

"UNITA - Rural Mobility"

Call proposed by Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara Romania

ART. 1 – SCOPE AND DESTINATION OF MOBILITY

The [UNITA Project](#) has among its key actions to enhance the international experience of its students through the implementation of mobilities that respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organization and management of mobility.

UNITA is composed of six comprehensive research universities from five countries:

- Universidade de Beira Interior (UBI)
- Universidad de Zaragoza (UNIZAR)
- Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)
- Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB)
- Università di Torino (UniTO)
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (UVT)

In the framework of this action, the project "UNITA - Rural Mobility" is created with the aim of opening mobility channels that reinforce the competences and improve the employability of university students.

"UNITA - Rural Mobility" is a programme of university internships for UNITA-Universities Partner Students' in entities and companies in rural municipalities.

For the "UNITA - Rural Mobility" call proposed by Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (UVT), the internships will take place in the rural community of Armeniș, Carpathian Mountains, Romania. The scope of these internships is to contribute our newest ambitious project in Armeniș, WeWilder Campus <https://www.wewilder.com/>- an innovation and community development hub located in Armeniș, a wild pocket of nature in Europe.

ART. 2 – RECIPIENTS

Students from the universities of the UNITA Consortium can apply if they are regularly enrolled in the academic year 2020-2021 in a:

- undergraduate degree programme (with at least 90 ECTS passed);
- postgraduate degree programme;
- PhD.

ART. 3 – PLACES OFFERED

The rural community of Armeniș will host 5 UNITA students in total, one for each partner University within the UNITA Consortium (UBI; UNIZAR; UPPA; USMB; UniTO). If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.

A description of the internship programme can be found in the Annex I of this call. For the summer of 2021 mission, the UNITA student applicants should fulfil one or more of the following profiles:

1. *Communication / Digital communication / Marketing* - supporting marketing for WeWilder in ongoing campaigns and community building
2. *Business Development / Entrepreneurship* - supporting the development of WeWilder local enterprise accelerator programme
3. *Product Design / Design / Architecture / Experience Design* - involved in mapping / reviewing / identifying local hot-spots that can develop into locations for local experiences; advisor to prototyping different elements to improve or enhance the respective opportunities; This role may also involve working closely with the team and community members to develop packaging for WeWilder products and other merchandise, signage, etc
4. *Environmental Sciences / Ecology / Natural Sciences* - involved in ongoing biodiversity monitoring in and around the campus grounds as part of our efforts to evaluate the impact of WeWilder
5. *Photography / Videography* - storytelling & profiling the community

In terms of logistics, the UNITA students would be housed in two local B&Bs, traditional local houses that have been restored in the last couple of years. All food will be provided by local families from traditional sources.

It will be desirable that at least one of the students has a driver's licence and is comfortable driving a car for the group as Armeniș is a scattered mountain village and distances are not always small. Also, at that time the WWF team will be hands on to finalise the construction of WeWilder campus, organising community events and wild tours.

The est. cost per person for a group of 5 UNITA students that will cover room & board as well as a designated car is:

€15e/night accommodation

€25/day 3 catered meals | optionally the students can opt for 1, 2 or no meals but considering the dynamic context with lots happening we highly recommend considering 1-2 meals catered at minimum

€7/day car & transport costs

The hosting partner where the training will take place has run long-term internship programmes in Armeniș between 2016-2019 in a "Taskforce" format, i.e. forming a multi-disciplinary team of young professionals that work together for a couple of months. Here <https://bisonhillock.ro/blog/> you can read some of their stories.

ART. 4 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Art. 4.1 - Academic requirements

UNITA students participating in the programme must be enrolled in the academic year 2020-2021, on the date of submission of applications, in official undergraduate (with at least 90 ECTS passed) or postgraduate degree programme or PhD at the Universities of the UNITA Consortium.

This mobility is compatible with other international mobility programmes as long as the two mobility periods do not overlap.

Art. 4.2 – Language requirements

For applications to be valid, candidates must prove their level with at least:

- B1 level of English required;
- A2 level of Romanian recommended.

UNITA students must prove their required languages levels by presenting a language certificate (certificate of level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), valid international certificate, home institution certificate, self-certification, etc.).

ART. 5 – CALENDAR AND DURATION OF THE INTERNSHIP

The internship will last 3 weeks and will take place from July 5th to July 25th, 2021.

Candidates are invited to find out about the exceptional measures related to the COVID-19 emergency that the European Commission introduced in 2020 and which are detailed in Annex II to this call.

ART. 6 – RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE MOBILITY

The "UNITA - Rural Mobility" programme within the UNITA - Universitas Montium project is considered a training experience for the internationalization of the academic career.

In this regard, the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility must be agreed by completing the "Learning Agreement for Rural Mobility".

The 3-week training activity can be recognized in ECTS according to the regulation of each institution.

For the purposes of recognition, students must submit within 3 weeks of the end of the mobility to their respective Unita Office the relevant documentation certifying the activity carried out (final section of the "Learning Agreement for Rural Mobility" called "After the mobility", containing the learning outcomes and dates of the mobility period certified by the partner institution).

ART. 7 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The payment of the grant is subject to the student's acceptance of a Rural Mobility Grant Agreement. The contract outlines payment times and methods, but it also specifies that no payment will be made to the beneficiary until the student has signed the Mobility contract.

Each UNITA student will receive:

- financial support to cover for travel costs: in the limit of 360€ for students from UBI and 275€ for students coming from any other university;
- financial support to cover for subsistence costs: in the limit of 52€/ day of activity.

The total financial support to cover for travel and subsistence costs (accommodation + food) shall be calculated as lump sum/ grant/ scholarship and shall be paid in one instalment to the student directly, via bank transfer (in the student's IBAN account). The Rural Mobility Grant Agreement shall be signed 2 weeks before arrival in Timisoara and the bank transfer shall be operated within 10 calendar days following the signature of the agreement by both parties, and no later than the start date of the mobility period.

The participant shall have adequate insurance coverage (health, travel, accidents and liability, repatriation). It is the responsibility of the participant to get clearly informed about issues related to insurances. All information regarding the insurance depends entirely on the legal and administrative provisions of the host country. The participant is responsible for signing any mandatory insurance prior to arrival in the host country. At the moment of signing the Rural Mobility Grant Agreement, the participant shall provide a proof of signing the insurance, valid for the entire mobility period, according to the legal and administrative provisions of the host country.

ART. 8 – SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The online application for this call will be open from May 5th to May 31st, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (CET)

No additions to the application will be allowed after this deadline.

Students must apply via online application form and upload the following documentation to the application:

- Academic transcript of records;
- Enrolment certificate in the academic year 2020-2021;
- Requested language certificate;
- Letter of Motivation in English or Romanian (candidates have to explain the reason of their application, their motivation and their academic objectives).

The submission of the application implies acceptance of the terms established in this call for applications and authorization for Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara to verify the veracity of the necessary data in other institutions.

Students who could not access the application online or had technical issues, should contact Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara at: rural.unita@e-uvt.ro.

ART. 9 – EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Art. 9.1 – Processing of applications

Phase 1: First evaluation

The UNITA office/International Relations Office of each partner will check that the applicants meet the requirements of this call for applications and that their documentation complies with the provisions of the same. Incomplete applications will not be considered admissible.

Phase 2: Final evaluation

The final evaluation will be performed at UVT, through an Evaluation committee and verified by the hosting partner where the training will take place.

The Evaluation committee is composed of the following members:

- The UNITA Institutional Coordinator at UVT;
- The Local Coordinator of Work Package 6 – UNITA Mobility 4 All at UVT;
- The Local Responsible of subtask 6.2. Developing Rural Mobilities at UVT

The Evaluation Committee shall adopt its agreements by majority vote.

Phase 3: Evaluation of applications

The Evaluation Committee may have the support or advice it deems appropriate. The hosting partner where the training will take place will verify the final selection and might require an additional interview with the candidates.

The procedure in this call for applications will be processed on a competitive basis and in accordance with the principles of publicity, objectivity, transparency, equality and non-discrimination.

Art. 9.2 – Assessment criteria

Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Language skills up to 25%;
- Motivation up to 25%;
- Profile requested by the hosting partner up to 25%;
- Academic transcript of records up to 25%.

Should there be students of equal merit, priority will be given to the student profile.

ART. 10 – PUBLICATION, ACCEPTING/REFUSING THE MOBILITY

The decision on the awarding of the UNITA – Rural Mobility places will be published on the [UNITA](#) website, containing the final eligible candidate list and the waiting list in order of priority.

This publication will be considered as an official notification to the interested persons. The students have 5 days, after the publication of the results, to accept or refuse the mobility. The final decision must be communicated to: rural.unita@e-uvt.ro. Those who do not accept their Mobility offer within the deadlines will automatically be excluded from the eligible candidate list.

ART. 11 – SCROLLING OF THE RANKING LIST

Places not filled due to non-acceptance or renunciation of the mobility or vacant place will be assigned by scrolling the ranking up to the start date of the internship period. In this case, the assignment of the mobility will be communicated to suitable candidates called in replacement only via the e-mail address indicated at the time of application.

ART. 12 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF SELECTED STUDENTS

The selected trainees must comply with the following obligations:

- To process and send, in due time and form, the following documentation:
 - Learning Agreement for trineeships;
 - Accidents and liability insurance, including repatriation;
 - European Health Card or a private medical insurance (for non-EU citizens);
 - One COVID test when arriving to Romania, if required.
- Maintain the confidentiality and professional ethics required during the internship;
- Fill in a report at the end of the internship for its evaluation.

ART. 13 – DATA PROTECTION

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara will operate in accordance with the “Privacy Policy” regarding processing personal data, as per Art.13 of EU General Regulation 679/2016 on data protection.