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ERASMUS+ Programme¹, Key Action 1 MOBILITY FOR STUDIES² A.Y. 2020-2021 CALL FOR APPLICATION

FOR THE ALLOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL MOBILITY GRANT
FOR PURPOSES OF STUDY ABROAD

Deadline
February 28th, 2020 at 12.00

Programme co-financed by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research - MIUR and the European Commission.

Conditions provided by this call for application may be modified or be subject to integrations, according to the publication of updates to the Italian and European regulations on Erasmus+ Programme 2014-2020 *.

Payment of individual student mobility grants for study/traineeship abroad - hereafter called the Grant - will be made after disbursment of EU grants by the Erasmus+ INDIRE National Agency

***For instance in case of Brexit.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 1 Student Mobility for study and traineeship, hereafter called the Programme, is developed based on bilateral/multilateral agreements between European Universities, hereafter called Host Universities, and the University of Rome Tor Vergata. By means of bilateral/multilateral agreements, the University offers to its students a very wide range of teachings abroad thus implementing the process of internationalization and, at the same time, greatly expanding the training offer.

¹ REGULATION (EU) NO 1288/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 December 2013 establishing "Erasmus+", the European Union Programme for education, training, youth and sport applying from January 1st, 2014 to December 31, 2020.

² The Attachments of each School/Department, when provided for by individual Study Courses and Bilateral/Multilateral Agreements, may provide a mixed study/traineeship mobility. Traineeship is a working period abroad during which no exams can be taken.

Therefore, it is up to the University to organize the mobility in general, to receive and disseminate information from the Commission through the EACEA, to retrieve and to manage funds and to supervise the quality of mobility. Schools/Departments are responsible for the maintenance of long-term agreements established with partner universities abroad, for the drafting of new agreements in order to enrich the educational offer and, last but not least, the selection of candidates.

Based on what above exposed, each School/ Department indicates to the University the members of the Evaluating Commission, hereafter called *Commission*, consisting of a minimum of three members, two teacher (possibly representative of the programme) and the Erasmus administrative contact person. The Commission is named by the Rector.

After collecting submitted applications, within the deadlines, the Commission arranges to draw up the ranking list by merit, which will be published with possible terms for claims set out.

Subsequently, a meeting will be held in each School/Department to formalise the acceptance of the Grant as indicated in the ranking list of admitted candidates.

Please note: The failure by the candidate to show up (or by a delegated person with a signed proxy and a copy of a valid document of both the delegator and the delegate) at the meeting will be considered by law as a renunciation of participation in the Programme.

After the meeting, each School/Department will proceed with the definitive assignation of grants, thus communicating to the Erasmus+ Office of the University the formal acceptances of the admitted students, a list of these admitted students, specifying place and duration, and a list of admitted students in reserve (non-grantees).

After the selection and the award of the EU Programme grant, the student, before his/her departure, has to sign an *Agreement for Mobility* with the University, hereafter called *Agreement*. The signature of the *Agreement* will be considered a formal acceptance of the EU Programme Grant. The subject of the *Agreement* is the student mobility. Therefore, the *Agreement* will be effective from the actual mobility of the selected applicant/grantee.

Each School/Department takes care of the publication of the Attachment of the call for application of the Programme with all the information concerning the places available, applications' deadlines,

specific forms, criteria of selection and evaluation and any special conditions (**check School/Department's attachments**).

As regards didactic activities that can be taken at the Host University, the grantee will have to prepare the **Learning Agreement**³ before departure as indicated by the Erasmus+ Office of each School/Department (see Attachments).

PhD students must agree their training abroad (filling in their Learning Agreement) with the coordinator of the doctoral course.

Please note: The "Learning Agreement" form for "Study and Traineeship" is the **mandatory document** for the purpose of completing mobility, which must be approved and signed by the home University, by the host University and by the student himself **before departure**.

It consists in the drafting and approval by the Degree Course (Faculty / Macro Area / Department) of a part of the student's curricular study path. If the Degree Program (CCS) does not recognize and convert the activity carried out abroad by the student to CFU, indicated in the Learning Agreement and certified in the Transcript of Records, **the student will lose all rights to funding and will be required to return any amount unduly received under penalty of blocking a university career.**

Any substantial change in the activities, the dates of performance and any extensions of the mobility must be agreed in writing by the parties.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VISA

The student **will have personally to get** information on:

- ✓ possible regulations about the entrance in the host country by contacting in due time the competent diplomatic offices (Embassies and Consulates) in Italy;
- ✓ health care in the host country. Students have to refer to their Local Health Centre (i.e. ASL) or to diplomatic offices.
- ✓ Regularization of the residence permit in Italy.

Laws and regulations on non-EU students' immigration in countries participating in the Programme are related to students' nationality: each student has the responsibility to refer to relevant diplomatic offices in due time, to collect information and obtain documents entitling them to enter and stay in the Host Country.

³ Student's mobility always depends on acceptance by the Host University. The form "Learning Agreement" is a fundamental document for mobility that has to be approved and signed by the Home University, the Host University and the student before departure.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION

Host Universities generally help students find an accommodation -when possible at a fixed price- in University campuses or halls of residency. Erasmus+ Office of each School/Department is in charge of communicating to Host Universities the names of grantees per semester.

Information about Host Universities can be asked at the Erasmus+ Office of each School/Department.

ART. 1 – PARTECIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Students or graduating students in the academic year 2019-2020 who will be **regularly enrolled** in a course of study, coherent with the previous one, for the academic year 2020-2021 can apply.

Please note: The student who has not completed the regular enrollment in the academic year 2019-2020 before departure (for example, the student who does not pay the taxes by applying for the “cautelativa”, etc.) automatically loses the right to mobility and can not benefit the Erasmus status or the community contribution.

To benefit of the European Community grant, the student must:

- ✓ not benefit at the same time of a European Community grant for other programmes or from actions funded by the European Commission or from a grant under other international mobility programmes of this University and/or equivalent to those in this University;
- ✓ not have reached the maximum number of months of mobility allowed by the Erasmus+ programme in his/her cycle of studies (Erasmus+ allows different periods of mobility per cycle of study, whether it is for study or training period. A total of 12 months of mobility is allowed for each cycle of study, Bachelor's programme, Master's programme, PhD/postgraduate's programme and a total of 24 months for the one-cycle programme).

Please note: Mobility towards the student's country of residence is not allowed.

LINGUISTIC KNOWLEDGE

It is **strongly recommended** to have a proven knowledge of the language(s) spoken in the country of destination or the language accepted by the host University as “learning language”.

In fact, the Programme is developed on the basis of bilateral/multilateral agreements between the Host University and the Home University, which require a specific level of linguistic knowledge (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2).

Based on these agreements, **the Host University has the right not to accept** the student -even after the allocation of the grant- if deemed unprepared on a linguistic level.

The Agreement may provide that the level of linguistic knowledge be certified, which means that it may require a **certification (compulsory)** issued by a qualified Institute or Body.

The agreement may provide that the level of linguistic knowledge is not necessarily certified, which means that it may require a simple **certificate indicating** the level reached (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) issued by a qualified Institute or Body.

As concerns the language requirements for the selection of candidates, please refer to the attachments of each School.

The **European service of linguistic support online (OLS)**⁴ is an important innovation introduced by the Programme. It gives to participants in mobility activities the opportunity to assess their knowledge of the language they will use to study abroad and to take an online language course for free to improve their skills.

Art. 2 – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Submission of applications will occur online only, by filling out the form available at the following link: <http://mobint.uniroma2.it/erasmus/candidatura/Default.aspx>.

The submission form will be available on line starting from the issue of the Rector's Decree.

The deadline for submitting the form is on February 28th, 2020 at 12 o'clock.

Please note: The candidate is entirely responsible for filling out the application form. At the expiry of the call, applications that do not result "Validated" (completed and closed) online will be considered void, as well as applications containing incorrect or untrue data. It will not be possible to modify or cancel the applications submitted.

Art. 3 – MOBILITY

⁴ <http://www.erasmusplus.it/universita/ols-supporto-linguistico-online/>

If one of the following situations occurs, the student **will not be entitled to EU grants**:

- ✓ the student or graduating student will be not enrolled in the University of Rome Tor Vergata in a session of the academic year 2020/2021 and he/she is not enrolled or graduating in the academic year 2019/2020;
- ✓ the student has not completed the registration (not paid the fees) for the a. y. 2020-2021 before departure; The student leaving in the first semester / annual must be enrolled in a Study Program, or have paid the first part of the fees, **before departure** and in any case not later than 20 September 2020;
 - The student leaving in the second semester must be enrolled in a Study Program, or have paid the first part of the fees, **before departure** and in any case no later than November 5, 2020.
- ✓ the Host University does not authorise activities provided for in the student's Learning Agreement;
- ✓ the student is not in order with other public administrations which he/she is related with for study reasons (i.e. LazioDisco).

Grants are available for a duration of 3 to 12 months (not less than 90 days).

For mobility periods of less than 12 months, students may ask the School/Department an **extension** of the mobility period within the same academic year and at the same location but without **additional Grant**. The request should be formally submitted to the School/Department of Home University, which can accept it or reject it if the extension's reasons are not properly justified.

The Erasmus Office of the University, upon presentation of the certification of the additional study period, will automatically amend the Mobility Agreement.

Before departing, the student has to:

- ✓ sign the MOBILITY AGREEMENT;
- ✓ sign the CODE OF CONDUCT of students during mobility periods;
- ✓ sign the LEARNING AGREEMENT (see attachments).

After returning from the mobility period

The student will have to submit the following documents to the Erasmus+ Central Office of the University of Rome Tor Vergata within 15 days after returning from mobility (and no later than October 10, 2021):

- ✓ **Original copy of Confirmation Letter or Learning Agreement** issued by the Host University containing exact dates of arrival and departure;
- ✓ **Original copy of the transcript of Records** issued by the Host University (when possible);
- ✓ **the proof of the final, compulsory**, language test (OLS).
- ✓ “**Participant Record**” to fill out online on the website indicated via email by the EACEA;

To submit a request for the recognition of the mobility period in the framework of the Programme by the home School/Department and/or Study Course, it is necessary to have an **authorization** by the Erasmus+ Office of the University. The Office will issue that authorization when the administrative position of the student is regularised.

The mobility period shall end anyway before September 30th, 2021.

EARNING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS FROM THE HOST UNIVERSITY

As indicated by the European Commission, the University requires that the student participating in the Programme earns a minimum number of credits (ECTS) at the Host University provided for one year by the current didactic programme. The student spending a year abroad should earn at least 24 credits; the student spending a semester abroad should earn at least 12 credits; the student spending three months abroad should earn at least 6 credits.

Please note: For each month the students must have acquired at least 2 CFU.

If this is not achieved, the University will not pay to the student the EU grant and will request the student to return any fund already paid. The Programme Board of the School/Department can evaluate special cases-like mobility for graduation thesis- upon written request by the student. Grantees enrolled in PhD courses are not required to earn credits.

The equivalent marks of the exams taken abroad are determined on the basis of the independent assessment of each Faculty / Macroarea Council and / or Study Program in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the Academic Senate of 07/26/2016 concerning "Package Recognition" of Credits earned abroad.

In the framework of the Programme, **traineeships** are certified through a *Traineeship Certificate* issued by the Host University. After authorization by the Council of the Study Course, a traineeship can allow (when provided) the recognition of the work experience abroad as part of the student's

training course and the achievement of Credits (ETCS) as well as the mentioning of the traineeship experience in the Diploma Supplement.

Art. 4 –THE MOBILITY GRANT

The financial contribution for the period of mobility is provided through funds allocated by the Erasmus + National Agency and the Ministry of Education, University and Research. The contribution consists of the following items:

- A. Erasmus monthly scholarship for an amount corresponding to 250.00 or 300.00 euros. The amount depends on the destination country (see Table 1)⁵.

Table 1. EC subdivision of countries participating in the program according to the cost of living

Mobility grant	Countries
GROUP 1 (high living cost) € 300 /month	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Norway
GRUPPO 2 (medium living cost) € 250 /month	Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Malta, Portugal
GRUPPO 3 (low living cost) € 250 /month	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

The scholarship is granted to all students on the move, excluding students on the move to the Swiss Confederation;

The exact amount of the mobility grant **will be calculated in days**, according to the note of the Erasmus+ INDIRE National Agency of September 17, 2014 Prot N° 2148/ERASMUSPLUS/KA1.

Grant duration is calculated based on the starting and ending dates of the traineeship (day/month/year) according to the commercial year of 360 days. Therefore, every month will be considered of 30 days, regardless of its duration. In case of incomplete months, the grant will be calculated by multiplying the number of days of the incomplete month by 1/30 of the unit cost per month.

⁵ http://www.erasmusplus.it/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Disposizioni-nazionali-allegatealla-Guida-al-Programma-2018_HIGHER-EDUCATION_V.2_16_03_2018.pdf

A supplement to the EU Programme grant is provided for students with disabilities from the ERASMUS+ INDIRE National Agency.

For this type of funding, the student must submit a request to the ERASMUS+ Office of the School. Mobility students will also have the opportunity to access "Honor Loans" at a number of Institutes affiliated with the EU. The list of selected financial intermediaries will be published and updated regularly on the Erasmus + Community website:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/masters-loans_en.htm

B. Supplementary contribution

It may also be envisaged an integration of the Community Contribution according to the provisions of the note MIUR - Ministerial Decree of 29 December 2017 n. 1047*.

* Students who do not complete their course of study in the normal duration, increased by one year, will be automatically excluded from funding, according to the law.

The contribution will be financed with funds provided by MIUR (Ministry of Education, University and Research), and will be payed according to the provisions of Ministerial Decree 1047 of 29/12/2017 (Youth Support Fund - FSG) and the monthly amount of the scholarships will be defined with reference to the economic condition resulting from the ISEE ** certificate, as indicated in the above mentioned Ministerial Decree 1047.

** As regards the determination of the composition of the family unit, the indicator of the income situation, the indicator of the equity situation and the procedures for completing the framework relating to the request for benefits for the right to study, as well as for any other matter referred for the calculation of the ISEE, this announcement refers to DPCM no. 159 of 5 December 2013 "Regulation concerning the revision of the methods of determination and the fields of application of the Indicator of the equivalent economic situation - ISEE".

For students residing in Italy, upon enrollment for the academic year 2020-2021, for the payment of the contribution, it is necessary to authorize the University, on the DELPHI platform, to request the ISEE from the "Agenzia delle Entrate" relating to subsidized services for the right to study.

For foreign students from one of the European Union countries not resident in Italy, for the purpose of granting the contribution, they must produce in the application the "Data collection form for university equivalent indicator" issued by the CAF and acquired by the "Welcome Office" upon registration.

For students who are not resident in Italy and are citizens of non-European Union States, the law 11 DECEMBER 2016 n. 232, provides in Article 1, paragraph 261:

"In the case of students with the citizenship of States not belonging to the European Union, and not resident in Italy, for whom the calculation of the ISEE of the family unit of belonging in accordance with article 8, paragraph 5 of the regulation is inapplicable referred to in the decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 5 December 2013, n.159 the amount of the annual all-inclusive contribution is established by the individual state universities, also in derogation of the criteria identified in paragraphs from 255 to 258 of this article ".

Foreign citizens who are not resident in Italy cannot make use of the self-certification institute in any way.

In relation to the provisions of the aforementioned standards and in accordance with the provisions of the Ministerial Decree no. 1047, students who are not resident in Italy, who are citizens of non-European Union countries, will be only able to submit an application for supplement to the funding for erasmus mobility to LazioDisco which annually grants funds “ad hoc” for this kind of mobility.

FISCAL TREATMENT OF THE EU PROGRAMME GRANT

The EU Programme grant does not constitute income (ref. 247/E of 1999, Art 6, paragraph 13 of Law N° 488 of 1999) unless the total annual amount is higher € 7.746,85. If the amount is higher than the limit indicated by the Law, it will entirely constitute income for the person who receives it.

PAYMENT

In according to the Decree's Law December 6, 2011, n. 201- "Urgent measures for growth, equity and consolidation of public finances". (11G0247), GU No. 284 of 1206.2011 - Suppl. 251 in force since: 12/06/2011 Article 12, for amounts higher than €1.000,00 it is mandatory to make the money transfer on an Italian banking institution' account.

At the time of the application, the student must provide the IBAN⁶ of his/her bank account.

Please note: The account holder must request it when the account is open. The bank account must be opened in the name of the beneficiary/grantee (or co-signer). There will be no payments by cheque and/or bank transfer made to a third party.

Erasmus students are exempted from the payment of University fees in the host country because they have to pay the fees at their own University (University of Rome Tor Vergata).

Art. 5 – RENUNCIATION OF THE GRANT

Accepting the mobility is a serious obligation for the candidate.

Selected students who accept the grant, sign the Financial Agreement and then decide to renounce to the study period abroad must prepare and submit to the Erasmus+ Office of the University a written

⁶ The IBAN is the bank code that identifies the bank account and the bank.

renunciation (by email erasmus.ateneo@uniroma2.it) with suitable certification of the serious presented reasons. If the certification is not submitted or reasons are not deemed pertinent, renouncing

students have to return the amount already received and will no longer be eligible to apply for Grants within the framework of the Programme.

Students who interrupt the mobility period are entitled to the payment for the number of months spent abroad if it is at least three months (90 days). Students who do not stay abroad for the minimum period required have to return the whole amount received.

Art. 6 – PRIVACY

The personal data transmitted by the candidates through the application for participation in the Program will be processed, in compliance with the principles of Regulation (EU) 679/2016 and of the Privacy Code 196/2003 as amended by Legislative Decree 101/2018, for the Program management purposes, for the selection procedures and for the eventual assignment and payment procedure.

Personal data are processed in the execution of public interest tasks or in any case connected to the exercise of public powers or in order to fulfill a legal obligation (Article 6, paragraph 1, letter e). In the event that the candidate is the winner of the scholarship, the treatment will be necessary for the execution of a contract (Article 6, paragraph 1, letter b).

The Data Controller is the University of Rome Tor Vergata, in the person of the legal representative the Rector pro tempore, based in Rome, in via Cracovia, n.50, 00133.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO - Data Protection Officer) is available by writing to the e-mail address: rpd@uniroma2.it, rpd@pec.torvergata.it.

The provision of personal data for the purposes indicated above is optional, explicit and voluntary, but failing that, it will not be possible for the Data Controller to proceed with the fulfillment of the institutional purposes, nor to execute their duties with the consequent impossibility of providing the related services.

Personal data may be shared, for institutional purposes, with subjects to whom communication is required by law, by regulations or with public subjects for the performance of their institutional functions (for example, the data processing carried out by the University of destination, Authority

for inspection purposes or carrying out control and verification activities).

The interested parties have the right to obtain from the University, in the cases provided for by the EU Regulation 2016/679, access to personal data, rectification, integration, cancellation of the same, or limitation of treatment, or to oppose the treatment itself (Article 15 of the EU Regulation).

The request can be submitted by sending the communication to the e-mail address
privacy@uniroma2.it

ART. 7 – PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

The person in charge of the procedure of exclusive competence of the University of Rome Tor Vergata is Mr. Gianfranco Tarquini, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator (for the faculties is the *Commission*) according with the law n. 241, August 7th, 1990.

- For information on: online application form, Learning Agreement, exams, exam recognition and information on partner universities, please contact the following Erasmus Offices of the Faculties / Macro areas:
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