

**Klaipėda University Strategic Research Direction
„Towards Sustainable Health and Well-being“
Application for Postdoctoral Internship topic (2023-2025)**

The title of the internship topic	Improving Cancer Prevention and Care for People with Disabilities
Field (s) of internship, starting unit, beginning, duration	Health sociology field Health Research and Innovations Science Center (KU) 2023 spalio mėn. – 2025 spalio mėn. October 2023 – October 2025
Brief description of the topic	Conduct systemic literature review. Conduct qualitative research to reveal good practice and prepare recommendations for applying good practise in different context.
Compliance of the topic with the goals and priorities of the strategic research direction	People with disabilities face many health risks due to low physical activity, smoking, overweight, limited social interaction, etc. In the long run, this leads to various diseases, including cancer. As the life expectancy of people with disabilities increases, cancer becomes a prevailing issue. Therefore, we need special attention for tailored cancer prevention. Research evidence, that existing cancer prevention and care programs do not meet the needs of people with disabilities. Moreover, medical personnel recognize the need for specific competence to work with people with disabilities. Sustainable health development should be based on inclusive health care for the most vulnerable people.
Planned interim and final results (scientific output: publications, reports, etc.)	3 publications indexed in CA WoS or Scopus journals 4 international conference presentations 1 project proposal
Requirements for a candidate	Defended PhD
Existing research infrastructure and support	Health Science Faculty infrastructure Networking in COST action „Cancer-Understanding Prevention in Intellectual Disabilities“
Potential supervisors [contact person for the topic]	Prof. dr. Rita Vaičekauskaitė
Publications and experience of potential supervisors	Member of Management Committee in COST action „Cancer-Understanding Prevention in Intellectual Disabilities“ (2022-2026) Experience in a project “Health Care Specialists Education for Working with People with Disabilities in Health Care Sector“ (VIPA, Nr. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712) (2019-2022).