

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA HONORS TRACK 2024/2025

SUMMARY

Art. 1 Purpose and Objectives

Art. 2 Activities

Art. 3 Places and Shifts

Art. 4 Eligibility requirements

Art. 5 Publication of the ranking list and interviews

Art. 6 Rule of attendance

Art. 7 Economics

Art. 1 Purpose and Objectives

For the academic year 2023-2024, Humanitas University offers its students the opportunity to apply for Africa Honor Track (hereinafter Africa HT).

The program will be held in cooperation with partner organizations:

- Changes Onlus operating in the Medical Center St.Paul in Andasibe-Ampefy, Madagascar,
- Mtendere Mission Hospital in Chirundu Zambia,
- St.Gaspar Hospital in Itigi Tanzania

Purpose:

- Offering students the opportunity to make an experience in rural settings, acquiring knowledge on managing diversified medical and surgical cases correlated with the local prevalent epidemiology;
- Offering students the opportunity to learn how adapting clinical and technical skills in a settings where a lower level of medical equipment is available;
- Raising awareness of social and ethical aspects of the medical profession in a different cultural frame;
- Understanding the organization and work of healthcare facilities in the specific context;
- Supporting students in making a more informed choice for developing a future career as medical doctor in the international organizations operating in rural areas with a lower level of clinical and technical resources.
- Improving the curriculum vitae: in many countries the selection process for postgraduate programs begins with an initial evaluation of a young doctor's curriculum vitae, therefore, making the acquisition of additional credits is a valuable asset in the selection process

Art. 2 Activities

Africa HT will imply the compulsory participation in the following activities:

- attendance of preparatory training (reported in Table 1):

Table 1

Training	Timetable
Semiotics in limited resources setting (held by CUAM expert)	May 11 th 9.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m.
Obstetrics skills: eutocic and podalic birth, shoulders dystocia, caesarean section and other obstetric procedures.	June 4 th 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Lab medicine sessions	To be scheduled
Practical Skill session	To be scheduled

- a direct field experience of 4 weeks in one of the partners' clinical facilities with the supervision of a tutor (Table 2)

HTs are designed to provide 10 CFU/ECTS that are recorded in the diploma supplement as a part of the student's learning pathway.

Art. 3 Places and shifts

For the academic year 2023/24 available places for Africa HT are as follows (**Table 2**):

Table 2

Partener Istitutions	Shift	Number of places
Change Onlus – Madagascar	July 15 th – August 16 th	3
Change Onlus – Madagascar	August 19 th - September 20 th	3
Mtendere Mission Hospital – Zambia	July 15 th – August 16 th	3
Mtendere Mission Hospital – Zambia	August 19 th – September 20 th	3
St. Gaspar Hosptal - Tanzania	July 15 th – August 16 th	4

Art. 4 Eligibility requirements

Only candidates meeting the following requirements will be considered for the selection:

- Being enrolled for the first time in the 5th year of the Degree program in Medicine and Surgery or Medtec;
- Having passed all the exams required by the study plan at the date of the application;
- Have a clear drive and a strong motivation in being involved in a personal and professional experience which will bring new knowledge on clinical skills and more awareness about the role that medics and healthcare should play for any human being in a global scenario.

Art. 5 Selection criteria and application

Interest Medical and MEDTEC students are required to send the Curriculum Vitae and a Motivation

The application for the selection procedure must be completed exclusively online through the link <https://www.hunimed.eu/honors-tracks/> from March 28th to April 12th 2024.

In the form candidates should also specify preferred destination and shift.

Candidates's evaluation will be done merely on CV and Motivation letter following the table below (Table 3):

Table 3

Eligibility requirements	Score
Curriculum Vitae Valuation (CV)	Up to 50 points
Motivation Survey	Up to 50 points

The highest achievable score is 100 points.

The evaluation of CV and Motivation Survey will be done by a committee composed of three (3) professors, including dr. Grazia Bordoni, who is responsible for Africa project.

Sixteen (16) candidates will be selected. These candidates will be asked to sit a confirmatory interview with the committee. In case of positive result of the interview the place will be confirmed.

The committee will try to accommodate the selected candidates following their preferences for destination and shift. Being this impossible the higher candidate in the raking will be considered first.

Students who have already attended the experience in Africa last year will be not considered for this call.

Students selected also for Erasmus or Travel Grant projects are required to opt only for one of the programs.

Students who attended an Honor Track during the 4th year or are attending the Virgilio Program are welcome to apply for Africa Honor Track if matching the eligibility requirements.

Art. 6 Publication of the ranking list and interviews

The ranking lists will be published on April 18th.

Students entitled to participate in the HT should confirm their interest to join the program by e-mail to honorstracks@hunimed.eu by April 22th.

Confirmatory interviews will be done on May 6th and May 7th

In case of candidates' withdrawal, based on the ranking and according to the number of available places, the University will begin the admission of candidates in the reserve list.

Art. 7 Rules of attendance

Attendance of preparatory activities is compulsory and it is a prerequisite for the field experience. Students are also required to attend preparatory meetings scheduled by the partner organization.

Art. 8 Economics

Selected students will be entitled of the plane ticket which will be purchased by the University plus an allowance of 500 € for living expenses.