

"UNITA - Rural Mobility"

Call proposed by Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara Romania in 2023

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) in 2023, in collaboration with our local partners - the Association „Acasă în Banat”, and the Secondary School in Giarmata. There are two different destinations for the internships to take place, as follows:

#1: Valeapai village, Caraș-Severin county, Romania

This internship will take place in the rural community of Valeapai, located about 60 km from Timișoara, close to the Banat Mountains, Romania, an area which boasts of beautiful landscapes and a feel of authentic rural life. You will take part in renovation and restoration activities in the village, as well as at the watermill, and you will also help with volunteering events organized by the association in other villages in our area. Together with the members of the association you will clear plastering, rebuild walls, fix roofs, paint, clear vegetation, clean up the river and socialize with the locals. See Annex I for more details about this partner. For more details about the Association „Acasă în Banat” check its websites at <http://acasainbanat.ro/> and <http://taramorilordeapa.ro/>, as well as its social media (Facebook) page at <https://www.facebook.com/acasainbanat/> .

#2: Giarmata, Timiș county, Romania

This internship is hosted by the Secondary School in Giarmata and will take place in the rural community of Giarmata, situated between Timișoara and the Lipova Hills, in the Banat Region. The main goal of the placement is to design and involve the pupils enrolled in the program (aged between from 11 to 16 y.o.) in extracurricular activities, supporting multicultural education and facilitating language learning and, thus, reducing school dropout. The activities (which you will be involved in

designing in detail) will consist in playing games, sports, drawing, singing, presentations, discussions and demonstrations, watching movies, listening to songs, all meant to promote communication, exposure to multi-culturalism and the promoting the role of education. Each of you will have the opportunity to present or demonstrate some specific aspects of your home country. See Annex II for more details about this partner. For more details about the Secondary School in Giarmata you can check its social media (Facebook) page at <https://www.facebook.com/scoalagiarmata> .

Important notes:

1. Both internships will have a duration of four weeks and will take place between July 3rd and July 30th, 2023.
2. During the year 2023, Timișoara is one of the three cities designated as European Capitals of Culture, so, during your stay in the area, you can use your free time as an opportunity to explore and attend various cultural events that will take place in July.

ART. 2 – PLACES OFFERED

#1: Valeapai village, Caraș-Severin county, Romania	#2: Giarmata, Timiș county, Romania
Local partner: The Association „Acasă în Banat”	Local partner: The Secondary School in Giarmata
The rural community of Valeapai will host 10 UNITA students in total, two from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.	The rural community of Giarmata will host 5 UNITA students in total, one from each partner University within the UNITA Consortium. If any vacancy is left, the next university student on the waiting list of each University will fill it.
<p>The UNITA student applicants involved in the internship hosted by the Association „Acasă în Banat” should fit with the following profile:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have practical skills. Previous construction experience is not mandatory, but greatly appreciated. 2. Have an interest in community organizing and networking. 3. Be curious about other cultures and open-minded. 4. Appreciate diversity and be ready to join efforts with people from other backgrounds. 5. Be able to follow the instructions received, especially when it comes to prevention of various risks and hazards related to the activities. 6. Like working in teams. <p>An indicative list of specializations that are compatible with this profile includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil engineering, Architecture - Conservation, Restoration, Heritage studies - Arts and Design, Art history - History, Anthropology, Cultural studies - Geography, Biology - Sociology - Environment protection - Journalism, Digital media - Community development etc. 	<p>The UNITA student applicants involved in the internship hosted by the Secondary School in Giarmata should fit with the following profile:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Like working with kids. Previous experience in educational activities for children is appreciated, but not mandatory. 2. Be comfortable in interacting and communicating with others. 3. Be creative and open-minded when approaching a task. 4. Have patience with and understanding for the others. 5. Like working in teams. 6. Have an inclination for play, games, and passing knowledge in an interactive way. 7. Appreciate diversity and multiculturalism. <p>An indicative list of specializations that are compatible with this profile includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational sciences, Pedagogy, Educational management - Psychology, Social Work, Social services, Sociology - Community development, Cultural studies - Visual or performative arts, Music - Physical education and training - Language and literature - Mathematics, Informatics etc.
<p>Logistics of the placement</p> <p>Accommodation: The students would be housed in rural guest houses, for a fee.</p> <p>Food: The students will be catered 3 meals / day, plus snacks, by the locals identified via the local partner. The meals will be cooked with organic produce from the area. The meals will be provided for a fee.</p>	<p>Logistics of the placement</p> <p>Accommodation: The students would be housed locally, for a fee. The accommodation will be within walking distance from the school.</p> <p>Food: The students will cater for themselves. There are a few options for catering services that provide take out food, with affordable prices for daily menu. There are also stores and supermarkets where you</p>

<p>Transportation: The local partner has one 8+1 transport vehicle and a cargo van that will be available for planned trips and activities. The costs for travel and fuel will be covered by the students. There is no public transport to the village.</p> <p>Other activities proposed by the local partner during your stay: trips around the area, tour of Timisoara, community activities in the village, etc.</p>	<p>can purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, charcuterie, cheese etc.</p> <p>Transportation: There is public transport between the village and Timișoara, with buses that circulate hourly. There are also taxis and uber available.</p> <p>Other activities proposed by the local partner during your stay, involving the pupils that attend the program: thematic cultural parties, outdoor movie nights, sports competitions etc.</p>
<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 10 UNITA students that will cover room & board is:</p> <p>€ 10/person/night - accommodation</p> <p>€ 20/person/day - 3 catered meals, plus snacks</p> <p>€ 10/person - fuel</p>	<p>The est. cost per person for a group of 5 UNITA students that will cover room & board:</p> <p>€ 20/person/night - accommodation</p> <p>€ 20-25/person/day - 2-3 meals</p>
<p>The internship will last 4 weeks and will take place from July 3rd to July 30th 2023.</p>	<p>The internship will last 4 weeks and will take place from July 3rd to July 30th 2023.</p>

ART. 3 – RECIPIENTS of UNITA Rural Mobility Grants from UVT

Students from the universities of the UNITA Consortium can apply if they are regularly enrolled in the academic year 2022-2023 in a:

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

ART. 4 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Art. 4.1 - Academic requirements

UNITA students participating in the programme must be enrolled in the academic year 2022-2023, 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 (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), valid international certificate, home institution certificate, self-certification, etc.).

ART. 5 – 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 training activity can be recognized in ECTS according to the regulations of each institution.

For the purposes of recognition, students must submit within 3 weeks after the completion 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. 6 – 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.

The UNITA student will receive financial support in the form of a lump sum to cover subsistence expenses (food and accommodation) and shall be paid in one instalment to the student directly, via bank transfer (in the student's IBAN account). The grant is calculated by multiplying the UNITA rural period by the amount of **EUR 50/day**. 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. In addition, the UNITA student shall receive financial support **within the limit of EUR 400** as a contribution for travel. The financial support to cover for travel costs for one round trip shall be calculated as 'real costs' resulting from the invoice(s) presented by each UNITA student, within the limit of EUR 400.

The financial support is not meant to fully cover all the expenses generated during the UNITA rural mobility. Any additional costs shall be covered by the UNITA student from his/her own sources.

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. 7 –APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The online application for this call will be open from March 7th to March 31st 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (CET)

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

All students must apply through an online [application form](#).

The following documentation must be uploaded in the application:

- Academic transcript of records;
- Enrolment certificate in the academic year 2022-2023;
- Requested language certificate;
- CV (Europass model recommended);
- 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. 8 – EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Art. 8.1 – 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 local partner where the training will take place.

The Evaluation committee is composed of the following members:

- The UNITA UVT Department Director;
- 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 local 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. 8.2 – Assessment criteria

Applications are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Language skills up to 25%;
- Motivation up to 25%;
- Profile requested by the local partner and academic records up to 50%.

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

Students who have participated in previous URM editions may participate again in this one, but priority in the selection process will be given to those who have not participated in previous editions.

Applicants for more than one destination in this edition are not allowed to confirm more than one destination unless there are vacant places, which will have to be confirmed by the corresponding UNITA Office.

ART. 9 – 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 **7 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. 10 – 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. 11 – 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 traineeships;
 - Accidents and liability insurance, including repatriation;
 - European Health Card or a private medical insurance (for non-EU citizens);
- Maintain the confidentiality and professional ethics required during the internship;
- Fill in a report at the end of the internship for its evaluation.

ART. 12 – 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.