

(English translation)

# ERASMUS+ STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES CALL FOR APPLICATIONS A.Y. 2021/2022

## Art. 1 - General information

1. As part of the Erasmus+ initiative for individual mobility for studies in the a.y. 2021/2022, the Erasmus+ Student Mobility for Studies programme allows students to study abroad at one of the University of Verona's partner universities (also referred to as "Partner Institutions") for a duration of 3-12 months.

The Erasmus+ grants can be used for:

- full-time study at Bachelor's, Master's or PhD level (see point 3) including work for the purpose of
  writing a dissertation (see Art. 2.1) but excluding any research not specifically relevant to the
  student's degree programme which must lead to gaining an officially recognised academic
  qualification (diploma or degree);
- traineeship during a period of study, as long as the traineeship is approved and carried out under the supervision of the Host Institution abroad, and that these two activities (study + traineeship) are carried out consecutively as part of the same mobility.
- 2. Erasmus+ programmes (Student Mobility for Studies and/or Student Mobility for Traineeships) are open to students who are regularly enrolled full-time in a Bachelor's, Master's or PhD degree (i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle of tertiary studies). Their mobility can last up to 12 months for each cycle of study. Students enrolled in a Single cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's degree programme (2nd cycle degree) may spend their Erasmus+ mobility period abroad for a maximum of 24 months.
- Example 1: A student who has already received a 5-month Erasmus+ grant during their Bachelor's degree (1st cycle degree) can receive one or more Erasmus+ mobility grant/s for up to 7 more months (12 months 5 months completed = 7 months max.) while still enrolled in the Bachelor's degree. If the student is now enrolled in a Master's degree (2nd cycle degree), they can receive one or more Erasmus+ mobility grant/s for up to 12 more months.
- Example 2: A student enrolled in a Single cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's degree programme who has already received a 6-month Erasmus+ grant can receive one or more Erasmus+ mobility grant's for up to 18 more months (24 months 6 months completed = 18 months max.) during their degree programme.
- 3. Students gain academic recognition for their study abroad as long as they pass the relevant exams and assessments for each module. To this aim, each exchange student must draw up a Learning Agreement with the coordinating professor of their degree programme. The Learning Agreement must be defined and approved **before** departure for the study abroad.

## Art. 2 - Erasmus+ Student Mobility for Studies (SMS)

- 1. The mobilities to be carried out as a result of this *Call* will be governed by the regulations of the new Erasmus+ 2021/2027 programme, the operational details of which are not yet known. All activities and the related funding are subject to the signing of the Erasmus+ agreement between the Erasmus+ National Agency and the University of Verona. Therefore, **the publication of the present** *Call for applications* **is subject to such agreement being entered into, and the indications contained therein may be subject to subsequent modifications in accordance with the new framework regulation of the Erasmus+ Programme.**
- 2. Mobilities abroad are generally intended to take place abroad **with students physically attending** and taking part in the activities in question in the destination country, either on-site and/or remotely/online.



Alternatively, if needed due to the Covid-19 health emergency, in agreement with the University and the Host Institution, mobilities may also take place as follows:

- blended mobility: the learning activities take place both remotely with the student taking part from home, and on site in the destination country (the period spent abroad must not be less than 90 days);
- virtual mobility (remotely/online only): the learning activities take place entirely remotely, with the student taking part in the activities from their country of residence without them needing to travel to the destination country in person.

Please note that the mobility grant will only be awarded for the part of the mobility period actually spent abroad, with the student physically attending. As a result, students taking part in virtual mobilities only are not entitled to any mobility grant.

3. Details of the number of places available, the length of stay at each Partner Institution and the study cycle available (see Art. 1.3) are specified in the **prospectuses available for each field of study** (Appendix 1: List of Destinations and Informative sheets)

These were established by the mobility programme **coordinators** when the exchange agreements were made. **Informative sheets** about the Partner Institutions, or Host Universities, classified by disciplinary areas/field of study are also available <u>online</u> ("Scheda and "Scheda Partner").

After having read the list of destinations and the informative sheets, students are welcome to contact the Coordinator to ensure the modules offered by their preferred Partner Institution(s) are in line with their own degree programme. Students are advised that they should check on the website of the Partner Institution concerned that the information included in these documents is up-to-date and correct (e.g. language proficiency level required, available modules, application deadlines, etc.).

Please note: students who wish to participate in an Erasmus+ programme for the sole purpose of undertaking dissertation work should contact their Mobility Programme Coordinator to check if this is possible. Please note that the Host University will make the final decision regarding whether to host each applicant for dissertation work or not.

- 4. Mobility grants must be used between **1 June 2021 and 30 September 2022**. Students may choose the specific dates of their study abroad period only after the ranking lists have been published, paying attention to the scheduled length of stay at each destination as specified in Appendix 1: <u>List of available destinations and Informative sheets</u>. If the deadline for sending the documents required by the Host University for admission to the first semester (application form and attachments) is before the date of publication of the definitive ranking list, mobility will be postponed to the second semester (see Art. 6.6).
- 5. Students will not be required to pay any enrolment fees at the Host University; however, some institutions may ask for a supplementary fee to cover insurance costs, student union membership, public transport, teaching materials (photocopies, laboratory products, etc.), under the same conditions as local students.

## Art. 3 - Admission requirements

To participate in this *Call for applications*, students must:

- 1. be **full-time** students at the University of Verona, regularly enrolled within the **normal duration** of a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Single cycle/Combined Bachelor's+Master's degree or PhD programme (see Art. 1. 2) at the time of application and for the entire duration of the period abroad;
- 2. have correctly and fully paid their enrolment fees at the University of Verona at the time of application and for the entire duration of their stay abroad;
- meet the minimum level of language skills requested by their selected Partner Institution on the relevant <u>informative sheet</u>. If students do not have the necessary language proficiency at the time of the application deadline, <u>it is their own responsibility to reach the language level requested</u> by the Host University by the specified date.

<u>A special exam session</u> for Erasmus mobility participants will be held at the University Language Centre – CLA (Centro Linguistico di Ateneo - CLA), in addition to ordinary exam sessions on schedule.



- 4. be a resident in Italy or a country other than the participant's destination country.
- 5. Please also note that:
- 5.1 applications are <u>not</u> open to students who are enrolled beyond the normal duration of their degree programme (i.e. *fuori corso*);
- 5.2 applications from students who are in the third year of a Bachelor's degree (1st cycle) at the time of application will be considered only if they have earned at least 90 CFU credits at the time of the selection (see Art. 6). Students must be enrolled in a University of Verona Master's degree for 2021/2022 in the same subject area, or their grant will be revoked;
- 5.3 students who, at the time of applying, are in the second year of a Master's degree, or the final year of a Single cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's degree <u>may exceptionally apply</u>, provided that:
- the mobility is exclusively aimed at obtaining CFU credits for dissertation work;
- the mobility takes place in the first semester (it will not be possible to apply for year-long mobilities);
- they graduate by the last graduation session in the academic year 2020/2021, or their grant will be revoked:
- 5.4 students who are conditionally enrolled in a Master's degree (i.e. *carriera magistrale in ipotesi*) at the time of application should include their new Student ID number on the application form (see Art. 7). They will be able to participate in the mobility programme only if they complete their Bachelor's degree by the last possible graduation session in the academic year 2019/2020, or their grant will be revoked;
- 5.5 students enrolled in a joint university degree may participate in this mobility as long as their degree programme is administratively based at the University of Verona;
- 5.6. should a participating student change degree programme in the academic year 2021/2022, they will only be entitled to the mobility grant if the new programme is part of the same Department or School at the University of Verona.

# Art. 4 - Financial aspects and destination countries

- 1. Erasmus+ Student Mobility for Studies grants are funded by the European Commission, the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, and the University of Verona, and should be intended as a contribution towards mobility costs (e.g. travel tickets, accommodation, different cost of living) and therefore do not cover the entire cost of the stay.
- 2. The amount of the **European grant** per month is determined on the basis of the cost of living in the destination country, based on three groups defined by the European Commission:

Group:	Mobility to:
GROUP 1	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, UK1
GROUP 2	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain
GROUP 3	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey

3. As an **incentive for students** to take part in mobility programmes, and with the purpose of providing them with a better financial support, the University of Verona will grant an **additional sum** from the University and the Ministry of Education, University and Research. This **extra contribution** will be determined according to each student's ISEE band.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> About mobilities to the UK, please see Art. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Information about the ISEE for university scholarships and grants will be obtained from the INPS database for all students who submit a benefits application form (DUB) from July 2021.



4. The total grant amount is therefore calculated by adding the **EU grant** amount<sup>3</sup> – determined on the basis of the cost of living in the destination country – to the **extra contribution** amount, which depends on the student's income band, as specified below:

Mobility to:	BAND 1 (ISEE ≤ €30,000)	BAND 2 (ISEE > €30,000)
	Grant amount:	Grant amount:
GROUP 1	€700 per month	€600 per month
	(€300 EU grant	(€300 EU grant
	+ €400 extra contribution)	+ €300 extra contribution)
GROUP 2 and	€650 per month	€550 per month
GROUP 3	(€250 EU grant	(€250 EU grant
	+ €400 extra contribution)	+ €300 extra contribution)

5. For mobilities to the following universities (<u>Double/Joint degree programmes</u>), the grant amount is as follows:

Mobility to:	Degree programme	BAND 1 (ISEE ≤ €30,000) Grant amount:	BAND 2 (ISEE > €30,000) Grant amount:
Universidade da Coruña (Spain)	Master's degree in Comparative European and Non- European Languages and Literatures (international curriculum)	€1,100 per month	€1,000 per month
Universität Augsburg (Germany)	Master's degree in Tradition and Interpretation of Literary Texts	€1,100 per month	€1,000 per month
Université de Bordeaux (France)	Master's degree in International Economics and Business	€1,100 per month	€1,000 per month
Institute Polytechnique de Grenoble (France)	Master's degree in Mathematics	€1,100 per month	€1,000 per month

- 6. In accordance with the regulations on University Scholarships and Grants, the Veneto Region shall award additional regional funding to students enrolled at the University of Verona and taking part in international mobility programmes of which the University is part; these grants can be awarded only once for each degree programme. Those intending to apply must submit a DUB request from July 2021. Therefore, students will not need to submit any specific applications to the International Office in order to apply for these grants. Regional and ministerial grants will be awarded to successful applicants, following their order of merit in the ranking list, until all available funds have been allocated. The availability of regional funds will be confirmed upon publication of the Resolution of the Regional Council for the a.y. 2021/2022, approximately in June 2021.
- 7. The European Commission annually allocates an additional sum as a further grant to **students with disabilities**. Students who wish to apply for this funding should go to the International Office after having accepted the grants, so that their request can be sent in time to the Erasmus+ National Agency.
- 8. Students who receive an Erasmus+ Student Mobility for Studies grant are not permitted to receive any scholarships or funding from other European Commission programmes at the same time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please note: the amount of the EU grant may vary following the publication of the new Erasmus+ regulations (see Art. 2.1).



- 9. Mobility students do, however, have the right to receive in full any national scholarships and/or loans that they are entitled to.
- 10. If a mobility student fails to spend at least 3 months abroad and/or does not obtain the minimum number of CFU credits required by the university in relation to the duration of the mobility (12 CFU credits per mobility semester), they will be required to **repay their Erasmus+ mobility grant** in full. For further information on the number of credits that must be obtained while abroad, please see the University's Regulations on international student mobility.

#### Art. 5 - Non-EU destinations

1. In 2021/2022 <u>Switzerland</u> does not take part in the Erasmus+ programme. However, in order to ensure the continuation of the existing cooperation initiatives, incoming and outgoing mobility grants will be made available by the Swiss government. The amount of each grant will be communicated by the Host University directly to each student before departure. Moreover, the University of Verona will grant an additional sum depending on each student's ISEE band:

BAND 1 (ISEE ≤ 30,000)	BAND 2 (ISEE > 30,000)	
Grant amount:	Grant amount:	
€400 per month	€300 per month	

2. Mobilities to the <u>United Kingdom</u> are regulated and funded under the Erasmus+ Programme 2014/2020, therefore they shall be carried out in the academic year 2021/2022 as well. However, as a result of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union, students intending to carry out their mobility in the UK are recommended that they should check deadlines, costs and <u>procedures for requesting a visa</u> in advance.

## Art. 6 - Selection process

1. The selection of applicants for each field of study will be made by a specific selection committee, who will draw up a ranking list based on the evaluation of each student's academic transcript (number of CFU credits obtained in relation to their year of enrolment, average marks, etc.), taking into account each applicant's preferred destination place (see Art. 7).

<u>Academic merit</u> will be calculated as follows, based on the information present in the ESSE3 system (student exam record database) after the deadline of the Call for applications:

- 1. level of studies, in the following order of priority: PhD, Master's degree, Single cycle/Combined Bachelor's+Master's, Bachelor's degree;
- 2. number of merit points (based on the student's exam record), in decreasing order;
- 3. the destination will be assigned according to the number of places available and the applicant's specified order of preference.

Any changes in academic status and/or study-related data registered after the ranking lists have been drawn up will have no effect on the results of the ranking list.

In cases of equal merit, priority will be given to students who have not previously participated in an Erasmus programme (for either study or traineeship) or those who have spent a fewer number of days abroad. For further information about the selection committees and additional selection criteria for each field of study, students should visit the web page of the relevant Department or School.

2. The provisional rankings will be published on the University's website by 22 March 2021.

Applicants must report any points calculation errors to the International Office <u>within 5 days</u> of the provisional ranking list being published. Any reports received after such time will <u>not</u> be taken into consideration.

3. The Selection Committee may ask a student to attend an **interview** to ask them about their reasons for applying, as well as to make sure that the student chooses the most suitable Host University to achieve their academic goals. If an interview is required, applicants will need to check the date, place and time of their interview online at: http://www.univr.it > International > Opportunità all'estero > Documenti > Erasmus+ per studio - Bando.



- 4. The **final ranking list** will be published by **9 April 2021** on the University's website at: http://www.univr.it > Concorsi > Studenti > Mobilità Studentesca Internazionale > Erasmus+ per studio Bando.
- 5. Within 5 days of the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must confirm on ESSE3 that they accept the destination and the mobility period. Failure to formally accept the offer within this time will result in the student being removed from the ranking list.
- 6. The International Office will send the names of the successful applicants (*nominations*) to the relevant **Host Universities**, which will **make the final decision** on whether to admit each applicant or not and for the **modules** and/or activities previously agreed upon, based on their own regulations. Host Universities shall independently decide to cancel or postpone any mobilities due to health emergency reasons or force majeure.
- 7. Due to the delayed publication of this *Call for applications*, **some Partner Institutions may not be able to host the student for the mobility during the first semester.** All applicants are therefore invited to check very carefully the deadlines for *Nomination* and *Application* forms of all institutions according to their preferences to be included in the application form.
- 8. By 31 May 2021 at the latest the Selection Committee may reallocate any available places remaining for one-semester grant (between 3 and 6 months), strictly to be used in **Semester 2**.

# Art 7 – Application procedure and deadline

- 1. Before submitting their application for this Call, students must:
- check that their personal details entered in the ESSE3 application form are correct (phone number, mobile, etc.);
- check for any errors or delays that might have occurred in recording their academic data. If that's the case, they should first request that this information be corrected or updated on their academic record by contacting the Teaching and Student Services Unit and/or the relevant teaching structure before the application deadline of this Call. **Application forms must be completed electronically online** on <u>Esse3</u> by:

15 MARCH 2021 (12:00 noon, Italian time).

#### Students must state:

- their language level at the time of the application (see Art. 3, point 3);
- any previous Erasmus mobility programmes they have participated in (including any mobilities cancelled in the a.y. 2020/2021 due to the Covid-19 public health emergency);
- their chosen mobility destination(s), in order of preference (see the "Guidelines for completing the online Erasmus+ application form").

After completing the form, it is necessary to click on "CONFERMA ISCRIZIONE E STAMPA DEFINITIVA" [confirm registration and print]. This is necessary in order to submit the form. It is not necessary to send the automatically-generated PDF to the International Office. This should be kept by the student as proof that the application was sent correctly.

For further technical details about completing the application form online in Esse3, see the "Guidelines for completing the online Erasmus+ application form".

- 2. It is important for students to choose each of their universities carefully, referring to the information contained in the <a href="Informative sheets">Informative sheets</a> to ensure that the modules offered at <a href="each">each</a> destination are compatible with their own degree programme for the relevant academic year, and that the duration of the exchange is appropriate to their own plans, since they could be assigned to <a href="any of the destinations">any</a> of the destinations they select (see Art. 6). Students applying for a mobility grant covering one academic year will not be able to change the duration of their mobility to one semester, unless the mobility is postponed by the relevant Host University due to the Covid-19 health emergency.
- 3. Students may not choose host universities in a different field of studies to their own degree programme.
- 4. **Students from non-European Union countries** must attach a copy of a document stating they are a "permanent resident" or "stateless" or a "refugee" and/or a copy of their stay permit (*carta di soggiorno*



or *permesso di soggiorno*), which should be current and preferably still valid for the entire duration of their intended stay abroad. Non-EU students who are awarded an Erasmus+ grant must ensure their papers are completely in order before departing (e.g. renewing their stay permit/visa, etc.) and for the entire duration of the mobility period abroad, or the grant will be revoked and any funding received must be repaid. Non-EU students are also recommended that they should check deadlines, costs and procedures for requesting a visa for the relevant destination country in advance.

- 5. **PhD students** must <u>attach</u> to their application form an authorisation letter from their PhD Coordinator giving the student permission to spend a period abroad.
- 6. Applicants are advised that the University is required to check the truthfulness of any substitutive declarations received. Should a declaration be found false or misleading, in addition to the loss of any benefits gained by the applicant on the basis of **a false declaration**, criminal sanctions for false statements and the forgery of documents shall apply. In such a case, students concerned who have already received funding will be excluded from the programme and will be required to return the entire sum of money they have received.

## Art. 8 - Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by those who apply for a mobility grant under this Call are processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter the "Regulation") and the applicable personal data protection regulations.

The processing of such data is carried out by the University of Verona as Data Controller pursuant to Articles 24 et seq. of the Regulation, for the purposes set out in the present Call, in the performance of its institutional functions.

An information notice for students on the purposes of the processing, data recipients and the rights of Data Subjects is available on the University's website, at the following link: <a href="www.univr.it/it/privacy">www.univr.it/it/privacy</a>.

# Art. 9 - Further information and contact details

1. **Online Erasmus Info Days** organised by the International Office are regularly held to present the technical aspects of the programme and explain how to complete the application form. The dates for these meetings, as well as all the information about this Call for applications and any updates and/or further specifications, will be posted online on the University's website at:

http://www.univr.it > International > Opportunità all'estero.

## Contact details:

#### International Office

<u>Service Desk</u> (please send requests for information to: <u>Direzione Studenti</u> > <u>Mobilità Internazionale</u> > <u>Erasmus+ Studio</u> > select your field of study).

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Sport Sciences, Science and Engineering, and Medicine (Single cycle/Combined Bachelor+Master's degree programme, and health-related courses): +39 045 802 8530

2. Pursuant to and for the purposes of Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the Procedure Officer is the Head of International Office, – Directorate for Teaching and Student Services, Chiostro S. Francesco (cloister), first floor (staircase A), Via San Francesco, 22 – 37129 Verona, tel. +39 045 802 8043 – 8440 – 8530, email: relazioni.internazionali@ateneo.univr.it

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