

Annual Call for "Neurodecision elective program" reserved to Medical School and MEDTEC students from Humanitas University

THE ERASMUS + PROGRAMME

Neurodecision - Supporting medical students in making informed decisions for their neurosurgery residency pathways is a 2-year Cooperation Partnership project funded by Erasmus+, that Humanitas University is leading in collaboration with:

- International Neuroscience Institute – Hannover, Germany
- Univerzitet u Beogradu – Beograd, Serbia
- Lusiadas Hospital Porto – Porto, Portugal

This program is a joint collaboration in the area of medical teaching with a strong focus on responding to a common problem and challenge through the provision of the new training course that can be jointly offered by different partners, taking advantage of the expertise that each one has/can bring as well as of their teaching facilities (namely simulators, labs and cadaver labs).

The project objective is to design an innovative training course for medical students at the 5th/6th years, in order to increase the level of knowledge and readiness of future medical professionals to embrace with no doubt's residencies in Neurosurgery and to reduce the current drop-out rates of medical graduates at Neurosurgery medical residencies.

The project started on October 2022 and will end by end September 2024.

Object of the call

The program outline includes:

1. A common part for all selected students: face-to-face or synchronous and e.learning activities offered jointly by the 4 partners - **the pilot edition** of the course
2. A **traineeship mobility** in a specific partner institution for a small group of the selected students that have attended the pilot edition

The selection is opened for the assignment of 20 places available at Humanitas University for attending the pilot edition of the program. The planned sessions, which include 12 hours of face-to-face teaching, are 3 for a total of 36 hours. E-learning activities will last 50 hours and 1 week observership will be offered in summer 2024 at Hunimed.



4 students out of 20 will be selected for a traineeship to be run in 2024. The mobility for those students is structured as follows: 1 week at home institution (Humanitas hospital) and 2 weeks at a partner institution. Humanitas students will be hosted by Lusiadas Hospital Porto.

Students participating in the program will carry out the activities and objectives listed in the **Learning Agreement for training**, which will be defined together with the course Coordinator at Humanitas University and the Supervisor at the Host Institution.

The training experience will be considered one of the extracurricular activities included in the student's curriculum, allowing the student to obtain formative credits (CFU/ECTS) and it will be registered in the Diploma Supplement.

Who can participate

Humanitas University students with European or non-European citizenship and who are regularly enrolled at the 4th year of the Medicine Degree Course or MEDTEC School.

Moreover, to be eligible for an Erasmus+ **mobility** grant, the 4 selected students should comply to the following requirements:

1. student should not have already completed a mobility of more than 12 months under the Erasmus + Program during the current study cycle. Mobility for study and/ or traineeship purposes is included in the calculation of the 12 months.
2. student cannot receive other European Union-funded grants at the same time.

During their stay abroad, students are considered to be enrolled at the host university, which does not require them to pay any kind of tuition fee or contribution. It is understood that students must pay the Fees and Contributions of the 2022/2023 and 2023-2024 to Humanitas University.

Students must check whether the host university requires a Certificates of Good Health, vaccinations and a certified language knowledge (IELTS, TOEFL, DALF, specified levels of language according to European Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) B1, B2, C1, etc.), if the presentation of Certificates of Good health and vaccinations.

Application procedure

Applications must be sent through the online form published in the international mobility webpage of the degree course no later than **May 21th 2023 at noon**.

The application should contain the following documentation:

1. participation form (Annex A), duly filled and signed.
2. exams transcript from My portal, containing the exams list with marks and number of credits
3. curriculum vitae, in European format;
4. motivational letter;
5. optional documentation: the student may send other documents useful for the evaluation, such as: language certificates, certificates of training and study abroad (including previous Erasmus experiences), involvement in internationalization experiences.

The University reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the veracity of the content of the declarations made or to request additional documentation.

The University assumes no responsibility for cases of non-delivery or late delivery of applications due to telematic errors, to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will consist of the coordinator/s and of two components chosen from among the faculty members of Humanitas University.

Selection Procedure for the pilot edition

Places available: 20

Eligibility criteria:

- Having completed all the exams of the study plan up to the semester prior to the application
- Being regularly enrolled at the 4th year of the Medicine Degree Course or MEDTEC School.

Selection criteria

The selection is based on the career track, motivation letter and an interview.

Applications will be evaluated by the Selection Committee considering the following criteria:

- a. qualifications (presented in the CV)
- b. weighted average of votes and credits acquired;
- c. motivation letter
- d. possible motivation interview;

The ranking lists will be generated assessing a score for the eligibility requirements as reported in Table 1.

Table 1

Eligibility requirements	Score Calculation
Weighted average of grades	$[(\text{Avg. grade}/30)] \cdot 40$
Qualifications in the cv	From 0 to 10 points (to be assessed by the Selecting Committee)
Evaluation of motivation letter	From 0 to 50 points (to be assessed by the Selecting Committee)

The highest achievable score is 100 points.

If applicants achieve the same final score, the higher weighted average of grades will prevail. In case of a further equal score, the candidates will be interviewed by the Selection Commission for the final selection.

The possible motivational interview will take place from May 22nd till May 29th 2023, date and location will be communicated to the candidates.

The final results of the selection will be published in the website by **June 1st 2023**.

Award of the Erasmus+ mobility grant abroad

1. The grant is awarded only for the traineeship.
2. The selection will take place in early 2024.
3. The selected students have to sign a mobility agreement which shows:
 - a) the Host University where the mobility will be spent;
 - b) the program of activities to be carried out during the mobility (learning agreement, which will be agreed with the coordinator of the course/OME at HU and countersigned by the host Institution);
4. The amount awarded for the traineeship abroad is 725€ per student. The mobility grant is paid in one installment within 10 days before the departure for the mobility, but if students do not complete the mobility period, the Erasmus grant will be withdrawn (Participant report).

5. For the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility period, students should provide the Erasmus office with the Transcript of records from the host University, certifying the achieved activities, and the Certificate of Stay (showing the start and end date of the mobility) no later than 2 weeks after the end of the mobility.

Students with disabilities

In order to allow wider participation in the Program also by students with disabilities, the National Agency can award, to each mobility student, an extra amount for the mobility grant.

Early termination of the grant

1. The holder of the Erasmus scholarship expires if one of the following cases occurs:
 - a) loss of student status;
 - b) renouncement of Erasmus grant due to unexpected circumstance;
 - c) any cause, duly justified, that makes the student unsuitable for continuing their stay abroad.
2. In the event of early termination of the mobility, the amount of the grant is proportionally reduced to the period actually spent abroad.
3. Personal data protection in compliance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679), the personal data provided by candidates will be used exclusively in the context and for the purpose of this selection and will be processed - with or without the use of IT systems - in compliance with current legislation and confidentiality obligations.

For more information on the call, contact the Erasmus Office (erasmus@hunimed.eu).