



1st Edition of the VIU–NED  
International Training Placements  
Program in Neuroscience

VIU-NED CHAIR OF GLOBAL NEUROSCIENCE AND SOCIAL  
CHANGE

The **VIU-NED Chair of Global Neuroscience and Social Change of the International University of Valencia (VIU) and the Neurosurgery, Education and Development Foundation (NED Foundation)** has among its strategic objectives the promotion of educational initiatives that encourage the application of neuroscientific knowledge in real-world contexts, the strengthening of professional capacities, and the exchange of experiences between institutions and professionals from different environments.

Within this framework, the VIU-NED International Training Placements Program in Neuroscience is launched as a mobility initiative aimed at capacity building, applied training, and knowledge transfer through short-term placements that are previously planned and carried out with institutional support.

The program is structured around two complementary modalities which, on the one hand, enable professionals from Spain to undertake placements at centers affiliated with the NED Foundation in certain areas of East Africa and, on the other hand, facilitate the hosting in Spain of professionals residing in East Africa for training in fields related to neuroscience and health.

The placements will take place in previously identified partner institutions and will follow a training plan defined prior to the start of the mobility period.

## 1 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of this call for applications is to regulate the granting of financial aid intended for training placements in the field of neuroscience, aimed at:

- **the capacity building and specialized training of professionals,**
- **the practical application of neuroscientific knowledge,**
- **the strengthening of institutional and professional relationships between partner entities,**
- **and the dissemination of the academic, scientific, and social activities of the VIU-NED Chair.**

The placements will be exclusively educational, academic, or observational in nature and shall under no circumstances involve the performance of healthcare, clinical, or surgical activities by the beneficiaries. Participation in the program does not, under any circumstances, imply the existence of any employment, statutory, or contractual relationship between the beneficiaries and the International University of Valencia, the NED Foundation, or the host institutions.

Likewise, the grants awarded are educational support grants intended to partially cover expenses arising from the placement (travel, accommodation, or other related costs), and their award does not imply any financial compensation for services rendered.

The specific conditions governing each placement, including the schedule, training activities, and host institution, must be defined prior to the commencement of the placement and will be formalized in the corresponding award resolution.

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# PARTICIPATION MODALITIES

This call for applications includes the following modalities linked to different pathways:

### *Modality A: Spain - East Africa*

This modality is aimed at professionals affiliated with Spanish institutions who wish to undertake a short-term training placement (with a maximum duration of 10 calendar days) at centers affiliated with the NED Foundation in East Africa, with the purpose of carrying out previously agreed capacity-building activities aimed at training local professionals.

The activities must focus on areas related to **neuropsychology, clinical psychology, speech and language therapy**, or other fields connected to neuroscience, and must be clearly defined prior to the beginning of the placement through a training plan or activity report.

The activities carried out during the placement shall be educational, teaching, or professional exchange activities with local academic institutions, and the direct provision of healthcare or clinical activities by the beneficiaries is expressly excluded.

The grant may be awarded to two individuals, depending on the proposed project, the quality of the training proposal, and the budget availability of the call for applications.

The placements must be carried out in coordination with the NED Foundation and with the partner institutions or centers in East Africa participating in the training activities.

### *Modality B: East Africa - Spain*

This modality is aimed at professionals from East Africa, preferably from the healthcare sector (**especially neurosurgery and nursing**), who undertake a short-term training placement in Spain with the purpose of acquiring knowledge, skills, or methodologies that may subsequently be applied in their professional context.

The placement will be primarily educational, observational, and learning-oriented in nature, and shall under no circumstances involve the provision of professional healthcare services by the beneficiary.

The training activities must take place in a host institution in Spain, which must confirm its availability through the corresponding letter of acceptance and facilitate the implementation of the previously defined training plan.

Under this modality, a single grant will be awarded to one beneficiary, depending on the assessment carried out by the Evaluation Committee and the budget availability of the call for applications.

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# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The total financial allocation for the program amounts to 6,000 euros, distributed as follows:

- **Modality A: Spain - East Africa: up to 4,000 euros.**
- **Modality B: East Africa - Spain: up to 2,000 euros.**

The grants awarded are intended to partially contribute to the financing of expenses arising from the implementation of the training placements, depending on the modality and the program's budget availability.

The allocation of resources will be carried out on the basis of the evaluation of the submitted project, the suitability of the proposal, and the available budget, and the Evaluation Committee may adjust the scope of the covered expenses in each case.

The grants will be implemented through the direct assumption by the VIU-NED Chair of certain expenses necessary for carrying out the training placement, generally including transportation and accommodation, as well as any other expenses directly related to the development of the training activity that have been previously authorized.

Consequently, no direct financial payments will be made to the beneficiaries, as the International University of Valencia (VIU) will be the entity responsible for the management and payment of the covered expenses, in accordance with its administrative procedures and applicable internal regulations.

Expense coverage will in all cases be partial, and beneficiaries may be required to assume those costs not covered by the program.

The assumption of these expenses is exclusively educational and organizational in nature and **shall under no circumstances constitute financial remuneration or generate any employment relationship with the organizing entities.**

## 4 APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

### *Modality A: Spain - East Africa*

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Be affiliated with a Spanish institution** (university, research center, or another institution within the healthcare, educational, or scientific field) at the time of submitting the application and throughout the duration of the placement.
- Have accredited training or experience in areas related to **neuropsychology, clinical psychology, speech and language therapy**, or other fields related to neuroscience.
- Demonstrate a **sufficient level of English proficiency** (minimum B2 or equivalent) enabling the proper development of the training and professional exchange activities during the placement.
- Submit a coherent and feasible **training proposal** aligned with the objectives of the program, including the activities planned during the placement.
- Possess the **legal capacity required to participate in the call for applications and accept the conditions** established in these guidelines.

If selected as beneficiaries, applicants must comply with the administrative and organizational requirements necessary for carrying out the placement, including those related to travel documentation, visas, insurance, or health requirements, where applicable.

The training activities carried out within the framework of the program will be conducted in English in order to facilitate communication between participants and partner institutions from different international contexts.

### **Modality B: East Africa - Spain**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Be affiliated with an institution or healthcare center in East Africa**, preferably related to the activities carried out by the NED Foundation.
- Have a **professional profile** preferably within the clinical and healthcare field, especially in areas such as **neurosurgery, nursing, or other fields related to neurological care**.
- Demonstrate **interest and motivation** for training in areas related to neuroscience and health, as well as for the subsequent application of the acquired knowledge within their professional context.
- Have the **endorsement or approval of their home institution**, where necessary for the completion of the training placement.

Participation in the program shall in all cases be subject to compliance with the administrative and legal requirements necessary for international travel, including travel documentation, visas, or insurance that may be required.

The training activities carried out within the framework of the program will be conducted in English in order to facilitate communication between participants and partner institutions from different international contexts.

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## **APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

Applications must be submitted by email, within the deadline established in this call for applications, indicating in the subject line “VIU-NED International Training Placements Program in Neuroscience”, and must be sent to the following address:

**Modality A:** [catedra.neurociencia@campusviu.es](mailto:catedra.neurociencia@campusviu.es)

**Modality B:** [secretaria@nedfundacion.org](mailto:secretaria@nedfundacion.org)

The **deadline** for the submission of documentation will be from **June 1 to July 10, 2026, at 23:59 CET**.

If the submitted application is incomplete or contains rectifiable errors, the organization may request that the applicant provide the necessary documentation or correct the submitted information within the period indicated for that purpose. Failure to comply with such request within the established deadline may result in the application being considered withdrawn.

The submitted documentation should preferably be sent in digital format (PDF). If the documentation is in a language other than Spanish or English, the organization may request a brief translation or explanation of its content. La documentación a presentar para cada modalidad es la siguiente:

### **Modality A: Spain - East Africa**

- Application form included in **Annex 1** of these guidelines, completed with the requested information.
- **Curriculum vitae** of the applicant(s).
- **Descriptive report of the training placement** (maximum 5 pages), including at least:
  - objectives of the placement,
  - planned training activities,

- indicative schedule,
- and expected educational outcomes or impact.

- Proof of the level of English required in the call for applications.
- **Letter of acceptance or approval** from the host institution in East Africa confirming the feasibility of the proposed training placement.

#### **Modality B: East Africa - Spain**

- **Application form included in Annex 1** of these guidelines, completed with the requested information.
- **Curriculum vitae** of the applicant.
- **Brief description of the professional profile and the training objectives of the placement**, including the skills or knowledge expected to be acquired.
- **Letter of acceptance from the host institution or center in Spain** confirming its availability to host the training placement and to support the implementation of the planned activities.

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## EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated by the **Joint Committee of the VIU-NED Chair**, which will act as the evaluation body for the call for applications.

The evaluation of applications will be carried out according to the following criteria:

- **Coherence, quality, and clarity of the submitted training proposal**, as well as its alignment with the objectives of the VIU-NED Training Placements Program in Neuroscience.
- **Suitability of the applicant's academic or professional profile for the corresponding modality** of the call for applications.
- **Feasibility of the placement and the planned training activities**, taking into account the proposed schedule and the availability of the host institution.
- **Expected educational impact**, as well as the contribution of the placement to the exchange of knowledge, professional experiences, and institutional collaboration among the participating entities.
- **Potential contribution to the dissemination and visibility of the VIU-NED Chair**, as well as to knowledge transfer in the field of neuroscience.

The Joint Committee may request, if deemed necessary, additional information or clarifications regarding the submitted applications.

The final decision of the call for applications will be adopted by the Joint Committee of the VIU-NED Chair and will be communicated to applicants through the email address provided in the application.

The Joint Committee may declare one of the modalities of the call for applications void if it considers that the submitted applications do not meet the minimum required quality standards or do not adequately align with the objectives of the program.

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# IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

The training placements must take place within the **nine months following the final official resolution of this call for applications**, on the specific dates agreed upon between the beneficiary, the host institution, and the program organizers once the resolution of the call has been published.

The implementation and **financial management of the expenses arising from the placement will be carried out through the International University of Valencia (VIU)**, as the managing entity of the program, in accordance with the conditions established in the award resolution and the applicable administrative and financial regulations, and within the budget allocated for the year 2026.

Beneficiaries must comply with the conditions established in the award resolution and cooperate with the organization in the proper planning and implementation of the training placement.

Once the placement has been completed, beneficiaries must submit a **final descriptive report** of the activities carried out to the VIU-NED Chair within the period indicated in the award resolution. This report must include at least:

- a description of the training activities carried out,
- an assessment of the educational experience,
- and the outcomes or learning achievements obtained during the placement.

The **VIU-NED Chair** may use this information for monitoring purposes, program evaluation, and institutional dissemination, always in compliance with the applicable data protection regulations.

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# DISSEMINATION AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The VIU-NED Training Placements Program in Neuroscience is conceived as a specialized educational exchange platform aimed at the acquisition and strengthening of professional competencies, as well as the exchange of knowledge and experiences between institutions and professionals from different contexts.

Therefore, the training placements must contribute to the generation of tangible educational outcomes, such as the delivery of training sessions, specialized workshops, seminars, professional exchange activities, or the development of educational materials related to the field of neuroscience. These actions should aim to strengthen the professional competencies of participants and promote the transfer of knowledge among the institutions involved in the program.

In this regard, **beneficiaries of the grants undertake to expressly acknowledge the VIU-NED Chair of Global Neuroscience and Social Change as the funding entity of the training placement** in any materials, publications, presentations, activities, or dissemination actions that may arise from it.

Likewise, beneficiaries undertake to collaborate with the Chair in dissemination and institutional communication activities organized in connection with the program, participating, when requested, in at least one activity aimed at sharing the experiences and outcomes of the training placements, such as conferences, seminars, training sessions, institutional meetings, or other activities of a similar nature.

The VIU-NED Chair may disseminate the activities carried out within the framework of the program, as well as the general results of the training placements, **through its institutional channels, publications, or media outlets**, always in compliance with the applicable regulations on personal data protection.

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## DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with the **provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR)**, as well as **Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights (LOPDGDD)**, the **INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA, S.L. (VIU) and the NEUROSURGERY, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (NED Foundation)** will act as **joint controllers of the personal data provided by applicants within the framework of the VIU–NED International Training Placements Program in Neuroscience.**

Personal data will be processed for the purpose of managing participation in the call for applications, evaluating submitted applications, managing the awarding of grants, and carrying out the administrative and educational monitoring of the placements, as well as contacting interested persons during the selection process and implementation of the program.

In order to participate in the selection process, applicants must provide the data indicated in the section **“Submission of Applications and Documentation”** of this call for applications. Failure to provide such data will prevent VIU and the NED Foundation from assessing the submitted application.

Applicants guarantee that the personal data provided are truthful and accurate and that, where they provide data relating to third parties (for example, host institutions or receiving centers), **they have the necessary authorization to do so and undertake to inform such persons of the content of this data protection clause.**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is the implementation of the terms and conditions governing the call for applications, which are freely accepted by applicants through the submission of their application.

Likewise, where the interested party has given their express consent, VIU and the NED Foundation may process their name, image, or professional information for purposes related to the institutional dissemination of the program. Providing consent for this purpose is voluntary, and the decision not to provide it will not negatively affect the awarding of the grant. Consent may be withdrawn at any time.

**Under no circumstances will VIU or the NED Foundation use personal data for profiling purposes or for automated decision-making.**

The personal data of applicants will be retained for the time necessary to manage the selection process of the call for applications. If applicants are not selected, their data will be retained in a duly blocked form for the period during which legal liabilities related to the processing may arise, after which the data will be deleted.

The personal data of beneficiaries, in turn, will be retained for the period necessary for the management, implementation, and monitoring of the training placement, as well as for the legally established periods required for compliance with administrative or legal obligations.

The **personal data of the beneficiaries will be disclosed to the travel agency associated with the International University of Valencia [Viajes El Corte Inglés] (hereinafter, the “Agency”) for the purpose of managing the purchase of international transport tickets, as well as arranging accommodation reservations during the placement. The disclosure of beneficiaries’ data to the aforementioned Agency is necessary for the implementation of these governing terms and conditions, particularly in order to make the grant effective.**

Likewise, in order to ensure transparency in the process, the identifying data of applicants and beneficiaries may be published through the institutional channels of the Chair, including the VIU research portal. Similarly, the data of applicants and beneficiaries may be disclosed where there is a legal obligation to do so.

As a general rule, **no international transfers of personal data will take place**. However, please note that the travel **Agency will communicate the data of beneficiaries of the “Modality A: Spain – East Africa” grants to entities that may be located in the destination country (countries in East Africa) in order to book and arrange transportation and accommodation in that country**. Consequently, such data will be subject to an international transfer by the Agency to the destination country in East Africa. The Agency will adopt the appropriate measures to ensure an adequate level of data protection, including, for this purpose, entering into the Standard Contractual Clauses approved by the European Commission with the entities receiving the data and adopting any additional measures necessary to protect such data.

Interested persons may exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, objection, restriction of processing, and data portability, as well as withdraw any consent granted, by contacting:

- **VIU:** [rgpd@universidadviu.com](mailto:rgpd@universidadviu.com)
- **NED Foundation:** [administracion@nedfundacion.org](mailto:administracion@nedfundacion.org)

Likewise, they may lodge a complaint with the **Spanish Data Protection Agency** ([www.aepd.es](http://www.aepd.es)) if they consider that the processing of their personal data does not comply with the applicable regulations.

Interested persons may also contact the Data Protection Officers through the following channels:

- **VIU:** [dpo@planeta.es](mailto:dpo@planeta.es)  
or by postal mail to Grupo Planeta, Attn.: Data Protection Officer, Avda. Diagonal 662–664, 08034 Barcelona.
- **NED Foundation:** [administracion@nedfundacion.org](mailto:administracion@nedfundacion.org)  
or Calle Tenor Alonso, 85, 46110 Godella, Valencia.

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## APPLICABLE LAW

**These terms and conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws in force in Spain.**

For the resolution of any dispute, claim, or contentious matter that may arise in connection with the **interpretation, application, or compliance with these terms and conditions**, the parties expressly submit to the jurisdiction of **the Courts and Tribunals of the city of Valencia**, expressly waiving any other jurisdiction that may otherwise correspond to them. Las presentes bases se regirán e interpretarán de conformidad con la **legislación española vigente**.

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## ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participation in this call for applications **implies the express, full, and unconditional acceptance of these governing terms and conditions** of the VIU-NED Training Placements Program in Neuroscience.

Likewise, applicants accept the conditions established in **the corresponding grant award resolution**, as well as the organizational rules necessary for the proper implementation of the training placements.

# VIU-NED Chair of Global Neuroscience and Social Change

The VIU-NED Chair of Global Neuroscience and Social Change seeks to place neuroscience at the service of social change. This Chair is a joint initiative of the International University of Valencia and the NED Foundation.

 [catedra.neurociencia@campusviu.es](mailto:catedra.neurociencia@campusviu.es)

## Valencian International University (VIU)

The International University of Valencia (VIU) is an international online higher education institution integrated into Planeta Formación y Universidades, an educational network committed to university education and vocational and lifelong learning..

[www.universidadviu.com](http://www.universidadviu.com)

## NED Foundation

The Neurosurgery, Education and Development Foundation (NED) is a Valencian foundation dedicated to the development of global neurosurgery in low-resource healthcare systems.

[www.nedfundacion.org](http://www.nedfundacion.org)





# Annex I

## Annex I | APPLICATION FORM *(To be completed by the candidate)*

### 1. APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

First surname:	Second surname:	
Name:	NIF Number:	
Address:		
Postal Code:	City:	Country:
Phone number:	E-mail:	

### 2. DETAILS OF THE HOST INSTITUTION WHERE THE PLACEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE

Name:	C.I.F.:	
Name of the institution's legal representative:		
Position:		
Address:		
Postal Code:	City:	Country:
Phone number:	E-mail:	

### 3. DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED - CATEGORY A

- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae of the applicant(s)
- Descriptive report of the training placement
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Letter of acceptance or approval from the host institution in East Africa

### 4. DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED - CATEGORY B

- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae of the applicant(s)
- Brief description of the professional profile and training objectives
- Letter of acceptance or approval from the host institution in Spain



**Annex I | APPLICATION FORM** *(To be completed by the candidate)*

Overall, the applicant fully accepts the specific terms and conditions of the call for applications.

Applicant's Signature

Signed:

Date:

*The International University of Valencia (VIU) and the NED FOUNDATION will process your personal data as joint controllers for the purpose of managing your participation in the “2026 VIU-NED International Training Placements Program in Neuroscience” and, should you be selected as a beneficiary: (i) contacting you, (ii) managing and coordinating the implementation of the training placement, including the associated organizational and logistical aspects, and (iii) carrying out the educational and technical monitoring of the activities performed. You may also find out how to exercise your rights of access, rectification, and erasure, as well as your other rights, and obtain complete legal information regarding data protection in accordance with the privacy policy included in the “Data Protection” section of the call for applications guidelines.*

*I declare that I have read the Privacy Policy included in the “Data Protection” section of the call for applications guidelines.*

