

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA171-2022 SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**FOR UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER AND PHD STUDENT**  
**MOBILITY FROM THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME**

**Mobilities during 2022-23, 2023-24, always before 31 July 2024**

The Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission promotes the mobility of students and lecturers. The action KA171 of this program provides funding for exchange mobility with third countries not associated to the programme. The **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)** has been awarded with scholarships under the action KA171 therefore students and staff from our partner universities have the opportunity to fund their exchanges to our institution.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **1. Purpose of the Call**

Student and staff mobility is one of the key activities within the framework of the European Commission's Erasmus+ Programme in the field of Education, Youth and Sport.

The present Call is based on the funding awarded to **UAB** for mobility projects with EU-Third countries not associated to the programme under Key Action 171 of the Erasmus+ Programme for Undergraduate, Master and PhD students. Exchanges will be implemented during 2022-2023, 2023-2024 always before 31 July 2024.

The main purposes of this call are:

- To offer training, research and study development opportunities to students, young researchers and lecturers from partner country universities.
- To achieve sustained improvements in knowledge, teaching and research skills.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between **UAB** and our partner universities, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.
- To improve participants' language and cultural skills, promoting mutual enrichment and understanding.

In the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, **all mobility activities are conditional upon the signature of an interinstitutional agreement** between the sending and the receiving universities before the start of the mobility.

### **2. General conditions**

The call is open to all subject areas. Applicants must check that their request matches the offer available at the host university.

The mobility grant consists of a travel allowance and a monthly subsistence allowance according to the flat rates determined by the Erasmus+ Programme (see section 5). The grant should be regarded as a **contribution** towards the costs of mobility rather than covering 100% of the costs involved.

Selected participants will need to advance their own funds when organizing their stay, such as visa, insurance, flights and accommodation, since the mobility grant will be paid only once their stay begins (see procedures for

grants payment in section 8). It is highly advisable to make bookings (flights, accommodation etc.) on conditions that allow reimbursement in case of cancellation of travel.

The mobility period can be from a minimum of 2 months to a maximum of 5 months.

During mobility, Bachelor and Master students are expected to follow the chosen courses and take exams as required. The credit workload at the receiving institution should be comparable to a full-time credit workload at home institution.

An **Interinstitutional Agreement** between the home and the host universities must be signed before the start of the mobility.

### 3. Requisites for applicants and partner universities

The partner universities will announce this call through their own web pages and will disseminate the news about this call in their university communities.

To be eligible, applicants must fulfil the following general condition:

- If a prior mobility agreement exists within the UAB Exchange Programme, it will be necessary to respect the area of study established in it.
- Assume responsibility for performing the mobility during 2022-2023, 2023-2024 always before 31 July 2024.

Specific requisites for **undergraduate and master's students**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Not have been previously on an Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 9 months on the same study level, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme. Minimum period of stay is 2 months, and maximum is 5 months.
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies.
- Submit a **Learning Agreement Proposal for students** signed by the sending and the receiving institution.
- Submit a **language level certificate**, according to the chosen subject's language of instruction.
- Submit an updated and official transcript of records which includes average rating out of 10 or 100.
- In order to be admitted to a Master's programme at the UAB as an exchange student, prior written approval from the coordinator of this Master is compulsory (written approval of the Master coordinator at UAB). Only Official Master's Degrees are eligible.
- Incoming students willing to be accepted at Master Level have to prove they have already completed 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent) at UG level.

Specific requisites for **PhD students**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Be nominated for mobility by one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Not have been previously on a PhD Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 9 months, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme. Minimum period of stay is 2 months, and maximum is 5 months.
- Submit a **Learning Agreement Proposal for PhD students** accepted by the sending and the receiving institutions.

- Submit an updated and official transcript of records which includes average rating out of 10 or 100.
- In order to be admitted to a PhD programme at the UAB as an exchange student, prior written approval from the coordinator of this PhD is compulsory.

Mobilities and scholarships will be subject to the regulations and restrictions that may be issued by the authorities in relation to the health situation and the continuity of exchange programs and / or acceptance by the UAB Department/Faculty.

In the event that, for the same country of origin, there are grants from previous calls not being awarded, the grants for the projects with the closest deadline will be awarded first.

#### 4. Universities and Scholarships

Scholarships and Extension	Level of Studies	Country	Sending Institutions
1 (5 months)	Undergraduate Graduate PhD	Iraq	University of Mosul

#### 5. Scholarship amount

Scholarships consist of a travel allowance and a monthly amount according to the flat rates stated by the Erasmus+ Programme:

Home Country	Subsistence (per month)	Maximum Subsistence *	Travel Allowance**	Maximum Total *
Iraq	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	530€	<b>4.780 €</b>

**The grant should be regarded as a contribution towards the costs of mobility rather than covering 100% of the involved costs.**

\*Scholarships will be paid to the beneficiaries by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, according to real arrival and departure dates and UAB academic calendar. The payment of these scholarships is subject to the regulations of the UAB and the Spanish Law and it is conditioned to open a Spanish bank account.

***The payment of the scholarship follows the UAB payment process which will start after the presentation of all the required documents, and it is not immediate (it might take up to 2 weeks).***

*The payment of the scholarship will be done in two periods:*

- *First payment:*
  - *It represents 70% of the total amount calculated from the planned dates.*
  - *It is paid after arrival at UAB and the presentation of all required documents.*
- *Second payment:*

- *It represents the rest of the scholarship*
- *It is calculated with the real dates of the stay.*
- *It starts one month before the end of the mobility, to have time to get the amount and close the bank account.*

\*\*The amount will depend on the distance between the institution of origin and the institution of destination according to the European Commission's regulations. ([http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm))

<u>Distance in kilometers</u>	<u>Maximum amount to be received</u>
Between 3000 - 3999 km	530 € per participant

## 6. Compatibility.

Scholarships under the Erasmus+ KA171 program **are not compatible** with any other Erasmus+ scholarships granted for the same exchange mobility.

## 7. Criteria for evaluation

The selection process will evaluate the applicants and will prioritize candidates according to the established criteria and budgetary availability. The selection process will be based on the principles of equity, fairness and transparency.

Applications will be prioritized according to the following criteria:

1. PhD students
2. Student mobilities in the frame of a Bachelor Double degree agreements
3. Undergraduate and Master students.
4. Students nominated within UAB Exchange Programme by one of the partner universities.
5. Relevance to institutional relations between the sending and receiving partner institutions

Evaluation criteria for PhD Students:

- Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in the students Transcripts of Records.
- Mobility Agreement Proposal feasibility and contribution to common academic interests between the sending and receiving partner institutions.

Evaluation criteria for Undergraduate and Master Students:

- Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in the students Transcripts of Records. Master's students who do not have master qualifications should provide the Transcripts of Records from their undergraduate studies.

In case of lack of applications and/or availability of budget, the Selection Committee reserves the right to re-distribute grants across student and staff categories and IN and OUT flows within the same country.

If there are more applicants than grants available, reserve candidates will be placed on a waiting list and called upon if a grant becomes available.

## 8. Application process

The application period will be open from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 until 15th February 2024, following the **Calendar** indicated in section **11**.

Applicants must complete the [online application form](#) on the UAB website and upload the required documents in the application form.

Scholarships Level	Documents
All levels	Application form online
	Passport
	Transcript of Records which includes average rating out of 10 or 100.
	Nomination certificate from home university
	Learning Agreement Erasmus+ KA171 Students
	(*) In order to apply for additional funding, candidates with special needs or disabilities must provide an official certifying document, (see section 9)
Master's	(*) To be admitted at Master level it's required a written approval from the coordinator of the UAB Master's degree
PhD	(*) To be admitted at PhD level it's required a written approval from the coordinator of the UAB PhD programme

## 9.- Inclusion

Candidates with special needs or disabilities are encouraged to apply. They may receive additional funding in order to cover costs directly related to their participation in the mobility.

Eligible costs and applicable rules	Amount
<p>Participants with special needs or disabilities can apply to have 100% of their additional costs covered. Such additional costs can be for special accommodation, transportation, preparatory visits and expenses of accompanying persons.</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must have a certified disability equal to or greater than 33 per cent, or</li> <li>• have duly accredited physical, mental or health related conditions, such as serious or chronic illnesses, which prevent participation in mobility.</li> </ul> <p>The request for the additional costs must be presented by the applicant and have the support of the sending institution. Additional funding will be subject to approval by the Spanish National Agency.</p>	<p>Real cost (or 100% of eligible costs)</p>

## 10.- Call decision

A decision for the first round will be published on the [UAB website](#) and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

## 11.- Calendar

	Period for applications	Call decision
1 <sup>st</sup> call	From 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 to 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> call	From 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 and From 1 <sup>st</sup> September to 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> call	From 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
4 <sup>th</sup> call	From 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

## 12.- Rights of the beneficiary

- To perform the entire mobility period awarded without the possibility of extending the scholarship.
- To receive the scholarship according to the amounts set out in the Erasmus+ Programme guidelines. The expenses not covered by the scholarship will be borne by the beneficiary.
- To benefit from tuition fee waiver as an exchange student, notwithstanding other fees for the use of certain services or activities that might be applicable.
- To receive information and advice on the application procedure, as well as pre-departure and on-site guidance.

- To have the study period abroad recognized by the sending university.

### 13.- Obligations of the beneficiary

- To obtain the Visa for the stay in the receiving country
- To carry out the mobility stay according to the proposal and dates committed, during 2022/23 or 2023/2024, and always before 31 July 2024.
- In the event of force majeure, the mobility period must be modified by signing an addendum to the agreement.
- Undergraduate and Master levels: to enroll on a minimum of 15 ECTS and to pass at least 10 ECTS at the end of the semester.
- To complete all procedures and fill in the required documents as required by the Erasmus+ Programme, before, during and after the mobility period, meeting the deadlines established by **UAB**:
  - i. Before mobility:
    - Signature of the Grant Agreement
    - Signature of the Learning Agreement Proposal
    - [Online language support test \(OLS\)](#): it is highly recommended to do the OLS test
  - ii. After mobility:
    - Submission of the Mobility Certificate
    - Online mobility final assessment survey
    - Transcript of records and recognition at the sending institution in order to complete *table D after the mobility* of the learning agreement.
- Any other obligation inherent to the Erasmus+ Programme and the internal regulations of the sending and receiving institutions.
- Prove coverage of **Travel Assistance and Accident Insurance** (minimum 100.000€) including medical, surgical and hospitalization expenses and civil liability in Spain.

### 14.- Information

All of the information regarding this call will be available on the [UAB website](#)

For any questions concerning this call, the e-mail contact is [erasmus.KA107@uab.cat](mailto:erasmus.KA107@uab.cat)

### 15.- Data protection clause

Any personal data and information provided by the applicants participating in these announcements will be stored by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona with the purpose of managing the processes of adjudication of the exchange grants. This treatment of personal data does not involve automated decisions or the development of profiles with predictive purposes of personal preferences, behaviours or attitudes.

The department responsible for the data is the UAB's International Relations Area ([internacional@uab.cat](mailto:internacional@uab.cat)).

The basis for the legitimacy of the treatment is provided in the article 6.1.a) of the RGPD (consent of the interested parties). This consent, that is considered granted with the formalization and the presentation of the corresponding request, is essential to be able to manage the participation of the people interested in the call.

The recipients of the data will be the universities of destination, as well as the institutions or organizations of

third countries that participate in the purpose of the call. The personal data will be stored for a maximum period of five years in accordance with the provisions of Law 10/2001, of July 13, of archives and documents, and the corresponding Documentation Tables.

According to the RGPD, interested parties may revoke their consent at any time and exercise the rights of access, rectification, suppression, opposition, limitation of treatment and portability, by means of a request addressed to the department responsible for the treatment. Likewise, they can file claims with the Catalan Data Protection Authority, and make inquiries regarding the processing of their personal data to the Data Protection Officer of the UAB ([proteccio.dades@uab.cat](mailto:proteccio.dades@uab.cat)).