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# MarMaRa Grants Booklet

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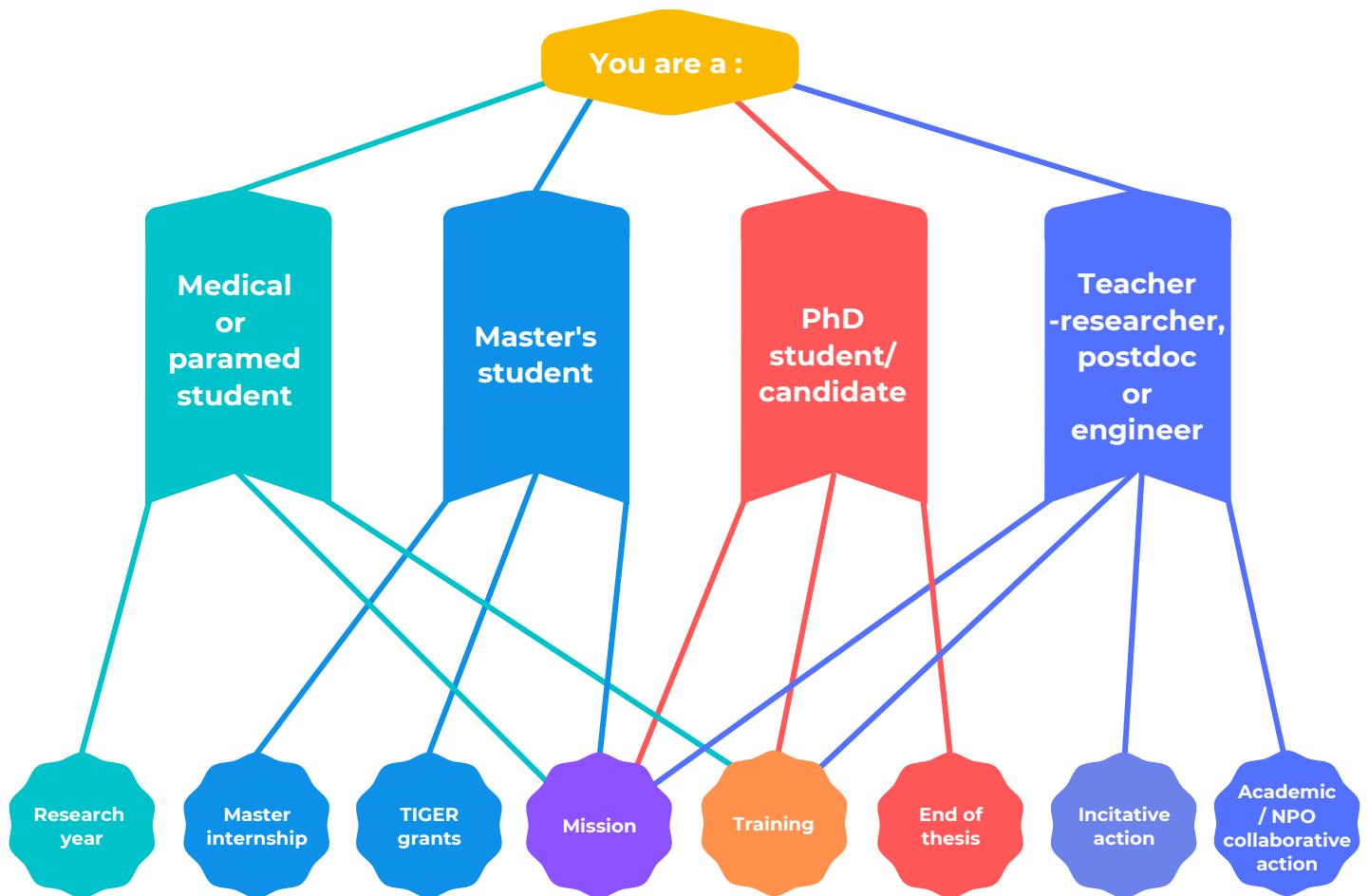
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# I. PRESENTATION OF MARMARA GRANTS

In order to encourage and empower experts and young talents interested in pioneering and in-depth research in the field of rare diseases, the MarMaRa Institute (*Marseille Maladies Rares*) offers a wide range of grants for different profiles.

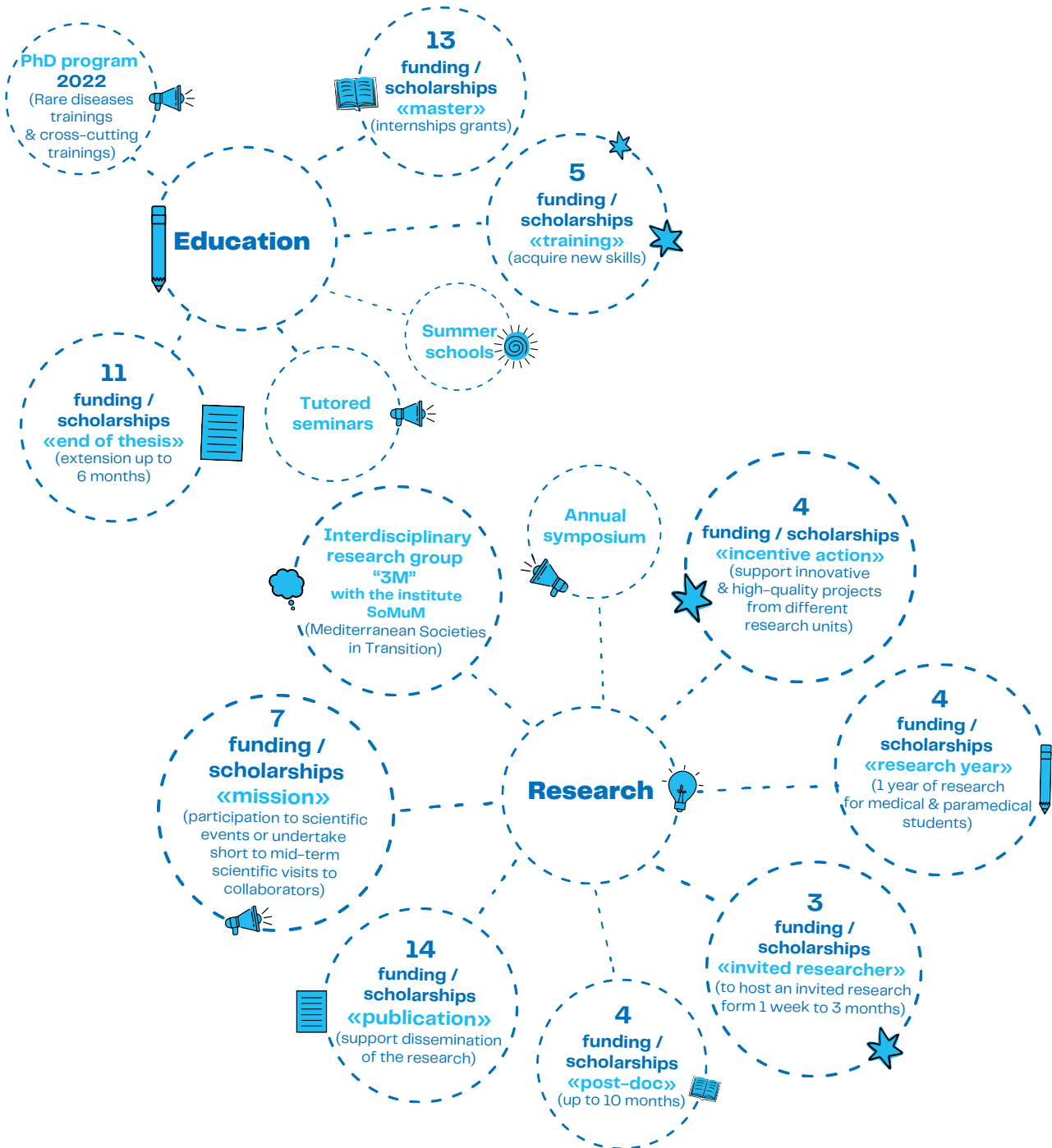
Here is an overview of what you can apply for depending on your status :



## OUR ACTIONS (2020 - 2022)

Despite the health crisis, our Institute has already achieved a lot of its objectives thanks to the investment of all its members, coming from different and complementary fields like biology, physics and social sciences...

We are proud to share our concrete actions that we have taken since the official launch of our structure in January 2020.



## FOR MORE DETAILS

For more details on the offers that interest you and for which you are eligible, please consult the corresponding page in this booklet or contact our project manager, Ms. Cécile BERNARD.

# II. RESEARCH GRANTS

## II.1. RESEARCH YEAR

The MarMaRa Research year Program offers students in the medical and paramedical sciences (doctors, odontologists, pharmacists, etc) the opportunity to immerse themselves in **a year of full-time research**. These funding can be dedicated either to obtaining a master's degree or to cover a first year of a PhD program.

The proposed research project must focus on rare diseases and be conducted in one of the teams of MarMaRa institute.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be working in the medical or paramedical sciences.
- Applicants must be registered in a Master's or PhD program.
- Candidates must complete their year of research in one of the research teams attached to the MarMaRa Institute.

### EVALUATION

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the candidates. The evaluation criteria are based on the progress of the research work and the relevance of the application.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form (document to download on the website <https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>).
- CV with a list of publications.

#### Documents must be sent as a single PDF file to:

Cecile Bernard, MarMaRa Project Manager: [cecile.bernard.1@univ-amu.fr](mailto:cecile.bernard.1@univ-amu.fr)

### TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

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### CALENDAR

**One session per year**



# II. RESEARCH GRANTS

## II.2. MISSION

The Mission call aims to promote scientific dissemination and collaborations.

### > Dissemination:

This call encourages mobility and international contacts through participation to **scientific events**. The grants are awarded **only for active participation (oral presentation or poster)**, and cover all or part of the registration, travel and accommodation expenses.

### > Collaborations:

This call aims to offer to PhD students, postdoc, engineers, or early career researchers the opportunity to undertake **short to mid-term scientific visits to collaborators**.

This can be carried out in the context of co-supervision or to acquire new skills necessary for the continuation of the research project.

Eligible expenses correspond to travel and accommodation costs.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All members of the MarMaRa institute are eligible (PhD student, postdoc, engineer, researcher). Applications from young members are highly recommended.
- The candidate must be currently working in one of the institute's research team.
- The event must be related to the scientific fields of the institute.

Evaluation: The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the candidates. The evaluation criteria will be the candidate's profile and the benefits of the mission for the applicant and its team.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form (document to download on the website <https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>)
- Program of the event

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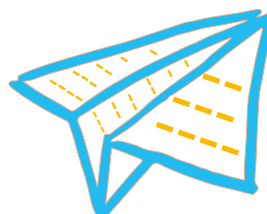
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## CALENDAR

**Two sessions per year**



# II. RESEARCH GRANTS

## II.3. INCITATIVE ACTION

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY

To promote new collaborative projects within Marseille rare disease community, the MarMaRa institute opens a call entitled **“Incentive action grant in rare disease”**.

The aim of this call is to **support new innovative and high-quality projects** based on the collaboration of researchers from at least two different research units of the institute.

The research project must be innovative and not the continuation of an ongoing project. Preliminary data are therefore not compulsory. Priority will be given to projects relying on complementary expertise.

Each project will be granted **up to 15 k€** and for a **maximum duration of 12 months**.

Please note that the partner in charge of the financial management must belong to a laboratory which has a financial manager certified for AMU funding administration.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All researchers from MarMaRa are eligible: researchers (CR, MCU, DR, PU) and engineers (AI, IE, IR). Applications from junior researchers are highly encouraged.
- Only one application to a MarMaRa grant per candidate and per year.

### EVALUATION

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the projects. The evaluation criteria will be the implementation (equipment, collaborations, staff involved, ...), the scientific quality of the project and of the participating teams.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form (document to download on the website (<https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>))
- CV and a list of publications of the project leader
- Detailed budget: eligible expenses include operating costs, internship gratuity if needed and small equipment for the running of the project. Please note that the funding must follow the AMIDEX financial rules.

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### CALENDAR

**One to two sessions per year**



# II. RESEARCH GRANTS

## II.4. ACADEMIC/NPO COLLABORATIVE ACTION

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY

To promote collaborative projects between teams from the MarMaRa Institute and non-profit organisations dedicated to helping people with rare diseases, the MarMaRa Institute is opening a call entitled **“academic/non-profit organisation collaborative action”**.

The aim of this call is to strengthen the links between research teams and patient groups by providing co-funding to support research projects. In addition to the description of the scientific project, each application must be accompanied by a letter of support from a charitable association indicating its commitment to support it and the amount of its grant.

The budget of each project will be divided between the Institute and **the association with a maximum amount of €10k from MarMaRa and an amount from the association equal to or higher than the amount paid by MarMaRa**. Each project will be for **a maximum duration of 24 months**. Note that the partner in charge of the financial management must belong to a laboratory which has a financial manager certified for AMU funding administration.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All MarMaRa researchers are eligible: researchers (CR, MCU, DR, PU) and engineers (AI, IE, IR). Applications from junior researchers are strongly encouraged.
- Only one application for MarMaRa 2022 grant per candidate

### EVALUATION

MarMaRa's Scientific committee will evaluate and select the projects. The evaluation criteria will be the quality and the feasibility of the scientific project. Particular attention will also be given to the expected benefit for patients.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form (document to download on the website (<https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>))
- CV and a list of publications of the project leader
- Detailed budget: eligible expenses include operating costs, internship gratuity if needed, external expenses and small equipment for the running of the project. Please note that the funding must follow the AMIDEX financial rules

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**One session per year**





# III. EDUCATION GRANTS

## III.1. END OF THESIS

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE & ELIGIBILITY

To support the PhD students, the MarMaRa Institute offers fundings for **extension of PhD contract**. Extensions can be granted for **a maximum of 6 months** and aim to support candidates needing additional time for **experimental or editorial work**.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants should be currently enrolled in the 3rd of their PhD programme.
- Applicants should be working in one of the MarMaRa's research team.

### EVALUATION

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the candidates. The evaluation criteria will be the current status of the research work and the timeline until completion of the thesis.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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- CV with a list of publications

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### CALENDAR

**One to two sessions per year**



# III. EDUCATION GRANTS

## III.2. MASTER INTERNSHIP

To promote access for students to Master's programs, the institute MarMaRa offers **Scholarships grants for a period of up to 6 months**. The students will work in one of the research team associated to the institute and conduct a scientific project related to the fields of MarMaRa.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants should be in the 2nd year of his/ her Master.
- Applicants should be working in one of MarMaRa research team.

### EVALUATION

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the candidates. The evaluation criteria will be the academic results and the CV.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application form (document to download on the website (<https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>))
- Bachelor and Master' grades
- CV

**Documents must be sent as a single PDF file to**

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### CALENDAR

**One session at the beginning of the academic year.**



# III. EDUCATION GRANTS

## III.3. TRAINING

To promote training, encourage **career progression** and help its members to **acquire new skills**, the MarMaRa institute opens a call entitled **“Training Grants”**. These awards are available via competitive application. This can include (but is not limited to): attendance at courses, work shadowing etc.

Eligible expenses are costs of course fees, consumables for training purposes, travel and accommodation costs etc.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- All MarMaRa members are eligible (PhD student, postdoc, engineer, researcher). Applications from young researchers are particularly welcome.
- The candidate must belong to a MarMaRa research team. All awardees will be expected to provide a short report following the completion of their training.

### EVALUATION

The Scientific committee of MarMaRa will evaluate and select the candidates. The evaluation criteria will be the candidate's profile and the benefits of the training for the applicant and his/her research team.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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- CV

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**Two sessions per year**



# IV. OTHERS

## IV.1. NEW TEAM

To extend the field of competence of teams that are already part of the Institute and to promote interdisciplinary approaches and the emergence of innovative research projects, MarMaRa Institute offers the opportunity to new teams of the Aix-Marseille University to join us.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**Applicants should send a pdf file containing:**

- Application form (document to download on the website (<https://www.univ-amu.fr/marmara>))
- CV including the list of the 10 most important achievements since 2015 (publications, grants, awards and patents;

**Contact:**

Cecile Bernard, MarMaRa project manager: [cecile.bernard.1@univ-amu.fr](mailto:cecile.bernard.1@univ-amu.fr)

### EVALUATION

Candidates will be invited to give a seminar before the review of their application by our steering committee. The institute's steering committee will give a recommendation based on the usual international quality criteria, as well as Institute's thematic areas and specific strategic priorities. The applicant will be notified regarding this recommendation. Final decisions regarding potential affiliation to MarMaRa will be communicated after validation by our Institute Council (yearly meetings).



# IV. OTHERS

## IV.2. TIGER GRANTS

Five Master's courses associated with the MarMaRa Institute have won **the TIGER (Transform and Innovate in Graduate Education with Research)** call for projects.

One of the objectives aims to set up educational systems called **"cum Laude"**, which will benefit certain students in order to reward them for their work, their commitment and their skills in the field of research.

### LIST OF THE ASSOCIATED MASTERS

#### Biology-Health Master's – Human and Medical Genetics course

Internship grant for M1 students and international mobility grant for M2 students;

For more information (criteria, calendar),

**Contact:** [svetlana.GOROKHOVA@univ-amu.fr](mailto:svetlana.GOROKHOVA@univ-amu.fr)

#### Master's in Structural Biology and Genomics – Genomics and Data Analysis course (GAD)

Internship grant for M1 students and symposium grant for M2 students;

For more information (criteria, calendar),

**Contact:** [christophe.bordi@univ-amu.fr](mailto:christophe.bordi@univ-amu.fr)

#### Master's in Bioinformatics – Software Development and Data Analysis (DLAD) course

Internship grant for M1 students, symposium grant and international mobility for M2 students;

For more information (criteria, calendar),

**Contact:** [nicolas.TERRAPON@univ-amu.fr](mailto:nicolas.TERRAPON@univ-amu.fr) and [aitor.gonzalez@univ-amu.fr](mailto:aitor.gonzalez@univ-amu.fr)

#### Master's in Integrative Biology and Physiology – From gene to pathology course

Internship grant for M1 students and international mobility grant for M2 students;

For more information (criteria, calendar),

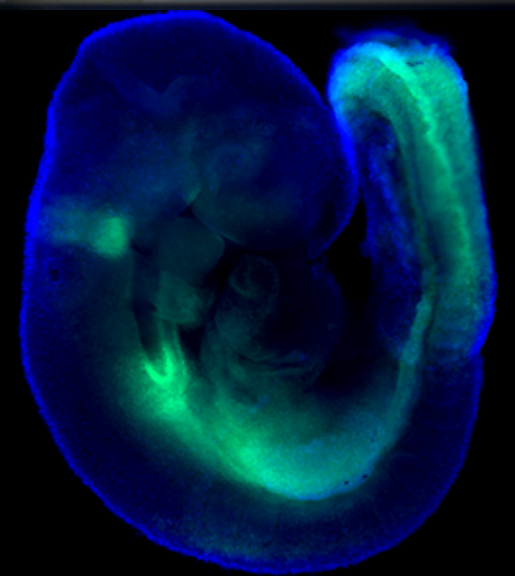
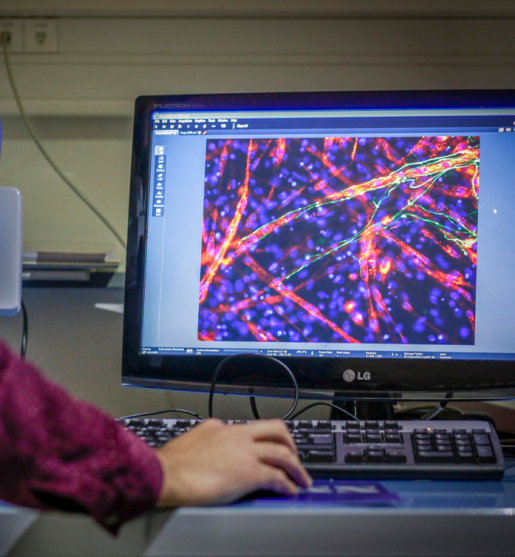
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#### Master's in Medical Humanities – Ethical, deontological & anthropological approaches in health course

For more information (criteria, calendar),

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