

## “UNITA –Rural Mobility” call proposed by the University of Beira Interior

### ART.1 SCOPE AND DESTINATION OF MOBILITY

The UNITA Project has among its key actions to enhance the international experience of its students through the implementation of mobilities that respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organization and management of the mobility.

UNITA is composed by six comprehensive research universities from five countries:

- Universidade de Beira Interior (UBI)
- Universidad de Zaragoza (UNIZAR)
- Université de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour (UPPA)
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB)
- Università di Torino (UniTO)
- Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara (UVT)

In the framework of this action, the project "UNITA - Rural Mobility" is created with the objective of contributing to the development of rural territories and providing mobility opportunities that reinforcing the skills and improve the employability of it’s university students.

"UNITA - Rural Mobility" is a program of university internships for UNITA-Universities Partner Students in entities and companies in rural municipalities.

For the “UNITA - Rural Mobility” call proposed by the University of Beira Interior (UBI) the internships will take place in entities in the Beiras and Serra da Estrela region.

The particularities of this UNITA Rural Mobility call are described below.

### ART. 2 RECIPIENTS

Students from the universities of the UNITA Consortium can apply if they are regularly enrolled in the academic year 2020-2021 in a:

- Undergraduate degree courses (with at least 90 ECTS passed);
- Master’s degree courses;
- PhD degree courses

### ART. 3 PLACES OFFERED

10 places will be offered to be filled, two for each University of the UNITA Consortium: UNIZAR, UPPA, USMB, UNITO and UVT.

If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.

A description of the internship program can be found in the Annex I.

#### **ART.4 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

##### **ART. 4.1. Academic requirements**

Students participating in the program must be enrolled in the academic year 2020-2021, on the date of submission of applications, in official undergraduate (with at least 90 ECTS passed), master's degree or PhD at the Universities of the UNITA Consortium.

This mobility is compatible with other international mobility programs as long as the two mobility periods do not overlap.

##### **ART. 4.2. Language requirements**

The candidates must prove their level of language knowledge

- B1 level of English required
- A2 level of Portuguese recommended

Students must prove their required languages levels by presenting a language certificate (certificate of level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), valid international certificate, home institution certificate, self-certification, etc.).

#### **ART. 5 CALENDAR AND DURATION OF THE INTERNSHIP**

The internship will last 2 months (60 days) and will take place from July to August 2021.

Candidates are invited to find out about the exceptional measures related to the COVID-19 emergency that the European Commission introduced in 2020 and which are detailed in Annex II to this call.

#### **ART. 6 RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE MOBILITY**

The "UNITA - Rural Mobility" program within the UNITA - Universitas Montium Consortium project is considered a training experience for the internationalization of the academic career.

In this regard, the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility must be agreed by completing the Learning Agreement for Traineeship and Certificate of Traineeship.

For the purposes of recognition, each student must submit the relevant documentation certifying the activity carried out, at the home university.

#### **ART. 7 FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The students must apply for an individual support **Erasmus + grant** from their home university.

The Erasmus+ grant is a contribution to travel and subsistence related to their period of traineeship abroad.

Accommodation is offered by some host entities.

## **ART. 8 SUBMITTING APPLICATION**

The online application for this call will be open from May 5th to May 31st, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (CET)

No additions to the application will be allowed after this deadline.

Students must apply via online application form and upload the following documentation to the application:

- Academic transcript of records;
- Enrolment certificate in the academic year 2020-2021;
- Requested language certificate;
- Motivation letter in Portuguese or English (candidates have to explain the reason of their application, their motivation and their academics objectives).

The submission of the application implies acceptance of the terms established in this call for applications and authorization for the University of Beira Interior to verify the veracity of the necessary data in other institutions.

Students who could not access the application online or have technical issues, should contact the International Relations Office of UBI by e-mail [carreiras@ubi.pt](mailto:carreiras@ubi.pt) or [unita@ubi.pt](mailto:unita@ubi.pt)

## **ART. 9 EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

### **ART. 9.1 Processing of applications**

The UNITA office/International Relations Office of each partner will check if the applicants meet the requirements of this call for applications and if their documentation complies with the provisions of the same. If this is not the case, the interested party will be requested to correct the application.

The final evaluation will be made by the evaluation committee composed by the following members:

- The person in charge of the Vice-rectorate with competence in international mobility at UBI;
- The coordinator of the International Relations Office at UBI;
- The responsible person at the entity host

The Evaluation Committee shall adopt its agreements by majority vote.

### **ART. 9.2 Evaluation of applications**

The Evaluation Committee may give support or advice it seems appropriate. The hosting partner where the training will take place may require an additional interview with the candidates.

The procedure in this call for applications will be processed on a competitive basis and in accordance with the principles of publicity, objectivity, transparency, equality and non-discrimination.

### **ART. 9.3 Assessment criteria and allocation of placements**

Applications are evaluated according to theses following criteria:

- Language skills (25%)
- Academic transcript of records (25%)
- Profile requested by the hosting partner (25%)
- Motivation (25%)

Should there be students of equal merit and priority will be given to the student profile.

#### **ART.10 PUBLICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THE GRANT DECISION**

The decision on the awarding of the UNITA – Rural Mobility places will be published on the [UNITA](#) website, containing the final eligible candidate list and the waiting list in order of priority.

This publication will be considered as an official notification to the interested persons.

The students have 5 days, after the publication of the results, to accept or refuse the mobility. It must be informed, to [unita@ubi.pt](mailto:unita@ubi.pt), the decision.

Those who do not accept their mobility within the deadlines will automatically be excluded from the eligible candidate list.

#### **ART. 11 SCROLLING OF THE RANKING LIST**

Places not filled due to non-acceptance or renunciation of the mobility or vacant place will be assigned by scrolling the ranking up to the start date of the internship period. In this case, the assignment of the mobility will be made known to suitable candidates called in replacement only through a communication to the e-mail address indicated at the time of the application.

#### **ART. 12 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF SELECTED STUDENTS**

The selected trainees must comply with the following obligations:

- To process and send, in due time and form, the following documentation:
  - Learning agreement for traineeships;
  - Accidents and liability insurance, including repatriation;
  - European Health Card or a private medical insurance (if you are not an EU citizen);
  - One COVID test when arriving to Portugal, if required
- Maintain the confidentiality and professional ethics required during the internship;
- Fill in a report at the end of the internship for its evaluation.

#### **ART. 13 DATA PROTECTION**

The University of Beira Interior will operate in accordance with the "Privacy Policy" regarding processing personal data, as per Art. 13 of EU General Regulation 679/2016 on data protection.