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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PhD STUDENTS IN SHORT-TERM MOBILITY  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA AND CAMERINO  
UNIVERSITY, ITALY, THROUGH ERASMUS+ PLUS KA 171 PROJECT**

**I. Background**

Since 2015, the University of Rwanda (UR) has been an active participant in the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) action, contributing significantly to the two-way exchange of students and staff between Rwanda and European universities. In 2019 alone, institutions in Rwanda, including UR, proposed 48 Erasmus+ projects, of which 28 were selected, resulting in 68 outbound and 46 inbound mobilities between Rwanda and Europe.

UR has established over 100 bilateral Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements (KA107 and KA131) with European partners, facilitating staff and student exchanges with universities such as the University of Oslo (Norway), the University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Thomas More University (Belgium), Université de la Réunion (France), and Poznan University of Life Sciences (Poland). To promote these opportunities, UR regularly organizes “Study in Europe” events that have engaged hundreds of students and staff in awareness-raising sessions about EU funding, application procedures, and host institution profiles.

Recent calls under KA107 have drawn substantial interest: the 2023 Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Grant in collaboration with the University of Parma received over 50 applications, while parallel student exchange calls with the University of Agder (Norway) further underscore UR’s strong engagement. UR’s commitment to internationalization and research excellence is reflected in its ranking among the world’s top 100 young universities and its strategic use of Erasmus+ to build global networks and capacity in teaching and research. Furthermore, UR has demonstrated leadership in Erasmus+ Capacity-Building in Higher Education (CBHE) projects, for example, coordinating the “Enhancement of Rwandan Higher Education in strategic fields for sustainable growth (EnRHED)” initiative, which officially launched in January 2019 with multiple European partners. According to the 2023 Erasmus+ Annual Report, the programme reached an unprecedented milestone of 15 million beneficiaries since inception, with a growing share of activities involving African partner universities like UR, highlighting the expanding impact of Erasmus+ beyond Europe.





Under the current KA171-HED action (2024-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000212880), UR will build on this track record to send and host doctoral researchers for short-term mobilities of 5–30 days, aligning with Erasmus+ guidelines for third-cycle student exchanges.

Established under the International Credit Mobility strand (KA171-HED), this project fosters research collaborations between UR and UNICAM in line with Erasmus+ objectives of excellence, inclusion, and internationalization. The current Grant Agreement (2024-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000212880) was signed for the period 01 Aug 2024–31 Jul 2027 to support outgoing and incoming student and staff mobilities.

## II. Description

Under this call, UR-enrolled PhD candidates may undertake a short-term research or study stay at UNICAM for three months. The mobility is designed to deepen participants' research competencies and soft skills, strengthen bilateral research networks between UR and UNICAM, and support the progression of doctoral projects through access to advanced laboratory facilities, attendance at specialized seminars, and co-supervision by UNICAM faculty.

Eligible activities during the mobility include joint research experiments or fieldwork aligned with the candidate's dissertation objectives, participation in thematic workshops or seminars hosted at UNICAM, and data analysis using the host institution's resources. This tailored program enables PhD researchers to collaborate closely with UNICAM research groups, fostering knowledge transfer and collaborative outputs within the short-term stay.

## III. Funding

All grants follow Erasmus+ unit-cost rules:

1. **Travel Grant:** Lump sums based on one-way distance (EC calculator)
2. **Subsistence (Individual Support):** For long-term mobility (from 2 months to 12 months)
3. **Top-Ups for Inclusion support:** for participants with disabilities or special needs, as per Erasmus+ 2024 rules



- **Note:** Grants are lump-sum contributions; participants must cover visas, insurance, and advances. They will get the contribution (individual and travel support) calculated according to the duration of the mobility, independently of the real expenses, after the mobility starts.

#### IV. Application requirements

##### ▪ Eligibility

- The applicant should be a registered student in a **PhD in pharmacy/ pharmaceutical sciences or Veterinary Medicine programs at UR** at application and during mobility periods.
- Minimum B2 level in English or Italian, proven by a recognized certificate
- Total Erasmus+ mobility within the 3rd cycle must not exceed 3 months

##### ▪ Specific eligibility criteria

- Both female and Male candidates are encouraged to apply

#### V. Application file

Interested and eligible PhD students should send the following:

1. Application letter addressed to the Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at UR
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Motivation letter (1 page)
4. Research Proposal (max 2 pages; objectives, methodology, expected outcomes).
5. Academic Transcript (s) (Master's)
6. Proof of Enrolment at UR's PhD program.
7. Language Certificate Mandatory B1 level of Italian for Italian-taught courses OR Mandatory B2 level of English for English-taught courses
8. Supervisor Endorsement at UR (email confirmation)
9. Self-declaration of previous Erasmus+ mobilities (if any)





## VI. Selection methodology

Applications will be evaluated by a joint UR–UNICAM committee based on academic merit, proposal quality, and alignment with the host’s expertise.

## VII. How to apply and key dates

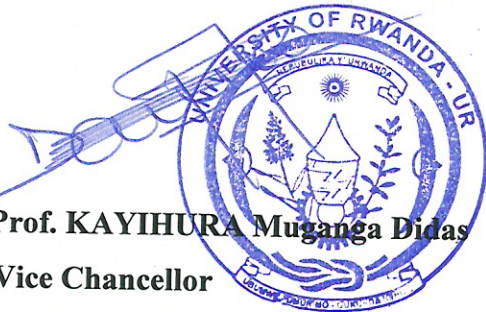
Applicants are requested to send the documents as listed above by email to the scholarship officer, [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw) at the University of Rwanda, Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Tel: 07929 88304, with a copy to UR Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator: Dr. Marie Francoise Mukanyangezi, [m.f.mukanyangezi@ur.ac.rw](mailto:m.f.mukanyangezi@ur.ac.rw), Tel: 0788672656

- The application deadline is May 31, 2025

## VIII. Who to contact for any further information?

For any other detailed information regarding this call, kindly contact:

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