



“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 its 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 enrolled in the academic year 2021-2022 in a:

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



ART. 3 PLACES OFFERED

27 places will be offered to be filled, 5 places to UPPA, USMB and UVT; and 6 places will be offered to UNITO and UNIZAR.

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 2021-2022, on the date of submission of applications, in official undergraduate (with at least 90 ECTS passed), master's degree courses 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

- Possession of at least B1 level of English
- Possession of at least A1 level of Portuguese (optional)
- Possession of at least B1 level of Spanish (for some offers)
- Possession of at least B1 level of French (for some offers)

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.).

A student 's mother tongue is a valid proof of knowledge of the language.



ART. 5 CALENDAR AND DURATION OF THE INTERNSHIP

Some internship will last 2 months (60 days) and will take place from July to August, 2022, other will last 3 to 4 months (90 days to 120 days) and will take place from June to September 2022.

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 and/or food and /or transport are offered by some host entities.

ART. 8 SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The online applications for this call will be open from March 1st to March 31th, 2022 until 2:00 p.m. (CET)

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

Students must apply online via lime-survey (<https://forms.univ-unita.eu/662915?lang=en>) and upload the following documentation to the application:

- Academic transcript of records;
- Enrolment certificate in the academic year 2021-2022;



- 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 (gespa@ubi.pt).

After the expiry of the call deadline, the candidates of the University of Turin will be contacted by the UNITA Office of Turin. They will be asked to complete a procedure for the evaluation of academic transcripts of records and the validation of applications.

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 and profile requested by the hosting partner (50%)
- Motivation Letter (25%)

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

Students who have participated in previous URM editions may participate again in this one, but priority in the selection process will be given to those who have not participated in previous editions.

Applicants for more than one destination in this edition are not allowed to confirm more than one destination unless there are vacant places, which will have to be confirmed by the corresponding UNITA Office.

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 (link), 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 7 days, after the publication of the results, to accept or refuse the mobility. It must be informed, to international@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.