

# GLOBAL HEALTH HUB UNITA Starting grants call

*Exploring new research opportunities*



*Online Webinar  
Visio-Call 01/07/2025*



# Summary

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# Promoting new research collaborations to develop UNITA communities

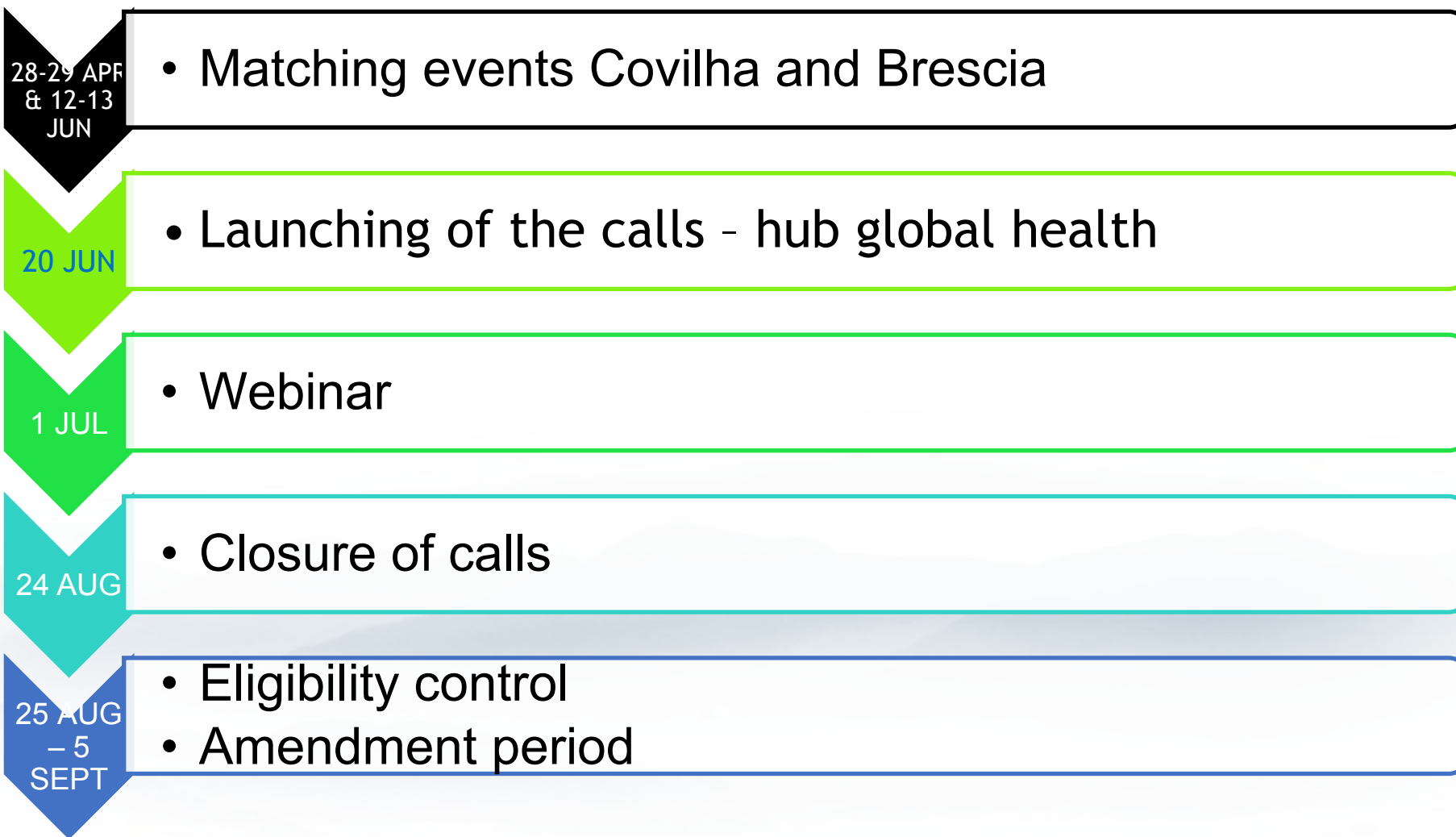




# Research starting grants - objectives

- a. To promote the creation/evolution/development of **UNITA academic and research communities**.
- b. To promote thematic areas and/or methodological approaches that will enable the development of **long-term academic and scientific cooperation**.
- c. To support **scientific partnerships of common interest with a structuring effect**, i.e. directing or encouraging the development of larger-scale research projects, the consolidation of innovative interdisciplinary scientific issues, and the creation of partnership transfer and valorization mechanisms.
- d. Encourage **closer links with actors from outside the academic world**: the public, semi-public, private and non-profit sectors.
- e. Encourage the launch of **European projects** by supporting preparatory studies and research.

# Timeline Global health Starting grant call (1)







# Timeline Global health Starting grant call (2)

5 - 30 SEPT

- Evaluations :
  - Local evaluations
  - International selection

10 OCT

- Result notifications

1 NOV

- Beginning of the activities + 1 year

1 NOV  
2026 + 20  
w- days

- Final reporting

## SCIENTIFIC SCOPE - Global health

- 1) Mental and Physical Health, Wellbeing, and Prevention Medicine in Humans and Animals
- 2) Cellular and Molecular Human and Veterinary Medicine

Possible broad subjects:

1)

- Non-communicable diseases
- Mental health
- Health promotion and lifestyle intervention (i.e. physical activity, diet)
- Environmental exposure and health effect
- Migrants and health equity
- One health (human and animal)

2)

- Neuroscience and genetic disorders
- Oncology
- Communicable diseases
- Veterinary
- Bacteria and microbiota
- In vitro study
- Skin and wounds healing

## SCIENTIFIC SCOPE - Global health

Mental and Physical Health, Wellbeing, and Prevention Medicine in Humans  
and Animals

Cellular and Molecular Human and Veterinary Medicine

Possible broad subjects:

- Pollution, exposure and cancer
- Lifestyle and physical health
- Mental health in the students' population
- Genetic disorders and prevention
- Migration and equity in health
- Mental health in work and diseases
- Animal epidemics and global health





# Calls global framework

## Main rules

- Project involving at least 3 UNITA institutions
- **Principal Investigator (PI):** the coordinator of the research project team
- **Team Leader (TL):** the local coordinator of each UNITA Partner team that composes the research project team.
- **Team Member (TM):** member of the research project team, other than PI or TL (e.g. teaching staff, researchers, post-docs, PhD candidates)
- Each Principal Investigator, Team Leader and Team Member can only participate in one project proposal per call. In the case of different calls open at the same time, it is possible to submit or take part in only one proposal. Grants beneficiaries may neither apply nor be involved in a proposal for a further UNITA starting grant.
- PI & TL must be a permanent staff for the duration of the project
- The duration of a project is up 12 months
- **Budget:** up to a maximum of €15.000 for three partners, a maximum of €20.000 for four partners, and a maximum of €25.000 for 5 partners or more, eventually not evenly distributed among the partners. Maximum of €7000 per partner.

# How to apply ?

- Projects' PI are responsible for the submission of the application
- Applications shall be submitted by responding to a lime-survey form accessible on the [webpage “UNITA research” - hub Global health](#)

Call's rules must be carefully read, including the **evaluation criteria**

**Mandatory documents to be attached to the application form:**

- PI & Team leader CVs (not more than 3 pages)
- Budget (with the template provided)
- GANTT chart
- A list of all team members involved
- Document signed by all team leaders and PI, attesting that:
  - They participate in only one project
  - They are permanent staff for the whole duration for the project
  - They have acknowledged all the application rules



# Online submission platform 1

## Starting Grants Application Form

Welcome to the UNITA Starting Grants application form.

This form corresponds to the following themes related to Global Health:

1. Cellular and Molecular Human and Veterinary Medicine
2. Mental and Physical Health, Wellbeing, and Prevention Medicine in Humans and Animals

The application procedure requires every team to choose only 1 of the 2 subjects above.

We remind you the main objective of these grants: to strengthen collaboration between UNITA partners through the implementation of new projects or the consolidation of existing projects.

There are 35 questions in this survey.

**Please select one of the following themes.**

**Note: You can only choose ONE of the themes below to apply for a Starting Grant.**

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- Cellular and Molecular Human and Veterinary Medicine
- Mental and Physical Health, Wellbeing, and Prevention Medicine in Humans and Animals

**Title of the project \***

Please write your answer here:



# Online submission platform 2

## Participant details (individuals, institutions)

### Principal investigator institution \*

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

**How many UNITA academic institutions are involved in the application? (Enter the number of UNITA academic institution only)**

**Your answer must be between 3 and 12. \***

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

**Is any non-academic partner (or stakeholder) involved in your project? \***

Yes

No

Don't know yet

**How many? (Enter the number of non-academic stakeholder (or partner) associated to your project) \***

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [G02Q04]' (Is any non-academic partner (or stakeholder) involved in your project?)

Please write your answer here:

### Principal investigator \*

Please write your answer(s) here:

Name and last name

Institution

E-mail address

Role in the institution

Research unit

**UNITA partner 2 - Team Leader \***

**UNITA partner 3 - Team Leader \***



# Online submission platform 3

## Proposal

**Proposal's abstract (Max 2000 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Project's objectives, activities and results in reference to the gantt/timeline (Max 5000 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Methodology (Max 3500 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Interdisciplinary approach (Max 3500 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Academic partnership – roles of the partners and partnership development (Max 3500 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Sustainability of the project (Max 3500 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Engagement with non-academic ecosystem (Max 3500 characters - including spaces) \***

Please write your answer here:

**Estimated budget \***

Please write your answer here:





# Online submission platform 4

## Supported documents

**CV of Principal Investigator (CV should not exceed 3 pages, with major research projects and 10 most relevant publications) \***

Please upload at most one file

**CVs of Team Leaders (For each Team Leader: CV should not exceed 3 pages, with major research projects and 10 most relevant publications) \***

Please upload at most 11 files

### Other relevant documents

Please upload at most 5 files

**Estimated budget. Download template . \***

Please upload at most one file

**Certificate “Application’s conditions acknowledgement”. Download template . \***

Please upload at most one file

**Full list of all the members of the research group, with their full names, home university and position (PDF file) \***

Please upload at most one file

Kindly attach the aforementioned documents along with the survey

**Timeline or Gantt chart of your project. Download template .**

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Please upload at most one file

**initiatives? \***

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

**If yes, please describe the events/activities you participated in. \***

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [G05Q30]' (Did the applicants participate in a UNITA matching event or other UNITA initiatives? )

Please write your answer here:

**Did the applicants participate in a UNITA matching event or other UNITA**



# ADVICE TO BE SHARED WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITIES

- Start building your consortium as early as possible
- Register your research interests in the cartography (now closed for registration of new projects, but will reopen) [https://s2.sphinxonline.net/SurveyServer/s/recherche/UNITA\\_AMI/Form\\_EN.htm](https://s2.sphinxonline.net/SurveyServer/s/recherche/UNITA_AMI/Form_EN.htm)
- Use the platform [agora.univ-unita](https://agora.univ-unita) and the forum “collaborations” to look for partners or the find partnershis
- Privilege the inclusion of several partners
- **Define a topic within the scope of the call**
- Interdisciplinarity
- Assume reasonable research objectives
- Consider the sustainability and growing potential of the project
- Balance the budget correctly to reflect the partners’ contribution
- Respect the dead-line (& acknowledgement and signatures form)

# EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Expected results of the project for the development of UNITA communities. Proposal that involve research groups from three or more Countries are strongly encouraged and shall be better ranked (20%)
- The leverage effect of the project beyond the funding (prospects for external funding) (15%)
- A coherent and clearly formulated work plan (10%)
- The originality and value of the interdisciplinary approach (10%)
- Feasibility of the project (10%)
- Links with actors from outside the academic world (10%)

# ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for events or project meeting taking place in the UNITA countries (max 60% of the total budget)
- Joint communication, dissemination and publication costs
- Logistical costs and costs for organizing meeting (including coffee breaks and meals)
- Costs related to hiring of students/research assistant (max 30% of the grant)
- Consumables (max 40% of the total budget)

# More information ?

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# FAQ