

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA171-2024 GRANTS
FOR UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER AND PHD STUDENT MOBILITY
FROM THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME

Mobilities during 2025-26 and 2026-27, always before 31 July 2027

The Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission promotes the mobility of students and lecturers. 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 grants under the action KA171 therefore students and staff from our partner universities can 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 2025-2026 and 2026-27 always before 31 July 2027.

The main purposes of this call are:

- To offer research and study development opportunities to students and young researchers.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between **UAB** and our partner universities, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.
- To improve participant's 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 in an Individual support (monthly subsistence allowance according to the rates determined by the Erasmus+ Programme) and a Travel grant (see section 6). The grant should be regarded as a **contribution** towards the costs of mobility rather than covering 100% of the costs involved.

Mobility and grants 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 the exchange programs and/or the acceptance of the student by the destination university.

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 12). It is not recommended to make bookings in advance (flights, accommodation etc.) before knowing the call resolutions and it is highly advisable to make bookings 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 institutions.

During mobility, PhD students are expected to carry out research activities and follow the periodical tutoring PhD reviews.

3. **Requisites for partner universities**

- Partner universities will **announce** this call through their own web pages and will **disseminate** the news about this call in their university communities.
- **Nominate** the students before the end of the application period.
- Commitment from the home university that the student will have his/her stay at UAB recognized.
- Commitment from the home university that the student will not be required to undertake mandatory exams during the mobility period. The staff at the UAB will not supervise exams, as this activity is not included in the exchange agreements.
- **Sign** an Interinstitutional Agreement between the home and the host universities before the start of the mobility/ies.

Partner universities can obtain more information in the [International Credit Mobility \(ICM\) guide](#).

4. **Requisites for applicants**

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

- 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 2025-2026 and 2026-27 always before 31 July 2027.
- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 5 of this call) **at the time of application and during the stay**.
- Not have been previously on an Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 10 months on the same study level, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme.
- 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 an average rating out of 10 or 100.

Specific requisites for **undergraduate students**:

- Undergraduate students must be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies.

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

- Master students must be enrolled in a Master programme at the home institution.
- 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 must prove they have already completed 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent) at UG level.
- Incoming Master students are not allowed to do the Master Thesis.

Specific requisites for **PhD students**:

- PhD students must be enrolled in a PhD programme at the home institution.
- 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.

If, 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. The conditions and economic conditions may change in each call depending on the European Commission Erasmus+ guides applicable to each call.

5. Universities included in the call and number of Grants

REGION /NUMBER OF GRANTS / LEVEL OF STUDIES	COUNTRIES / SENDING INSTITUTIONS
Western Balkans (region 1) 4 grants (2 with top-amount grant for Students with Fewer Opportunities) Undergraduate/Graduate/PhD	<u>ALBANIA</u> Mesdheu Education Shpk
	<u>KOSOVO</u> Kolegji Heimerer Shpk
South-Mediterranean countries (region 2) 18 grants (9 with top-amount grant for Students with Fewer Opportunities) Undergraduate/Graduate/PhD	<u>EGYPT</u> Arab Academy For Science, Technology And Maritime Transport The American University of El Cairo (*) Sohag University
	<u>LEBANON</u> Université Saint Joseph of Beirut (*) Lebanese American University American University of Beirut (*)
	<u>MOROCCO</u> Universite Abdelmalek Essaadi Universite Sultan Moulay Slimane
	<u>PALESTINE</u> Al-Quds University (*)
	<u>TUNIS</u> Carthage University Universite de La Manouba (*)
Asia (region 5) 1 grant Undergraduate/Graduate/PhD	<u>BUTHAN</u> Royal University of Bhutan
Sub-Saharan Africa (region 9) 3 grants with top-amount grant for Students with Fewer Opportunities Undergraduate/Graduate/PhD	<u>GHANA</u> University for Development Studies University of Energy And Natural Resources
	<u>UGANDA</u> Makerere University
	<u>ZAMBIA</u> University of Zambia

(*) Universities with Mobility exchange agreements with UAB in the frame of the UAB Exchange Programme.

6. Application process, Calendar and Call Decision

	Application deadline	Resolution
1a resolution	4 April 2025 - 15 May 2025	16 June 2025

2a resolution	15 September 2025 - 1 de November 2025	28 November 2025
3a resolution	15 February 2026 - 1 May 2026	29 May 2026
4a resolution	15 September 2026 - 1 de November 2026	27 November 2026
5a resolution	15 January 2027 – 28 February 2027 (only for PhD students)	2 April 2027

The Vice Rector for International Relations is charge of conducting the selection process. The decisions will be published on the UAB website and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

Applicants must complete the online **application form on the UAB website** and upload the required documents in the application form.

Grants Level	Documents
All levels	Passport
	Transcript of Records including average rating out of 10 or 100 (if possible).
	Nomination certificate from home university
	Current certificate of enrolment at home university
	Learning Agreement Erasmus+ KA171 Students
	Language level certificate, according to the chosen subject's language of instruction.
	To apply for additional funding, candidates with fewer opportunities or need for to inclusion must provide an official certifying document, (see sections 7 and 8)
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 to PhD level, it requires written approval from the person responsible of the UAB PhD programme.
	CV

After the end of the application period, it will be a **Cure period** of 10 natural days.

- During the cure period: Candidates can remedy their applications in case of any clerical errors or incomplete documentation.
- After that period, candidates with documents not completed or incorrect will not be considered.

7. Grant amount

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

Grants consist in an **Individual support** according to the rates stated by the Erasmus+ Programme and a **travel grant** depending on the distance between the institution of origin and the institution of destination according to the European Commission's regulations and the [Erasmus distance calculator](#).

Individual support

According to the flat rates stated by the Erasmus+ Programme, a maximum individual support of 5 months (5 months
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per 850 per month), **4.250€**.

The **Individual support** will be paid to the beneficiaries by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, according to real arrival and departure dates and UAB academic calendar. The final amount of Individual support will be paid according to the real and effective days of stay.

The payment of these grants is subject to the regulations of the UAB and the Spanish Law and it is conditioned to have an **International Bank Account Number** (IBAN).

Travel grant

The amount of the **Travel grant** will depend on the distance between the institution of origin and the institution of destination according to the European Commission's regulations and the [Erasmus distance calculator](#). This amount will only be paid if the person is in the country of their home university before the start of the mobility period and provides proof by submitting a copy of their transportation tickets.

Distance in kilometers	Travel support	Travel support (in case of green travel)
Between 100 - 499 km	211€	285€
Between 500 - 1999 km	309€	417€
Between 2000 - 2999 km	395€	535€
Between 3000 - 3999 km	580€	785€
Between 4000 - 7999 km	1.188€	1.188€
Between 8000 - 19999 km	1.735€	1.735€

Green travel is considered when sustainable means of transport are used from home to host university.

Travel support in the case of green travel includes:

- Superior amount of travel support
- If needed, funded travel days (up to 6 extra days).

This payment will only be made at the end of the mobility period, upon the submission of proof, such as a copy of the transportation tickets.

8. **Additional grants for students with fewer opportunities** *(only applicable for students of the regions 1, 3 and 9)*

The conditions accredited must be fulfilled at the date of application and during all the stay	Additional amount
Conditions to be considered a student with fewer opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recipient of state aid for studies or a fee waiver - Having refugee status, subsidiary protection or having applied for international protection in the sending country - Having a certified disability equal to or greater than 33 per cent - Have duly accredited physical, mental or health related conditions, such as serious or chronic illnesses, which prevent participation in mobility To be duly documented by the applicant and confirmed by the sending institution.	250€/month (up to 5 months)

Applicants that come from an officially recognised disadvantaged socio-economic background in the sending country (e.g. low income, risk of social exclusion, vulnerable families etc.), might also be eligible for a Fewer Opportunities additional grant. They must indicate their disadvantaged status on the online application form and attach the official documentation certifying it.	
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9. Inclusion

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

Additional amount to students with need of <u>support to the inclusion</u> : 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 people (including costs related to travel and subsistence if a grant for these participants is not requested through budget categories "Travel" and "Individual support").</p> <p>Eligible applicants: Must have a certified disability equal to or greater than 33 per cent, or have duly accredited physical, mental or health related conditions, such as serious or chronic illnesses, which prevent participation in mobility.</p> <p>The documents that accredit the condition must be in English or translated by a Sworn Translator to English or Spanish.</p> <p>Additional funding will be subjected to <i>approval by the Spanish National Agency</i>.</p>	Real cost (or 100% of eligible costs)

10. Evaluation criteria

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.

Evaluation criteria for PhD Students:

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

Evaluation criteria for Undergraduate and Master Students:

- Academic record, according to 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 the event of a tie, preference will be given to:

1. Students with fewer opportunities in those countries with additional grants available.
2. PhD students.
3. Master students.
4. Undergraduate students.
5. Students nominated within UAB Exchange Programme by one of the partner universities.
6. Relevance to institutional relations between the sending and receiving partner institutions.

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/ region.

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.

11. Payment

The payment of the grants 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 students will have to provide an **International Bank Account Number (IBAN)**.

The payment of the grant will be made in two periods:

- First payment (after arrival at UAB):
 - It represents 70% of the total amount calculated from the planned dates.
 - It is paid for the presentation of all required documents:
 - Grant Agreement
 - Current certificate of enrolment at home university (in the academic year of stay at UAB)
 - Arrival Certificate
 - Transportation tickets
- Second payment (at the end of the mobility):
 - It represents the rest of the scholarship.
 - It is calculated with the real dates of the stay.
 - It is paid after the presentation of all required documents
 - Stay certificate
 - EU Survey
 - PhD's students: table D after the mobility of the Learning Agreement signed.

In the case of green travel, a difference in the travel support and possible extra funded travel days will be paid after the presentation of all required documents:

- Copy of the transportation tickets used to reach destination.

12. Compatibility

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

13. 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.

14. Obligations of the beneficiary

- To obtain the Visa for the stay in the receiving country
- To carry out the mobility according to the proposal and dates committed, during 2025/26 or 2026/2027, and always before 31 July 2027.
- 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 \(OLS\)](#)
 - ii. After mobility:
 - Submission of the Mobility Certificate
 - Online mobility final assessment survey
 - PhD's students: *Table D after the mobility* of the learning agreement. (needed for 2nd payment)
 - Bachelor & Master students: Transcript of records and recognition at the sending institution 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.
- Pay the **Complementary Insurance**: A small fee of 4,02€ (in 2024-2025) will be required to take out complementary insurance, addressed to all students enrolled at the UAB, that covers accidents and civil liability.

15. 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.ka171@uab.cat

16. Data protection clause

In accordance with Article 13 of the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we inform you that your personal data will be processed in order to manage the selection of mobility place, as well as everything related to your mobility.

The legitimizing basis of the data processing is the fulfillment of a mission in public interest (art.6.1.e GDPR).

The person responsible for the treatment is the International Relations Area, Bellaterra University Campus, N Building, Plaça Cívica, 08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barcelona), internacional@uab.cat.

The person in charge of the treatment will be able to communicate his/her personal data to the organisms or entities of competition with the mobility and with the concession of the scholarships.

Your data will be kept for an indefinite period. The treatment of your data does not involve automated decisions, nor the elaboration of profiles with predictive purposes of personal preferences, behaviors or attitudes. In accordance with current legislation on the protection of personal data, you may exercise the rights of access, rectification, deletion, opposition, treatment limitation and portability through a request addressed to the data controller (contact above) or to the General Secretary of the UAB, University Campus of Bellaterra, Rectorate Building, Plaça Acadèmica, 08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barcelona). Likewise, you can submit claims to the Autoritat Catalana de Protecció de Dades (<http://apdcat.gencat.cat/en/inici/>) and make the necessary consultations to the Data Protection Delegate of the UAB (proteccio.dades@uab.cat)