



UMOVE(ME)

University of **Minho** **OVE**rseas **M**obility **E**xperience

Results of the call - Students

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Following the application period for the **UMove(ME)**, Erasmus ICM, KA107 project, between 08/02/2021– 12/03/2021, the Universidade do Minho (UMinho), Coordinating Institution, received a total of 132 applications.

As per project's guidelines, UMinho was responsible for receiving and validating all applications submitted within the above-mentioned deadline. From the submitted applications, a total of 20 were rejected as none or not all requested documents were submitted. The applicants were informed, and an opportunity was given for providing evidence of the expenditure of the requested documents.

All validated applications were sent to the Home HEI for evaluation of the applicants using the following criteria:

- (i) Academic background and merit: 0 to 8 points
- (ii) Relevance of the study/work plan: 0 to 6 points
- (iii) CV: 0 to 3 points
- (iv) English or Portuguese language knowledge: 0 to 3 points.

All partner HEIs sent the requested information. From the 112 pre-selected applications by UMinho, a total of 5 were not approved by the Home institution.

Due to the large number of pre-selected applicants and the level of quality of the applications, it was decided that priority would be given to candidates that never had the opportunity to participate in mobility programmes. Furthermore, all applications assessed with a score equal or lower than 10 points would be immediately rejected by UMinho, and all those scored between above 10 and equal to 14 points would be considered as reserve list. Exception made to situations where there was only one candidate from a specific country. In such cases, the applicant was considered for selection.

In the case of Malaysia, Indonesia and Kazakhstan, only the best evaluated applications by the Home institution were sent for evaluation at UMinho. The other applications were considered as reserve list.

Therefore, a total of 28 applications were forwarded for the analysis of potential host Schools/Institutes, which, in turn, gave a positive or negative evaluation to the applications, based on the following criteria:

- (i) Academic background and merit: 0 to 8 points
- (ii) Relevance of the study/work plan: 0 to 6 points
- (iii) CV: 0 to 3 points
- (iv) English or Portuguese language knowledge: 0 to 3 points.

After the evaluation of the Host Institution, 3 applications were excluded due to fact that the relevant School/Institutes at UMinho did not send the evaluation of the candidates. At the end of the process UMinho had a total of 25 viable applicants. Due to the reduced number of scholarships, other criteria of selection had to be implemented so that a balanced distribution of scholarships between Partner universities could be respected. Whenever possible, a balance of 1 scholarship per Partner institution was implemented so that there would be grants for all Partners. In the cases where the available grants were less than the number of Partners UMinho decided that the grant would be allocated to the institution that presented the best candidates within the call. At the end of the process, a total of 9 grants were allocated within this call of the UMove(ME) project.

The lists of excluded, pre-selected, reserve list and selected candidates are available at <https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/ICM.aspx>

Furthermore, all selected candidates, and respective HEI, will receive the information by e-mail. All should accept the scholarship by sending a specific form to usai@usai.uminho.pt