

Placement at the “Institute of Public Health”

Procedure for applying for placements:

Students are nominated by a partner university through our website by the 15th of May or 15th of October. The nomination is then reviewed and either approved or declined. If approved, the student will receive information about the further application process.

In the Learning Agreement that needs to be included in the application form, information about the placement is required, such as the desired fields, number of hours, hours per day, evaluation, etc. After this information is provided, a detailed placement plan will be arranged.

Placement could be arranged based on the specialty of a student training programme.

Acceptance depends on the compatibility of the students' interests with the Institute's research activities, the feasibility of the proposed placement and the availability of a suitable supervisor. Submission of a nomination or application does not guarantee acceptance.

About Placement

The Institute of Public Health at Riga Stradins University offers Erasmus+ exchange students an opportunity to gain practical experience in public health and epidemiology research within an academic, interdisciplinary and international environment.

The placement is suitable for students of public health, epidemiology, health sciences, healthcare management, social sciences and other related fields who wish to develop their research knowledge and practical skills.

The content of the placement is adapted to the student's academic background, previous experience, learning objectives and research interests. It is also aligned with the current research activities of the Institute and the availability of an appropriate academic supervisor.

Potential research topics include epidemiology and population health, health promotion and disease prevention, cancer prevention and screening, healthy ageing, infectious diseases surveillance and prevention, health inequalities, health services research, public health policy, evaluation of public health interventions, and patient-reported outcomes. The final placement topic, activities, workload and expected outputs are agreed individually before the placement begins.

Placement Activities

Depending on the student's background, competencies and learning objectives, Erasmus+ trainees may be involved in ongoing educational, research and project activities at the Institute of Public Health. Activities may include literature reviews and evidence synthesis, support for public health research

projects, data collection and analysis, participation in research-group and project meetings, preparation of reports and presentations, and contribution to conference abstracts, scientific publications or other academic outputs. The specific activities are agreed individually before the placement and depend on the student's interests, competencies, placement duration and the availability of relevant projects and supervisors.

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Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the placement, students are expected to strengthen their knowledge of public health and research methods, develop skills in critical appraisal of scientific evidence, contribute to research activities, communicate research findings, and gain experience working in an interdisciplinary and international academic environment. Students are also expected to adhere to the principles of research ethics, academic integrity, confidentiality and personal data protection. Learning outcomes are tailored to the student's study level, placement duration and agreed work plan.

Organization, Supervision and Evaluation

Each accepted student is assigned a supervisor according to the selected research area and staff availability. At the beginning of the placement, the student and supervisor agree on the objectives, learning outcomes, tasks, working arrangements, supervision meetings and expected outputs.

The placement may combine on-site activities at Riga Stradins University, independent research work, consultations with the supervisor, and participation in research meetings, seminars or other academic activities. The working language is English.

Students are expected to follow the agreed work plan, participate actively in supervision, complete assigned tasks within the agreed deadlines and comply with university regulations. They must follow all relevant requirements concerning research ethics, academic integrity, confidentiality and personal data protection.

Progress is monitored through regular communication with the supervisor. Evaluation may be based on achievement of the learning outcomes, quality and timely completion of assigned tasks, participation in academic activities, and the quality of the final report, presentation, research paper or other agreed output.

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