

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA HONORS TRACK 2024/2025

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Art. 1 Purpose and Objectives

For the academic year 2024-2025, 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 to adapt their 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 toward a possible future career as a medical doctor, nurse or physiotherapist in the international organizations which operate in rural areas with a lower level of clinical and technical resources.
- Improving one's curriculum vitae: in many countries the selection process for postgraduate programs begins with an initial evaluation of the 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 (data to be confirmed)
Obstetrics skills: eutocic and podalic birth, shoulders dystocia, caesarean section and other obstetric procedures.	May/June (data to be confirmed)
Lab medicine sessions	May/June (data to be confirmed)
Nursing skill	May data to be confirmed

- 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 2024/25 available places for Africa HT are as follows (**Table 2**):

Table 2

Partener Istitutions	Shift	Number of places
Change Onlus – Madagascar	July 12 th – August 9 th	1
Change Onlus – Madagascar	August 9 th - September 6 th	1
Mtendere Mission Hospital – Zambia	July 12 th – August 9 th	3
Mtendere Mission Hospital – Zambia	July 26 th – August 23 th	3
St. Gaspar Hosptal – Tanzania	July 12 th – August 9 th	4
St. Gaspar Hosptal – Tanzania	August 9 th – September 12 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

CV and Motivation letter

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

- CV should address previous voluntary experiences in low resources country and proficiency in English, French and Italian.
- Motivation Letter should be completed following the motivation Survey reported in Annex 1

Evaluation will be done through a comprehensive evaluation process which will encompass also candidates' academic career.

The highest achievable score is 100 points.

How to apply

The application for the selection procedure must be completed exclusively online through the link <https://www.hunimed.eu/honors-tracks/> from Thursday April 3rd to April 14th 2025.

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

Evaluation Commission

The evaluation of CV and Motivation Survey will be done by a committee composed of three members dr. Grazia Bordoni, who is responsible for Africa project, prof. R. Fesce and dr. R. Monzani.

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

Students who have already attended the experience in Africa in the previous years within HU Africa Project 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 22nd.

Students entitled to participate in the HT should confirm their interest to join the program by e-mail to michelangelo.la_torre@hunimed.eu by April 28th.

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 boarding and lodging an allowance of 500 € for living expenses and required vaccinations.

Annex 1- Motivation Survey

- a)** For which reason you would like to make this experience?
- b)** Have you ever volunteered? if yes, how do you evaluate your previous experience?
- c)** Do you think you can comply with the living standards of the Hosting Organization (e.g. respect of the community rules, being flexible for accommodation and diet, etc.)
- d)** If needed, can you live without internet connection, hot water, washing machine? In this case what you will miss more?
- e)** From 1 to 10 how do you evaluate your communication and interpersonal skills?