

Submission deadline – Sunday 08 January 2023 23h59 (Central European Time).

Background

[EU Africa PerMed](#) is a project funded by the European Commission’s Horizon Europe programme that aims to integrate African institutions into the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine ([ICPerMed](#)) and enhance collaborations between African and European countries in the field of personalised medicine (PM).

In particular, a series of activities is planned within the EU Africa PerMed project to build bridges between the PM research communities in both regions. These activities include training and capacity building activities, such as webinars and in-person interactive training events or “Summer Schools”.

The “Summer Schools” are meant to allow young professionals to acquire new knowledge and skills in PM research, through dynamic lectures and collaborative group exercises. These training events are a platform for sharing insight and experiences in PM research in both regions, and to share and discuss examples of EU – Africa PM collaborations. The Summer Schools also aim to foster collaboration in PM research between EU and African research teams, providing an opportunity for networking among participants and lecturers.

First EU-Africa PerMed Summer School

The first Summer School focusing on “Standards in personalised medicine research” will take place in Cape Town, South Africa on February 22 & 23, 2023 in person. It will cover key stages of PM research and the importance integrating standards for quality research at each stage. It will also showcase research teams with ongoing Africa – EU collaborations.

It is open to 20 junior researchers, policy makers and health care workers from EU and African countries working in PM research, who will be selected on a competitive basis. Four participants will represent European countries, while sixteen will represent African countries. There will be ten travel scholarships available. Applicants who are not funded by the program but who meet the selection criteria, may attend the workshop covering their own travel and lodging expenses. There is no registration fee to attend this training.

Organized by the EU Africa PerMed consortium and hosted by the South African Medical Research Council, the Summer School will take place “back to back” with the 2nd EU-Africa PerMed Stakeholder Workshop.

Application process

- 1- Read this document in detail
- 2- Fill out the following **application form**: [EU Africa PerMed Summer School Registration Form \(ecrin.org\)](#)
- 3- Upload your CV (max 2 pg + relevant publications) and recommendation letters in PDF format to the application form or send it via email to paula.garcia@ecrin.org

Evaluation process and selection criteria

Each eligible applicant will be evaluated according to three criteria: academic potential; experience in the Summer School topics; personal motivation (including the applicability of the training material in their current and upcoming research).

The weight of each evaluation criterion is as follows: academic excellence (50%); experience in the topic (30%); personal motivation (20%).

Criteria are weighted as specified in the table below.

Criteria	Weight (%)	Min. rank required
1.-Academic potential	50	3 out of 5
2.- Past relevant experiences in Summer School topics	30	3 out of 5
3.- Personal motivation	20	3 out of 5

Eligibility

Candidates must be citizens of EU or African countries, must hold a graduate degree or be carrying out graduate studies in a relevant field (Biology, Bioinformatics, Statistics, IT, Public Health, Computer Sciences, Bio-imaging, Clinical Research, Pharmacy, Medicine, Medical Studies, etc.) and must have experience in the field of personalised medicine research. Applicants must explain (in the application form) with sufficient detail how the learnings of the training will be applied in their current or future research work.

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary panel of the EU Africa PerMed consortium. Candidates will be selected according to the rank list created by the total criteria score but also aiming at having a balanced audience from diverse regions/countries and a gender balance.

Timeline

Application Period: 09 December 2022 – 08 January 2023

Selection process: 08 - 20 January 2023

Announcement of selected participants and grantees: 20-24 January 2023

Participation fee

Participation in the Summer School is free of cost.

Travel grant

Ten travel grants will be awarded to the highest ranking applicants. Geographic and gender balance will also be considered for selection. The travel grant will include a round ticket from the city of residence of the grantee to Cape Town, South Africa for the dates of the Summer School and two nights of accommodation, as well as meals during the days of the event.

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Summer School – Standards in personalised medicine research Applicant instructions and criteria for evaluation

Disclaimer

The Summer School is organized to take place in an in-person format. The organizers of the event may cancel or transform the event into a fully online event if the sanitary regulation does not allow participants and organizers to safely travel and meet face-to-face. The cancellation or modification of the event's format will not entitle accepted participants to any compensation or reimbursement of any fees incurred.

