

**EU Africa PerMed Hybrid “Summer School”**  
**Implementation of Personalised Medicine**  
**KCB Leadership Center, Nairobi , Kenya**  
**21 - 23 May 2024**

**Submission deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The EU Africa PerMed project is funded by the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 programme and aims to integrate African institutions into the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (PM) and enhance collaborations between African and European countries in the field of PM.

In order to achieve its objectives, the project has organized a series of activities to map the scientific and policy landscape for PM in Africa, identify key areas of interest and opportunity for bi-regional collaboration, and bring together stakeholders from both regions to foster joint efforts. Having defined capacity building as a key area for collaboration, a series of activities are planned within the EU Africa PerMed project to build bridges between the PM research communities in both regions.

These include training and capacity building activities, such as webinars and in-person interactive training events or “Summer Schools”.

Around twenty researchers from European and African countries —priority given to those from African countries— will participate in a Training event with the aim of improving and sharing the appropriate knowledge and skills that will allow them to assess the impact of PM in the Health System in their countries. It could be a chance to create research networking between both regions. The Summer School (SS) has a specific focus on illustrating clinical studies’ gaps and challenges under different disease perspectives.

The organization of this second summer school of the EU Africa PerMed consortium is led by the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), in collaboration with the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN), the Italian Ministry of Health, the Institute for Health Research Epidemiological Surveillance and Training (IRESSEF) and Innovatec. The “Summer School” will take place on 21-23 May 2024 in Nairobi, and will count on high qualified experts in the field.

## **1. Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

### 1.1 Participants selection criteria & scholarships

The Summer School is open to 20-25 African & EU participants who will be evaluated and admitted on a competitive basis.

Each eligible applicant will be evaluated according to three criteria:

- *Academic potential;*
- *Experience in the Summer School topics;*
- *Personal motivation (including the usefulness of this training in their current activity).*
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The documents to be submitted electronically for this purpose are:

- *Curriculum Vitae*
- *Reference letter from your institution*
- *Relevant publications (optional)*

All documents must be presented in English.

## 1.2 Evaluation

Criteria is weighted as specified in the table below.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>	<b>Min. rank required</b>
<b>1.- Academic potential</b>	50	3
<b>2.- Relevant experience in SS topics</b>	30	3
<b>3.- Personal motivation</b>	20	3

For each criterion is assigned a score on a scale of 1-5 (5 =Excellent , 4 = Very good , 3 = Good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor). Evaluation of an eligible application stops if a criterion is assessed with less than 3.

Participants (postgraduate and Ph. D students, researchers, health care professionals, patient organization's representatives) will be selected according to the rank list created by the total criteria score.

Applications will be evaluated by a representant of the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN), the Italian Ministry of Health, the Institute for Health Research Epidemiological Surveillance and Training (IRESSEF) and Innovatec, and approved by the EU AFrica PerMed consortium representatives.

## 1.3 Scholarships

The EU Africa PerMed will award a scholarship at least to six (6) African participants. Participants wishing to apply for a scholarship must state so in their motivation letter when submitting their application form. The successful candidates will receive non-cash support to cover accommodation costs and travel expense.

Selection for scholarships will also be carried out following the same procedure, supported by EU Africa PerMed coordinator and approved by the EU Africa PerMed consortium representatives.

## **2.Participation fee**

The Summer School participation fee is free and includes academic program, incl. access to all course materials via email and certificate of attendance and soft skills workshop.

## **3.Travel and Accommodation**

The EU Africa-PerMed will award scholarship and will make travel and accommodation arrangements for these selected participants. Other participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.



#### 4. Timeline

**Application Period:** 15<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> October  
**Selection Results:** Second week of November, 2023  
**Confirmation:** January 15- 31, 2024

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