Ms. Sawsan Dridi, teacher at the Higher School of Commerce in Tunis.

The late Ahmed Abou Aziz, Palestinian journalist, graduate of the Institute of Press and Information Sciences, and doctoral researcher.

Our colleague, the late Prof. Tarek Safta, one of the founders of the Higher School of Design Sciences and Technologies (ESSTED).

May God grant them His infinite mercy and welcome them into His vast paradise. Our sincere condolences to all their families.

