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**TropEd Masters in International Health: An Interdisciplinary, Multicultural and Internationally Recognised Programme**

The mission of the TropEd International Network for Higher Education in International Health ([www.troped.org](http://www.troped.org)) is to contribute to sustainable development, particularly in low and middle income societies, through accredited education and training in global health. Its purpose is to produce experts in global health whose professional competences are internationally recognised.

The network, established in 1996, today counts with 33 institutions from Europe (25), Asia (5), Africa (2) and America (1) and offers a Masters Programme in International Health adapted to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The programme consists of a flexible modular framework for full-time or part-time study that includes an introductory core course and a research project submitted as a thesis to be carried out in the so called home institutions, and specialised optional modules to be taken at partner institutions. The main advantage of this programme is its interdisciplinary approach and the mobility of both students and teachers.

TropEd works in partnership and good quality practices. All institutions together set common standards in education and training in the field of global health, and agree on overall learning objectives of the programme and contents of the core

course. Regularly, all training modules offered by the network pass through a standardised accreditation process.

The University of Barcelona ([www.ub.edu](http://www.ub.edu)), through its School of Medicine and the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (University of Barcelona – Hospital Clínic de Barcelona), has been involved in the TropEd network from the beginning. These institutions together have a recognised leading role in education and training, research and medical care in the field of international health in Spain. From 1972 the UB offers a Masters programme in Tropical Medicine and International Health (currently being adapted to the European Higher Education Area). The reference care unit on Tropical Medicine and International Health at the Hospital Clínic also dates from the same period, and since 2006 the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB, [www.cresib.cat](http://www.cresib.cat)) carries out internationally recognised research in collaboration with institutions from Africa, Latin America and Asia.

The TropEd Masters programme in International Health is characterised by a unique synergy of experience and expertise of worldwide leading institutions. Students are offered a unique opportunity of gaining internationally recognised education in a multicultural environment, being exposed to multiple perspectives in a flexible structure and within an interdisciplinary approach.