



#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR LONG-TERM PHYSICAL/BLENDED STUDY MOBILITY UNDER THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME in the 2025/2026 academic year

# 1. NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE ENTITY PUBLISHING THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The call is published by the University of Ljubljana, Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia (hereinafter: UL).

#### 2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Erasmus+ is an EU programme that supports international cooperation in education, training, youth and sport. Its purpose is to raise the quality of education and training, thereby enhancing social cohesion and the EU's economic competitiveness. Erasmus+ strives to allow as many individuals as possible to take part in the programme, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and addresses inclusion and diversity, the environment and the fight against climate change (Green Erasmus+), the digital transition, participation in democratic life, shared values and civic engagement as its key topics and activities.

This call for applications concerns the key action KA1 131: learning mobility of individuals.

The Erasmus+ programme allows students to complete a part of their regular academic requirements in any cycle (including the preparation of bachelor's and master's theses and doctoral dissertations but excluding research that does not constitute a direct academic requirement) at a partner institution abroad instead of their home institution. Partner institutions are those with which the student's university/member faculty has signed an inter-institutional agreement on student mobility in a given academic year.

# The period of physical mobility abroad may last <u>from two to 12 months</u> in each academic cycle. That period can be combined with virtual mobility up to a maximum of 12 months, whereby the virtual portion of the mobility is not funded through Erasmus+ and does not count towards the Erasmus+ quota of 12 months.

Students who will have completed some of their academic requirements abroad by taking part in the Lifelong Learning, Erasmus+, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility programmes by 2025/2026, but have not taken the entire period of 12 months abroad, may also apply to the call. The total period of the studies and the practical training, both already completed and applied for, may not exceed 12 months per study cycle, with the exception of integrated programmes where student mobility and practical training together may not take longer than 24 months.

The objectives of such mobility are as follows:

- improving learning competencies,
- improving employability and employment opportunities;
- enhancing self-initiative and entrepreneurial skills;
- enhancing self-confidence and self-respect;
- improving foreign language and digital skills;
- enhancing inter-cultural awareness;
- improving active participation in society;
- promoting positive interactions with individuals from various environments;
- increasing familiarity with EU projects and EU values;
- increasing motivation for further education (formal and informal) and post-mobility training.

Studies abroad under the Erasmus+ programme must be determined in advance by a LEARNING AGREEMENT, which must be concluded by the student, the Erasmus+ coordinator at their home institution and the Erasmus+ coordinator at the host institution. The Learning Agreement concluded by all three parties is a required condition for the issuing of an Erasmus+ Grant Agreement. The Erasmus+ Grant Agreement between the UL and the student must be concluded BEFORE the student leaves to attend Erasmus+ mobility.

The minimum number of credits which an UL student must earn while on the mobility abroad and which will be recognised by their home institution is 20 ECTS and 40 ECTS, for one and two semesters, respectively. However, students are encouraged to undertake a full course load during the mobility, which amounts to 30 ECTS per semester or 60 ECTS per year.

# UL students preparing their thesis abroad or earning less than 20 ECTS per semester on the mobility may apply for the Erasmus+ grant for a maximum of three months.

The Erasmus+ participating countries include the EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

# Students may not take part in the mobility programme in the country of the sending university, in the country of their permanent residence or in the country of which they are citizens. The student must reside in the city of the hosting university for the entire duration of the Erasmus+ study abroad.

The period of study abroad must be part of the student's academic programme that leads to a first-, second- or third-cycle degree.

Before the mobility programme, all selected Erasmus+ students, with the exception of native speakers, shall take **an online language test (OLS)** on the **EU Academy** platform. Additionally, students are advised to take advantage of the online courses available on the EU Academy platform.

Students are not entitled to a grant to attend foreign language courses that are organised by universities abroad before the beginning of the semester and are simultaneously available in the OLS system. Only in cases where a course is part of a programme of intercultural preparations or a preparation week, where the foreign language course concerns specialist terminology pertaining to the recipient's field of study, or where the course is a general language course conducted at a level that is higher than that of the courses available in the OLS system, is the student also entitled to a grant for the duration of the course. Such a course must be included in the Learning Agreement.

The period of study abroad may also include traineeship. Such combined mobility creates synergies between the academic and professional experience abroad, and may be organised in a variety of ways, depending on the circumstances: activities may take place one after another or simultaneously. The rules regarding the granting of funds and minimum duration that apply for mobility with the aim of studying abroad also apply for such combinations.

# Only mobility sessions aimed at studying abroad that are to be conducted between 1 June 2025 and 30 September 2026 may be applied for.

#### 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPLICANTS AND CONTENT AND COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

## 3.1. Terms and conditions for applicants

This call for applications is intended for UL students subject to the following terms and conditions:

- they have active student status at their home UL faculty for the entire duration of the mobility,
- they have no outstanding financial obligations arising from an Erasmus or Erasmus+ programme,
- they have not been sanctioned in disciplinary proceedings in the course of study in the cycle in which they are applying to this call.

## 3.2. Content and completion of the application form

To apply to the call, the applicants must fill out an online application form in accordance with their faculty's instructions by the deadline set by their faculty.

They must also provide the following proof:

- evidence of completed academic requirements; the grade point average in the student's current academic cycle will be considered. A student who has not yet passed any exams or practical classes during the current academic cycle should submit evidence of requirements completed during the preceding academic cycle;
- a motivational letter of at least one and a maximum of two pages in length.

#### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA AND METHOD

#### 4.1. Application assessment criteria

- Academic performance to date; the grade point average in the student's current academic cycle will be considered. A student who has not yet passed any exams or practical classes in the current academic cycle should submit a certificate of exams passed in the preceding academic cycle;
- a motivational letter.

The faculty must send decisions on selection, with the possibility of appeal, to all students. Decisions issued by the faculty's senate regarding an appeal are final.

#### 4.2. Application assessment process

The student's faculty will conduct the selection procedure based on the applications received. Student applications will be assessed by the competent persons at the faculty, following the criteria laid out in point 4.1 of the call for applications, and the student will be informed of the resulting decision. In the course of selection, priority will be given to applicants who in previous years had not yet cancelled an already approved mobility (except in cases of *force majeure*). UL members will select Erasmus+ students in a transparent, public and proper manner. Member faculties will inform the UL Office of International Relations of their selection.

#### 5. GRANT

Erasmus+ programme students are not automatically entitled to an Erasmus+ grant. They must apply for the grant and any additional allowances online, via the UL's VIS portal. The Erasmus+ grant must be paid to the student before the mobility programme begins.

The **first day** of the mobility programme shall be the day on which a student must be present at the host institution, which may be the first day of lectures, a welcome event, or the first day of linguistic or intercultural preparation, which is a component part of the mobility, and not the day of arriving abroad. The **last day** shall be the last day when a student has to be present at the host institution (this may be the last day of lectures or the day of the last exam) and not the departure day.

The purpose of the Erasmus+ grant is to <u>co-finance</u> study abroad, not to cover the expenses in full. The amount will be defined in the Erasmus+ Grant Agreement, which the student will sign with the UL after submitting the application documentation.

The grant may only be awarded for the duration of regular academic obligations in accordance with the academic calendar at the partner institution and for the duration of the periods set in this call. A student who receives an Erasmus+ grant remains entitled to receive any national scholarships (e.g. government scholarship, Zois scholarship, etc.).

The number of months approved to be funded per student depends on the amount of funds the UL will have at its disposal. If the funding proves insufficient to cover all activities applied for, the UL will limit the number of mobility sessions per person and the number of months to be funded.

The students' rights, obligations and responsibilities concerning the awarding of grants will be specified in detail in the Erasmus+ Grant Agreement, which the students shall enter into with the UL before departing to study abroad.

Group 1: Erasmus+ programme countries with a high cost of living	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Island, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Germany, The Nederlands, Norway, Sweden	€674
Group 2:	Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain	€606
Erasmus+ programme		
countries with a medium		
cost of living		
<u>Group 3:</u>	Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Hungary, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Turkey	€550
Erasmus+ programme countries with a low cost of living		

# During the 2025 project year, the Erasmus+ grant amounts by country of mobility as follows:

5.1. In addition to the basic Erasmus+ grant, UL students selected in this call for applications will also be able to apply for the **Supplement to the Erasmus+ Grant** if

the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia publishes a call for the individual mobility of students abroad as part of the Erasmus+ programme for 2025 and the UL is successful in its application. Students have so far been eligible for the allowance if they met the following conditions:

I am a citizen of the Republic of Slovenia with residence in the Republic of Slovenia

or

- I am a citizen of another EU member state who has lived in the Republic of Slovenia for five years continuously and immediately before leaving for the exchange, as part of which I claim the grant
  - or
- I am a citizen of a third country who has acquired long-term resident status and
- □ prior to reaching the age of 27 I enrolled for the first time in a state-approved firstor second-cycle higher vocational or higher education programme which is offered in Slovenia by the applicant for the purpose of study or traineeship presented by the applicant,
- □ I do not simultaneously receive any of the scholarships for study visits from other sources in Slovenia or from abroad, except the Erasmus grant;
- □ I am not employed and do not carry out an independent registered activity in Slovenia or abroad;
- □ I am not a company manager or a director of a private institution;
- □ I am not registered as unemployed at the Employment Service of Slovenia or any competent institution abroad;
- □ I meet the conditions for the Erasmus mobility programme within the study period as defined by CMEPIUS;
- □ I will take part in the Erasmus mobility programme;
- □ I will have the requirements completed abroad evaluated (recognised) by the educational institution at which I am enrolled in Slovenia as part of the educational programme at that institution,
- I did not receive, for the same period of Erasmus mobility, any scholarship within the public call for applications for scholarships for individual student mobility abroad in the 2024 academic year in the framework of Erasmus (358<sup>th</sup> public call),
- □ no other applicant has claimed funds on my behalf within this call for applications,
- I am familiar with the fact that, pursuant to the Scholarship Act (Z-štp-1), students without student status (graduates) and 3rd cycle students are not eligible for funds available under the call for applications from the Public Fund for Personnel Development and Grants of the Republic of Slovenia, and I do not fall into either of these two categories.

# The amount of the Supplement to the Erasmus+ grant for the 2025 project is yet to be announced. In 2024 it amounted to $\in$ 33.97 per month.

5.2. In addition to the basic Erasmus+ grant, students from disadvantaged backgrounds selected in the call will also receive an additional social inclusion allowance. This allowance will amount to €250/month.

To be eligible for the inclusion allowance, <u>students must meet the following</u> <u>conditions at the time of application (or at the latest until the beginning of mobility):</u>

- have the status of a student with special needs or
- have the status of a student with special status (status of categorised athlete or recognised artist, be a participant in international competitions, or have parent status) or

- you or one of your family members (who live in the same household as the student) have:
  - a decision issued by the Social Work Centre (government scholarship, cash social assistance, income support, child benefit or large family allowance) or
  - o a decision issued by the Slovenian Health Institute or
  - $\circ$   $\,$  a decision issued by the Slovenian National Education Institute or
  - a decision issued by the Pension and Disability Insurance Institute, proving disability, for example, or
- you come from a single-parent family (a single-parent family is a community of one parent and one or more children, where the other parent is deceased and the child does not receive maintenance payments from that parent, the other parent is unknown or the child does not actually receive maintenance payments from the other parent) or
- you come from a foster family or
- Slovenia is offering you international protection or
  you are a member of the Roma community.

A student proves their entitlement with an appropriate decision/document, which is part of the application documents, when they apply for financial assistance.

5.3. Under this call, students are also eligible for a travel allowance, the amount of which depends on the distance between the location of the sending organization (Ljubljana) and the location of the host organization, as well as the mode of travel (green travel or not). The EU Distance Calculator (<u>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator</u>) is used to calculate the distance. A one-way distance to the mobility location is considered.

A higher amount from the table below will be allocated to students who travel to and from the mobility destination using low-emission modes of transportation, such as buses, trains, or other group transportation (e.g., GoOpti, Nomago, etc.) and/or bicycles. Cars or carpooling, motorcycles, airplanes, and boats are not considered low-emission modes of transportation. The difference between standard travel and green travel will be disbursed to the student after the mobility period, upon submission of appropriate proof of the mode of travel and a signed declaration of honor. Students may be awarded up to an additional maximum of 6 funded days (up to 3 in each direction of travel) for undertaking green travel, provided that the proof shows that additional days were indeed needed for green travel (as evidenced by the submitted tickets).

Students are encouraged to use low emission means of transport for journeys shorter than 500 km. There is a special Erasmus+ Interrail pass offer available for Erasmus+ students. More information available: <u>https://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes/erasmus</u>

Distance to Mobility Location (Calculated with EU Distance Calculator)	Standard Travel (Payment per Participant)	Green Travel + Up to 6 Additional Days for Travel (Payment per Participant)
med 10 in 99 km	28€	56€
med 100 in 499 km	211€	285€
med 500 in 1999 km	309 €	417 €
med 2000 in 2999 km	395€	535€
med 3000 in 3999 km	580€	785€
med 4000 in 7999 km	1188€	1188 €
8000 km ali več	1735€	1735 €

5.4. Students with special needs who are confirmed for the Erasmus+ mobility will be able to apply for additional funds within the call for applications, which they should receive by email in the summer of 2025. They will also be entitled to a special needs supplement if the allowance for fewer opportunities will not be enough to cover the additional expenses, they will have due to the nature of their special needs. A complete application with attachments must be submitted by a student with special needs to the USMS at least 45 days before the start of the mobility.

Students with special needs include those who require the provision of programmes with additional specialist assistance or adaptations regarding the nature of their specific needs.

Students with special needs are blind, partially sighted or visually impaired students, deaf and hearing-impaired students, students with speech and language disorders, students with reduced mobility, students with a long-term health condition, students with autistic disorders and students with emotional and behavioural disorders.

Examples of additional costs for students with special needs include additional travel expenses, adapted local transportation, additional costs due to adapted accommodation, additional costs due to assistance, costs of health services, costs of special teaching aids, etc.

Students who apply to the UL call for applications to co-fund student mobility with the aim of studying abroad in Erasmus+ programme countries and who are approved by their faculties for study abroad in the 2025/2026 academic year and are listed among the selected students, will be regularly informed of all subsequent procedures, the amount of the Erasmus+ grant and the possibilities of obtaining additional scholarships, and the online language preparation course by email.

#### 6. HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

#### The faculty shall accept applications to the call for at least six weeks.

Students who want to participate in mobility abroad as Erasmus+ students should fill out an <u>online application form following the instructions provided by their faculty</u> and submit it by the date set by their faculty.

The student's faculty will forward the information on the selected applicants in the prescribed Excel table to the UL International Relations Office via SharePoint <u>by 13</u> <u>February 2025</u>. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the set deadline will not be considered.

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## 7. INFORMATION ON SELECTION

Students will be informed whether they have been selected or not by a decision issued by their faculty.

## 8. APPEAL

Applicants may appeal against the decision under the previous point to the competent committee within eight days of receiving the decision. The competent committee will issue a decision on the appeal. An appeal must be filed in writing, explaining in detail the reasons for lodging it. The application terms and conditions and the application assessment criteria may not constitute the subject of an appeal.

## 9. CALL DOCUMENTS

- The documentation related to the call for applications is available at : <u>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/news/2025-erasmus-call-for-funding-now-open</u>
- A guide for applicants is available at <u>https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/sl/erasmus-programme-guide</u>
- The UL call for applications is available at: Search | University of Ljubljana

Any additional criteria and other specific information will be provided by individual UL faculties on their respective websites.

## 10. CHANGE OF THE CALL'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND FUNDING

As the entity publishing this call for applications, the University of Ljubljana reserves the right to amend the funding terms and conditions in the event of changes to the financing conditions or *force majeure*. It may change the rules and conditions for participating in the call at any time.

The University will post any changes and updates on the following website: <u>Izmenjave za</u> <u>študij | Univerza v Ljubljani</u>

## **11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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