

Call for EUTOPIA_HEALTH Cross-University Mobility Programme for Young Researchers

FAQs

Who can apply?

Researchers (**PhD students** and **early-career researchers**, within 8 years post-PhD) from **Widening universities** (UBB, UL, NOVA) of the EUTOPIA_HEALTH consortium.

The Widening universities of the consortium are: Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB), University of Ljubljana (UL), NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA).

The EUTOPIA_HEALTH consortium consists of: Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB), University of Ljubljana (UL), NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Pompeu Fabra University-Barcelona (UPF), CY Cergy Paris University (CY), Ca' Foscari University of Venice (UNIVE), University of Gothenburg (GU), University of Warwick (UW).

Does the 8-year eligibility period include maternity/child-raising leave?

The period of maternity leave (which must be documented in the application form) will not be counted against eligibility and will be deducted from the 8-year period. Additionally, any other career breaks for justified reasons will also be deducted from the 8-year period. These may include paternity leave, long-term illness, national service, disability, clinical training, or alternative career paths such as secondments, volunteering, part-time work, and transitions between sectors.

Is the programme open to Master's students in their final year?

No, Master's students are not eligible. The programme is open to **PhD students** and **early-career researchers**, defined as those within 8 years of completing their PhD (the date when the diploma was issued will be taken into consideration).

Who can participate in the call?

The call primarily **targets Widening universities** within the EUTOPIA_HEALTH consortium. However, **researchers from non-Widening universities** can participate **as hosts** providing mentorship for young researchers seeking mobility within a non-Widening institution in the EUTOPIA_HEALTH consortium.

What are the requirements for applicants?

- Both the **applicant** and the **host supervisor** must be **registered in the [EUTOPIA_HEALTH Research Map](#)**.
- **Postdocs** are expected to have **at least three publications as main authors** in peer-reviewed journals.
- Applicants may submit **only one application per annual call**.
- The topic of the research mobility must focus on **health-related topics** as defined within the call of this programme.

What are the eligible host institutions?

Eligible host institutions are any of the institutions from the consortium. It is **strongly recommended** that **host institutions** for the mobility programme include **non-Widening consortium members**. The **non-Widening** institutions participating in the EUTOPIA_HEALTH consortium are: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Pompeu Fabra University-Barcelona (UPF), CY Cergy Paris University (CY), Ca'Foscari University of Venice (UNIVE), University of Gothenburg (GU) and University of Warwick (UW).

What is the duration of the mobilities?

The duration of a mobility can range from **1 to 5 months**.

What is the available funding?

Funding will cover **subsistence costs of €2,500 per month** and **travel expenses of up to €500** per mobility.

Accepted mobility collaborations will be financed by the researchers' home Widening university.

What are the evaluation criteria?

The evaluation will consider the applicant's **research track record** and **expertise**, including publications, fellowships, conference participation, skills and experience relevant to the project, and **innovative** and **inter/transdisciplinary approaches**.

The evaluation will also consider the **clarity and relevance of the research mobility's aims and objectives**, the **feasibility of the research plan**, its **alignment with the Host institution's focus**, and the anticipated **outcomes** and **contributions to the field**.

What documents are required for the application?

The required documents are: **Application form** (max. 4 pages), **Letter of acceptance from the Host Institution** (1 page), **Letter of support from the Home Institution** (1 page).

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How should applications be submitted?

Depending on the applicant's affiliation at one of the Widening universities, applications should be sent via email to health.eutopia@ubbcluj.ro, eutopia.health@uni-lj.si, or nova.research@unl.pt, with the subject line: "EUTOPIA_HEALTH_Mobility_Programme_for_Young_Researchers_Application-[Name of the Applicant]".

The application form must be attached as one PDF document.

What is the deadline for applications?

All applications must be **submitted by 31 March 2025** for the **first call**. A second call will be launched in early 2026, with the deadline **31 March 2026**.

What are the responsibilities of the Host Institution?

Hosts are expected to provide workspace, grant access to research facilities, and offer guidance throughout the researcher's stay. They should collaborate with the visiting researcher to develop a detailed activity plan for the mobility period and issue a letter of acceptance before the application process.

What are the responsibilities of the Visiting Researcher?

Visiting researchers are expected to follow the Host Institution's rules and guidelines, maintain regular communication with their Host supervisor, and share insights and updates with their home institution. They must also submit an **interim report** for mobilities longer than three months, as well as a **final report** and **presentation** for all mobilities.

What is the timeline of the call?

- Pre-launch of the 1st call: **15 December 2024**
- Start of application submission (1st call): **1 January 2025**
- Deadline for submission of applications (1st call): **31 March 2025**
- Evaluation process (1st call): **1-30 April 2025**
- Start of the mobility (1st call): **May 2025**
- Pre-launch of the 2nd call: **15 December 2025**
- Start of application submission (2nd call): **1 January 2026**
- Deadline for submission of applications (2nd call): **31 March 2026**
- Evaluation process (2nd call): **1-30 April 2026**
- Start of the mobility (2nd call): **May 2026**