









# COOPERATION PROJECT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF PARMA (ITALY) AND UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA

(2023-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000149267)

### I GENERAL INFORMATION

The Action KA171 of the Erasmus+ Programme supports the mobility of students and teaching staff towards the European "partner" countries of the Erasmus+ Programme. Mobility takes place through the approval of project proposals submitted for EU approval by networks of universities. The project 2023-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000149267 is coordinated by the University Centre for International Cooperation (CUCI) of the University of Parma in collaboration with the University of Rwanda (UR).

### **Purposes**

The present call regulates the selection for the allocation of grants for mobility periods abroad within the Erasmus+ Programme - Action KA171 for the academic years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026, within the project n. **2023-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000149267**.

The project allows to No. 2 students in Paediatrics and child health department, school of medicine and pharmacy who are currently enrolled in UR to spend a period of continuous training at the University of Parma.

The selected students for the Erasmus+ mobility, receiving a financial support, will have the opportunity to attend training and use the facilities available at the host institutions without additional fees. The full recognition of the educational activities successfully carried out abroad will be guaranteed, if they are approved in the Learning Agreement between the student and the hosting learning institution. The stay in Parma must take place not later than July 2026.

### Activities allowed at the destination

Mobility under the Erasmus+ Programme **KA171-HED-000149267** allows carrying out training in the form of "internship".

### **Financial support**

The financial support available for mobility for training purposes is divided into:

The financial support must be considered to cover the expenses related to the travel and the stay abroad. The amount is related to the days of actual stay in the host institution. In particular, the funding is as follows:

- 1) 850 € per month
- 2) 1000 € for travel expenses.

Any special funding for disabled students is allocated by the European Union. The availability of special contributions for disabled students will be made known directly to the winners who will communicate this condition during the acceptance phase.

All forms of university support must be returned if a minimum number of credits is not acquired in relation to the period of mobility as specified below:

Discipline	Number of months	Number of hours (working hours)	Minimum Credits
MMED paediatrics Residency Program	3	400	30

N.B. In case the students go in mobility for internship, Erasmus+ funding is linked to the activities carried out abroad and to the recognition of these by the Course Council: students who do not

complete any activity with a satisfactory result or who do not ask for recognition before their departure (Learning Agreement), will have to return the entire amount of funding received.

### II. REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO APPLY

### General eligibility requirements

To be eligible to apply for Erasmus+ call **KA171-HED-000149267** you must be regularly enrolled in the Mmed paediatrics Residencies 2 or 4 Program at UR.

Students with disabilities, if awarded Erasmus+ mobility, may apply for an additional financial contribution. To access these services, it is necessary to contact both CUCI and the Erasmus office at the University of Parma.

### Submission of the application

Each candidate is invited to fill in the application form at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeBMiXDIM1lKgdnlKEwBs5mZRzhfvHZwf7gHM1ROl8j ClmYmw/viewform?usp=header. The application form, completed and accompanied by the necessary attachments, must be submitted **NO LATER THAN 2:00pm on 15 January 2025**.

For the purposes of admission to the selections, the application shall be considered complete ONLY if it is accompanied by the following MANDATORY attachments:

- 1. Curriculum Vitae
- 2. Motivation letter
- 3. Application form (see above mentioned link)
- 4. Transcripts with cumulative marks above 75%
- 5. Certification of enrolment in Mmed Paediatrics residency program.
- 6. Internship project.

The complete documentation will be analysed by the Selection Committee.

### III. KEY DATES FOR THIS CALL: Closing date is: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2:00pm.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBSEQUENTLY AMEND OR CANCEL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.

At the end of the application process, the Selection Committee will:

- Evaluate the applications
- Communicate the rankings to the Paediatrics Department & Child Health at UR and to CUCI (University of Parma).

The result will be communicated directly to the students by the paediatrics Department & Child Health at UR.

### Assignment of mobility

In the case of selection, the acceptance of a mobility student is at the sole discretion of the host (or destination) university. The destination university may refuse to accept students who have been awarded a mobility grant based on objective impediments that are contrary to the host university's own regulations, such as:

- a) Failure to send the names of the selected students within the established deadlines.
- b) Failure to comply with the application procedures established by the sending university.
- c) Failure to comply with the language requirements imposed by the hosting institution.
- d) The possible incompatibility between the study plan proposed by the student and the educational offer of the partner location.
- e) The modalities of entry and stay in the foreign country.

### Incompatibility

The applicant cannot benefit from Erasmus+ status and financial contribution **KA171-HED-000149267**, if he/she is simultaneously benefiting from:

- Other grants funded by the European Union.
- Collaboration grants.
- Other mobility grants funded by any University Higher Education Institutions.

A student awarded an Erasmus+ exchange place **KA171-HED-000149267** may not, in the same academic year, benefit from other exchange places with the same purpose (study).

The same student may receive one Erasmus+ grant (for study, placement, in the EU or outside the EU) per study cycle, limited to a maximum of 12 months per cycle. In the calculation of the months, previous mobility experiences within the LLP/Erasmus programme, Erasmus Placement, Erasmus Mundus Action 1 (only until A.Y. 2010/11) and Erasmus Mundus Action 2 are also taken into consideration.

## IV. SELECTION PROCEDURES

### Selection criteria

The Selection Committee is composed by 2 teaching staff in Medicine (Paediatrics) from UR and 2 staff members from the University of Parma appointed by the Director of CUCI. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applications submitted and draw up a ranking list, which will be communicated to the paediatrics Department & Child Health at UR. The selection criteria are based on 100 pts. The Committee will carry out the evaluation procedures considering:

- A. Students level of achievement
- B. Leadership experience
- C. Approved internship project by the selecting committee
- D. Motivation letter
- E. Interview results.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to candidates who have obtained a higher mark in their previous degree.

In the event of a tie, the candidate with whom a gender balance is guaranteed will be selected.

# Acceptance of exchange place, renunciations, replacements

Selected students are asked to confirm their acceptance of the allocation within a maximum of 10 days from the date of communication of the selection by the Paediatrics & Child Health Department

at UR, by sending the duly completed and signed acceptance form to  $\frac{kanyamuhungaa@gmail.com}{kanyamuhungaa@gmail.com}$  and copy to :

At the end of this deadline, students who have not accepted the grant will automatically be deemed to have withdrawn and the grant will be made available to the students following them in the ranking.

After confirming acceptance of the exchange place, the student must:

- a) Define and sign the study plan (called Learning Agreement) according to the procedures provided for by the paediatrics Department & Child Health at UR and by CUCI.
- b) Comply with the administrative requirements of the partner institution.
- c) Sign a "Financial Agreement"

Prior to departure, renunciation of the Erasmus+ mobility grant, if duly motivated, is possible at any time during the entire course and does not entail any penalty.

### V. Further information

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact:

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