

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF A LIST FOR 15 SCHOLARSHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM (BIP) "MULTISCALE MODELING OF BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS" ERASMUS+ AT PÁZMÁNY PÉTER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - BUDAPEST (HUNGARY) (Degree Program in Medical Biotechnology or Pharmaceutical Biotechnology) - YEAR 2024

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Erasmus+ Program 2021-2027, established by Regulation (EU) No. 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021, has introduced new forms of mobility and supports, through Key Action (KA) 131, Blended Intensive Programs (BIPs).

The BIPs have the following objectives:

- To create more opportunities for "blended" mobility
- To support the development of innovative teaching and learning methods
- To stimulate the creation of transnational and multidisciplinary courses

BIPs are transnational short-term Intensive Study Programs, characterized by an activity that must be carried out in person (lasting from 5 days to 1 month) and an activity that must be carried out online (whose duration is not specified by the Program).

Each BIP must award participants with at least 3 ECTS, which must be recognized in the academic career of students participating in the Program.

The publication of this call is conditional, pending the signing of the Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement between the Partner University and the University of Bologna.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Call is to select students of the Degree Program in **Medical Biotechnology** or **Pharmaceutical Biotechnology**, in order to allow participation in the BIP entitled "Multiscale Modeling of Biological Systems" at Pázmány Péter Catholic University - Budapest, Hungary.

The BIP includes the following activities:

- From May 2 to May 17, 2024 - distance learning
- From May 21 to May 25, 2024 - face-to-face teaching

The Blended Intensive Program "Multiscale Modeling of Biological Systems" includes the distribution of teaching material and online tests, as well as exercises and discussions with teachers. For more information, please visit <https://mmbs-bip.ppke.hu/>.

Selected students will receive a financial contribution to cover the expenses related to short-term physical mobility without paying additional tuition fees (except for any contributions usually required from local students as well).

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

The financial contribution varies depending on the number of days of physical mobility (minimum 5 days, maximum 30 days) and aims to cover the additional expenses that students must incur.

The basic amount is established as follows:

Duration of physical activity	Amount
Up to the 14th day of activity	79 EURO per day
From the 15th to the 30th day of activity	56 EUR per day

Students with fewer opportunities will receive an additional lump sum amount for individual support from the EU scholarship of €100 for a period of physical mobility from 5 to 14 days, or €150 for a period of physical mobility between 15 and 30 days. Students with fewer opportunities also have the possibility to cover travel expenses up to certain maximum amounts.

Finally, for students who choose a so-called "green"¹ trip, an additional lump sum contribution of €50 is provided.

Further information regarding the financial contribution will be provided to students who are selected as awardees.

Erasmus+ funding is linked to activities carried out abroad and to the recognition of these activities by the competent authority. Students who do not complete any study activities with satisfactory results, who do not obtain any recognition for the activities undertaken, who do not request the recognition of the activities undertaken by the time of obtaining the degree or who refuse the recognition granted, must return the entire

¹ The use of sustainable means of transportation to reach the host institution, particularly through trains and/or buses, as per the resolution of the Academic Bodies of the University of Bologna dated 26/07/2022, will be the only method eligible for reimbursement of the aforementioned contribution.

amount of the funds received. Any derogations from this rule may be granted only by the Academic Authorities and will be communicated to the interested students.

WHO CAN APPLY

The grants are intended for those who, at the time of application, are enrolled in the academic year 2023/24 in the **first or second year** of the Degree Program in **Medical Biotechnology** or **Pharmaceutical Biotechnology**, regardless of their citizenship. Students must maintain the enrollment requirement for the entire duration of the procedure or until the credits are recognized in the career

Students must also demonstrate adequate knowledge of the English language, which will be verified through the motivational letter (to be drafted in English).

Students on mobility cannot obtain the final degree before the conclusion of the study period abroad and before the recognition by their Degree Programme Board of the educational activities carried out at the foreign University, under penalty of revocation of the status and Erasmus+ scholarship.

INCOMPATIBILITY

Incompatibilities concern both the scholarship and the Erasmus student status.

Students applying for this call may receive one or more Erasmus+ scholarships for each cycle of studies (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) for a total period not exceeding 12 months for each cycle of study. In the case of single-cycle programs (e.g., Medicine), the maximum number of months is 24 for the entire study cycle, but students can carry out up to 12 months of mobility for each call they participate in.

Students applying for this call cannot benefit, during the same period in which they receive funding for the Erasmus+ project, from any other type of community contribution (including scholarships for Joint Master's Degrees - former Erasmus Mundus Action 1) or from UNIBO funds allocated for a period of mobility abroad.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be submitted only via the 'Studenti Online' portal by **24 April 2024 – 13:00h (Italian time)**.

In order to apply, applicants must:

1. Log on www.studenti.unibo.it with their institutional username and password;
2. click on 'Calls'
3. select the following call: BANDO DI SELEZIONE PER LA FORMAZIONE DI UNA GRADUATORIA DI MERITO PER L'ASSEGNAZIONE DI N. 15 BORSE DI STUDIO PER LA PARTECIPAZIONE AL BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM (BIP) "MULTISCALE MODELING OF BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS" ERASMUS+ PRESSO PÁZMÁNY PÉTER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – BUDAPEST (UNGHERIA) (CdS in Medical Biotechnology o Pharmaceutical Biotechnology) – ANNO 2024"

Only applicants who hold the requirements outlined in section "Who can apply" will be able to submit their application.

For technical support about the online application, candidates may contact the Studenti Online Helpdesk, see contact details in the 'useful contacts' section on page 6 of this call

Please check your contact details

Any notice or update about this call for applications will be emailed only to @studio.unibo.it institutional mailboxes.

PLEASE NOTE that only applications submitted following the aforementioned procedure and with all the required documents will be considered; it is not possible to submit applications by email

The following **documents** must be uploaded when submitting applications: “**motivational letter**” form (Annex 1 to this call), signed by the candidate, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure. Before completing Annex 1, please read the Note on Substitutive Declarations of Certification pursuant to DPR 445/2000 on page 6.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete applications will be disqualified

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the following Board:

- Prof. Lorenzo Montanaro (Chair);
- Prof. Luca Morandi;
- Prof. Antonio De Leo (Secretary);
- Prof. Marianna Penzo (Substitute Secretary).

The Board will evaluate the applications based on the learning activity type, project and academic curriculum and will draw a ranking. Applications will be ranked in descending order based on a total score obtained by the **sum** of the following partial scores.

1. Academic curriculum (up to a maximum of **60 points**)

- Amount of credits recorded **within the application deadline** of the Call¹ in relation to the credits as planned by the Course structure diagram of the Degree Programme the candidate is enrolled in, according to the year of enrolment (to the nearest 0,01), **up to 30 points** .
- **average weighted mark** recorded by the application deadline of the Call¹, to the nearest 0,01), **up to 30 points**

Formula:

$$\text{Academic curriculum} = [(\text{no. CFUs recorded} / \text{n. CFUs attainable}) * 30] + [\text{Weighted average}]$$

2. Motivational Letter (up to a maximum of **40 points**)

- Written in English (according to the template provided in Annex 1), referring to the course's objectives in relation to the perspectives and interests of the candidate.

¹ In order to verify the aforementioned requirements, only credits recorded by the application deadline of the selected intake will be considered.

Only credits to be gained according to the School Teaching structure and for all Degree Programmes will be considered to assess the total amount of credits within the application deadline.

If the learning activity is made of modules (Integrated Course), credits related to each module will not be considered before the whole Integrated Course is duly recorded.

The credits are considered with reference to the first year of enrolment, notwithstanding that the candidate transferred from another Degree Programme. For example: students enrolled in the a.y. 2020/21 who transferred to another Degree Programme Year 1 in 2021/22 will be considered as enrolled in the a.y. 2020/21.

Exemptions:

For candidates who transferred from Degree Programmes to Single-, or Second-Cycle Degree Programmes, only the credits recognized by the current Degree Programme will be considered, according to the year of enrolment.

For students who have previous academic records abroad and have enrolled from year 2-6, the year of registration is to be considered the one they have enrolled in for 2023/24.

For students who have transferred from another Degree Programme in the same university or from another university, the only previously recorded credits to be considered will be the ones recognized in the current Degree Programme.

In case of previous academic record, due to withdrawal, loss of student status or second degree, previously recorded credits will not be considered for the purposes of this call for applications.

Credits obtained from single learning activities and additional learning requirements will not be considered.

Credits obtained from learning experiences abroad will be considered only if obtained by the application deadline of the selected intake.

RANKING PUBLICATION AND GRANT ACCEPTANCE

The Board will draw up a final ranking list comprising the scores obtained from the evaluation of qualifications and the motivational letter.

In case of a tie in score, the candidate with the lowest (submitted) ISEE value as referred to the last a.y. where they are enrolled will prevail. In case of a further tie in score, the candidate with the biggest amount of honours (laude) will prevail. In case of a further tie in score, the youngest candidate will prevail.

The final ranking and the awardees list produced by the Board will be approved with an act issued by the Head of the Medical Service Area and transmitted to the Area Formazione e Dottorato, whose Director, upon receiving it, will arrange the grant of the Erasmus scholarships+.

Students will then be contacted by the Mobility Office (Area Formazione e Dottorato) for further steps. The ranking list will be available on **April 29, 2024**, on the Student Online platform

The Mobility Office will review the lists of eligible candidates after the publication of the rankings, in case the partner university offers more exchange opportunities or if awarded candidates decide to decline mobility. It will be possible to review the rankings within the deadline set for appointments by the partner university. Eligible students who rank favourably and become awardees will receive an email confirmation of their exchange placement from the address erasmus.bip@unibo.it to their institutional email address @studio.unibo.it

PROCEDURE SUPERVISOR

Pursuant to Italian Law 7 August 1990, n. 241, the procedure supervisor for this call for applications is the Manager of the Degree Programme Management Office - Medical Area Service, Ms. Sara Scurani.

Any changes to the above terms and conditions will be published at:

<https://bandi.unibo.it/s/sam/bando-di-selezione-per-la-formazione-di-una-graduatoria-di-merito-per-l-assegnazione-di-n-15-borse-di-studio-per-la-partecipazione-al-blended-intensive-program-bip-multiscale-modeling-of-biological-systems-erasmus-p-zm-ny-peter-catholic-university>

PRIVACY STATEMENT ACCORDING TO ART. 13 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE 196/2003 'CODICE IN MATERIA DI DATI PERSONALI' AND ART. 13 OF EU REGULATION NO. 2016/679 (GDPR)

Information on the processing of personal data provided with applications to participate in this call for applications is published on the University Portal at <https://www.unibo.it/en/university/privacy-policy-and->

[legal-notes/privacy-policy/information-for-students](#), section ‘Processing for the purposes of providing services and activities related to the right to higher education’.

NOTE ON SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (*DICHIARAZIONI SOSTITUTIVE DI CERTIFICAZIONE* ex D.P.R. 445/2000)

On the subject of **self-certification statements**, applicants are reminded of the following:

a) Candidates with EU citizenship may produce self-declaration statements about academic and professional qualifications according to articles 46 and 47 of Italian D.P.R. 445/2000.

b) Candidates with non-EU citizenship who are compliant with Italian immigration rules, or who are authorised to stay on Italian territory, must follow the provisions stated in commas 2 and 3 of art. 3 of Italian D.P.R. 445/2000.

In addition to conditions a) and b) outlined above, personal statuses, individual qualities, and facts can be documented with certificates or declarations issued by the competent authority of the relevant foreign country. These certificates or declarations must be presented together with a sworn translation certified by the Italian Embassy or Consulate to be conforming to the original; before certifying conformity, the Italian Embassy or Consulate must warn the applicant about the legal consequences of producing false documents.

The University may perform background checks on candidate statements and self-declarations. In case of false declarations, applicants will be considered ineligible for the grant, in addition to facing legal penalties pursuant of art. 76 of Italian D.P.R. 445/2000.

USEFUL CONTACTS

For technical support about the **online application on Studenti Online**, candidates may contact the Studenti Online Help Desk by phone at: +39 051 2080301 from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:00 or they may e-mail at help.studentionline@unibo.it.

For administrative support and **information about this call for application**, candidates may email the Degree programme management office – Medical Service Area at sam.corsidistudio@unibo.it.

For information related to **mobility period certificate, Learning Agreement, credit recognition**, candidates enrolled in Medical Biotechnology may email the Student Services Office - International Mobility Support at erasmus.medicine@unibo.it; candidates enrolled in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology may email The Degree Programme Director Giorgio Gallinella giorgio.gallinella@unibo.it

ANNEXES

- **ANNEX 1** – Motivational letter