

# Transcultural collaboration in health challenges

## Bridging disciplines and cultures for innovative solutions



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The elective module, organized for its first edition in Utrecht and Montpellier and titled "Tackling health challenges in internationally linked Research Hubs" offers a unique transnational and intercultural learning experience for master's students from CHARM-EU allied universities



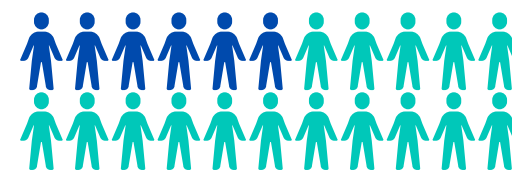
The learning pathway is structured in two parts:

- a 13-weeks "dry part" focused on **framing solutions** - 3 ects
- a 6-month "wet part" dedicated to **hands-on research** - 30 ects

## THE MODULE - Tackling health challenges in internationally linked Research Hubs

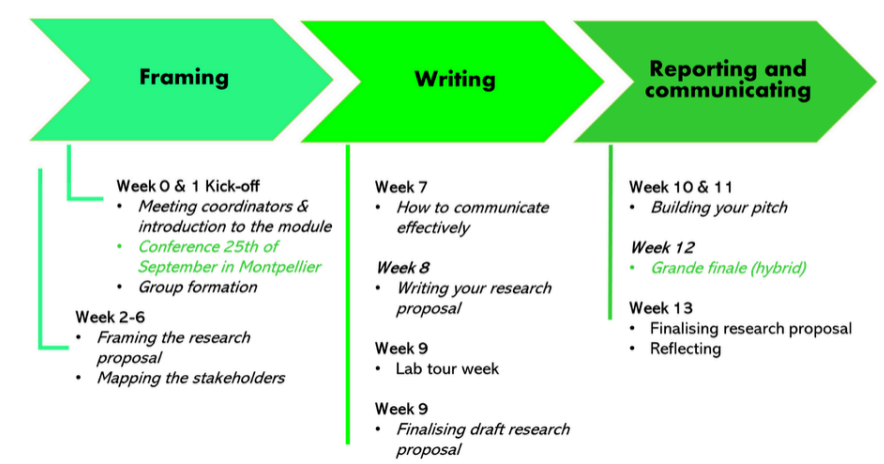
### International Collaboration

Students form interdisciplinary teams with members from different partner universities and diverse academic backgrounds. This cross-cultural interaction fosters a global perspective on health challenges and promotes mutual understanding among participants from various nationalities.



2024 edition count 22 students, from Utrecht and Montpellier

- All students work on the **same urgent research health-related challenge**.
- Each group has a **supervisor** (academics or PIs identified) a "connector" to put students in contact with experts (researchers, medical doctors, patients) from the UM and UU hubs, they could interview/consult.
- **Students must produce a research proposal, pitch and reflection report**.
- In all universities, **the learning environment is offered by CHARM-EU** (Hybrid Classrooms and Virtual Learning Environment)

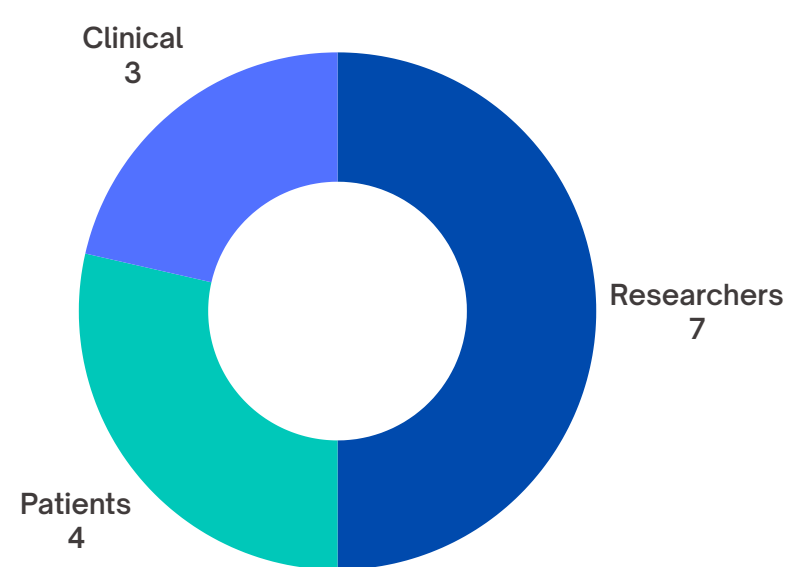


## THE CONFERENCE - Starting point of the dry part, to cross diverse perspectives

### Diverse Stakeholder Engagement

The module incorporates input from a wide range of stakeholders, including **patients**, patient associations, medical **doctors**, and **researchers** from different fields. This **multi-faceted approach** exposes students to diverse cultural and professional perspectives on health issues, broadening their understanding of global health challenges.

2024 edition challenge's is **Integrated approaches to fight colorectal cancer**



Diverse speakers introduce their perspective on the topics to students.



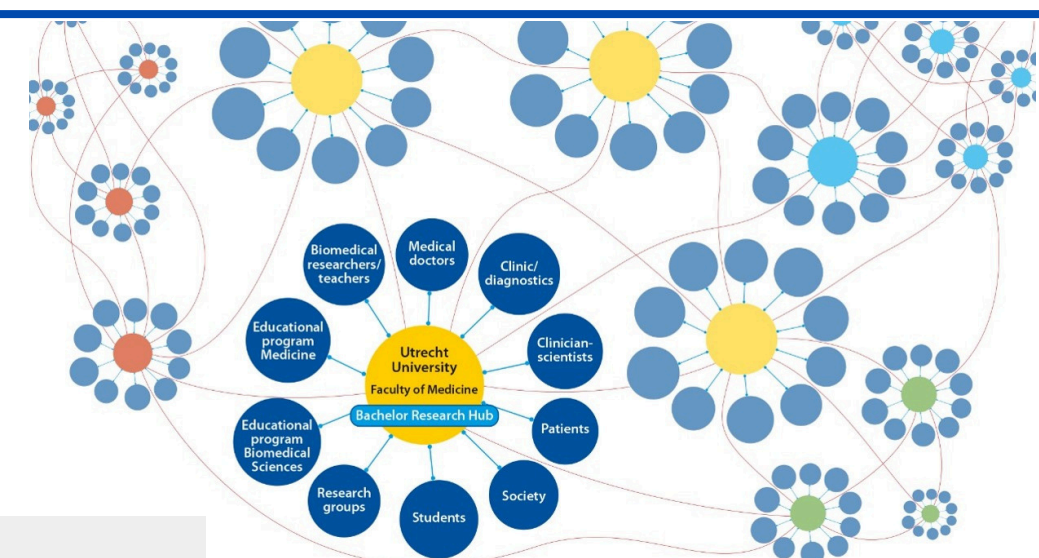
The conference is open to all audiences and counted over 80 participants for its first edition.

## THE INTERNSHIP - Swap students in universities hubs'

### Transdisciplinary and intercultural approaches to Problem-Solving

By working on real-world grand challenges in health, students develop the **ability to collaborate across disciplines, cultures, and professional roles**.

2024 Hubs disciplines are **chemistry, biology, medicine, pharmacy** and the universities involved are **Utrecht and Montpellier**



### 2024 edition - 2 students from Utrecht to Montpellier / 2 students from Montpellier to Utrecht!

Internships, offered to students participating in the modules, are assigned in September and hosted by partner universities. For the first edition, two internships are available in Montpellier and two in Utrecht, connected to projects overseen by principal investigators (PIs). Students are selected by their master's program coordinators.