# APPLICATION FOR TRAINEESHIP PERIOD ABROAD FOLLOWING THE ERASMUS+/KA1 PROGRAMME 2019/20

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In the ambit of Key 1 activities (KA1) of the Erasmus+ Programme, the mobility for Traineeships allows students and recently graduated students, as long as selected before the attainment of the degree title, access to internships/placements in countries adherent to the Programme.

#### **ART. 1 – TRAINEESHIP LOCATIONS**

"Erasmus Traineeship" can be undertaken in countries adherent to the Erasmus+ Programme: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Norway, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Serbia. Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Hungary.

# **Internship/Placement in Switzerland**

Switzerland does not participate fully in the Erasmus+ Programme, because it is not among the adherent countries (it can participate only as a partner country). However, to guarantee the mobility towards countries and Universities with which it usually cooperates, the Swiss Federal Council developed the Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP), that provides the possibility to host and finance also students applying for traineeship. However not all of the Swiss universities adhere to SEMP, therefore those who intend on carrying out a traineeship with a Swiss company, after having identified/located the host business, must contact the Swiss University connected to the company to know if the mobility is permitted for a traineeship in relation to SEMP. The financing will therefore be distributed exclusively by Swiss Universities. In case the contribution is not available, it would still be possible to undertake the mobility without funding.

It is not possible to carry out a period of Erasmus mobility in your own country of residence.

# The hosting organizations can be:

- Any public or private organisation active in the job market or in areas of education, training and young people. As an example, such organization might be:
  - a public or private company, small, medium or large (including community/social businesses), including Italian companies in locations abroad
  - A public corporation in a local, regional or national level
  - A social party or another representative in the job market, including chambers of commerce (also the Italian ones located abroad), artisans/professionals organizations and unions
  - A research institution
  - A foundation/establishment
  - A school/institution/education centre (at any level, from pre-school education to secondary education, professional and adult training/education) including Italian cultural institutions abroad

- A non-profit organisation, association or a non governmental organisation (NGO)
- A system for professional orientation, professional consultancy and communication services
- A Higher Education Institution of a country adherent to the Programme holding an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education

# It is not possible to carry out a traineeship at:

- EU institutions and other EU organizations, including specialized agencies/companies<sup>1</sup>
- Organizations that manages EU programmes, like National Agencies

In unclear cases the Erasmus+ National Agency will finally decide on the eligibility of the company.

# ART. 2 – SEARCHING FOR A HOST INSTITUTION

Candidates will have to find a company available to host them, either independently or thanks to the help of a university teacher/coordinator. On the Erasmus University website, in the section named "Trova l'impresa ospitante" there are tools available to help you search for your host institution, from a list of available traineeship offers arrived directly at the Erasmus office, or the list of companies that have hosted previous students or also some useful links to better direct your search.

Once the host location has been chosen, **candidates must ask the company to complete "a letter of acceptance"**, which is available on the University Erasmus Website<sup>3</sup>. Candidates must hand in the letter of acceptance to their Erasmus delegate during the selection interviews, in order to be evaluated (see Art. 8).

Students that do not hand in their "letter of acceptance" from the host company in time for the date of the interviews selection will not access the interviews themselves therefore they will be excluded from the competition and allocation of a traineeship period and possible related contribution.

In case candidates dispose of more than one letter of acceptance, they will have to select the one which they will bring to the selection interviews and for which they will be evaluated.

# **ART. 3 – CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates can be EU citizens and non EU citizens **regularly enrolled**<sup>4</sup> in a course at the University of Pavia (bachelor degree, master degree, one-tier degree, PhD program, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level Master degree program, graduate school)<sup>5</sup> for the academic year 2018/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The complete list can be found on this site: http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index\_it.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The web page "Trova l'impresa ospitante" is available here: www.unipv.eu > Internazionalizzazione > Erasmus+ > Erasmus+ Traineeship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "letter of acceptance" to be completed by the host company is available here: www.unipv.eu > Internazionalizzazione > Erasmus+ > Erasmus+ Traineeship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Students proven to be enrolled for the academic year 2018/19 are those who have paid taxes and university fees for that academic year. If non EU citizens they should also hold their valid permit of stay. You can verify the status of your enrolment through the Area Riservata here: https://studentonline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do (after the login select "Segreteria" to check the presence of a green stamp/mark in correspondence of "Dettaglio iscrizione" for the academic year 2018/19)

Candidates should not have already benefited from all the months of mobility permitted by the Erasmus+ Programme during their study cycle<sup>6</sup>.

# **ART. 4 – DEPARTURE REQUIREMENTS**

You can undertake a traineeship while you are enrolled at the University of Pavia, or after you have graduated.

Graduating during your traineeship period is not allowed.

- Those undertaking the traineeship as a graduate, master or Phd students or enrolled in a graduate school, at the moment of departure, will have to be regularly enrolled at the University of Pavia for the academic year 2019/20<sup>7</sup>
- Those intending to obtain their degree by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and to carry out their internship before or after the completion of the degree, they will not have to enrol to the academic year 2019/20
- Those who intend to do the traineeship after their graduation, they will have to be selected before the date in which the degree is obtained

For all the students: the mobility period must end by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

# **ART. 5 – DURATION OF TRAINEESHIPS**

The traineeship must have a minimum duration period of 2 months and maximum of 12 months, and must be continuous. The traineeship must take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Students that will interrupt their stay before the minimum required period (2 months) without a valid and legitimate reason will have to return the entire sum of the grant received.

In the course of the mobility period you are not permitted to graduate or obtain a qualification for the study course in which you are enrolled at the University of Pavia, neither transfer yourselves to another University.

The students who intend to graduate right after the end of their mobility period should consider to have enough time to get the formal recognition of their mobility activity (as agreed on by the regulations of each University Department).

# **Extending the mobility period**

The traineeship can be extended (until the end date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020). The request for the extension shall be received by the International Mobility Office at the latest 1 month prior the initially foreseen termination date. The specific request form is available in the Erasmus website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The candidacy of everyone enrolled in a university masters or a graduate school requires a preventative check of admittance: please contact the International Mobility Office (train.erasmus@unipv.it)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Erasmus+ allows you to take different mobility periods for every study cycle, equally for study or traineeship. There are 12 months of mobility allowed in total for every study cycle, I – bachelor degree, II – master degree, III – PhD program/masters/graduate school and 24 months in total for a one-tier degree

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Students proven to be enrolled for the academic year 2019/20 are those who have paid taxes and university fees for that academic year. If non EU citizens they should also hold their valid permit of stay. You can verify the status of your enrolment through the Area Riservata here: https://studentonline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do (after the login select "Segreteria" to check the presence of a green stamp/mark is correspondence of "Dettaglio iscrizione" for the academic year 2019/20)

# ART. 6 – ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Those participating in the Erasmus Traineeship mobility period for 2019/20 are able to receive economic contributions from EU funds, University funds and ministerial funds (in case the Ministry of University confirms their availability).

# It is possible that the funds available will not be sufficient to all selected students.

With the aim of guaranteeing a financial contribution to the maximum possible number of students, the university will pay the grant for a maximum duration of 4 months.

Participants can however decide to stay for a longer period.

Monthly grant	Countries of destination
400 Euros	Group 1: (High living costs) Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland,
	Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden, UK
350 Euros	Group 2: (Medium living costs) Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France,
	Germany, Greece, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain
	Group 3: (Low living costs) Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic,
	Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Serbia,
	Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

PhD students already holding a PhD scholarship or students enrolled in a graduate school with correspondent scholarship will benefit of the Erasmus 'status' only. Therefore they will not receive any grant.

# Distribution of the funds and allocation of economic contributions

The monthly amount based on the country of destination will be allocated for every month indicated in the letter of acceptance by the host company, with the limit of maximum 4 months.

Before departing, while signing the Mobility Agreement, the economic contributions will be adjusted to the duration <u>in days</u> of the period, based on the expected start and end date of the traineeship fixed by the host company.

Students that will not receive the economic contribution expected, because there was not enough funding available, will equally be able to depart and benefit of the Erasmus 'status'. The contributions can be given afterwards if funding becomes available, even at the end of the mobility period.

# Payment of economic contributions

Unless differently agreed on grants will be paid in two instalments, of 80% and 20% respectively. The first instalment will be paid within the 30 days following the signature of the Mobility Agreement – on the condition that:

- You have paid taxes and the University fees for the academic year 2018/19 (exception is given for those who intend to obtain their qualification by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and undertake their traineeship before or after graduation)
- You hold a regular Permit of Stay for Italy, if you are a non EU citizen
- You have completed and handed in your form with your own bank/post details to the International Mobility Office
- You have signed and handed in your Learning Agreement with the placement schedule and activities
- You have signed the Mobility Agreement

The final instalment of 20% will be paid after the end of the mobility period, within 45 days after the students will have handed in the required documents to be presented at the end of the traineeship (see related chapter below).

At the end of the mobility period the grant will be adjusted to the real duration of the traineeship as certified by the host company. If case of a reduced period than initially foreseen the exceeding amount will be returned by the student.

#### Extra contributions to the Erasmus scholarships

Additions to the Erasmus scholarship will be established, with ministerial and university funds, taking into consideration the economic situation of the candidates.

As an example, we publish the table of the ISEE brackets applied for the academic year 2018/19:

ISEE	Monthly extra contributions
ISEE ≤ 13.000	€ 400,00
$13.000 < ISEE \le 21.000$	€ 350,00
$21.000 < ISEE \le 26.000$	€ 300,00
$26.000 < ISEE \le 30.000$	€ 250,00
$30.000 < ISEE \le 40.000$	€ 200,00
40.000 < ISEE ≤ 50.000	€ 150,00
ISEE > 50.000 (or not declared)	€0

This table has to be considered indicative, as it is subject to further approval by the relevant academic bodies.

It is reminded that the available budget for the academic year 2019/20 may not cover all those who possess the ISEE requirement. Therefore, as indicated for the Erasmus scholarships, the extra contributions will be assigned following the ranking order for each Erasmus area (excluding those who are directed to Switzerland, PhD students already holding a PhD scholarship or students enrolled in a graduate school).

#### Other funding opportunities

#### • EDISU Funding for international mobility

EDiSU foresees contributions for those who participate in mobility programs. Please check how to access this opportunity directly with EDiSU.

# • Funding for the disabled

In addition to the contributions already foreseen by the European Commission and indicated in this call, disabled people can count on special contributions linked to their needs. Students with special needs selected in the ambit of this call will receive the necessary information on how to apply for this extra funding opportunity.

# ART. 7 – HOW TO APPLY

Candidates can be EU citizens and non EU citizens regularly enrolled<sup>8</sup> in a course at the University of Pavia (bachelor degree, master degree, one-tier degree, PhD program, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level Master degree program, graduate school)<sup>9</sup> for the academic year 2018/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Students proven to be enrolled for the academic year 2018/19 are those who have paid taxes and university fees for that academic year. If non EU citizens they should also hold their valid permit of stay. You can verify the status of your enrolment through the Area Riservata here: https://studentonline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do (after the login select "Segreteria" to check the presence of a green stamp/mark in correspondence of "Dettaglio iscrizione" for the academic year 2018/19)

Those enrolled for a bachelor degree, master degree or one-tier degree must complete the application online through the Area Riservata: https://studentonline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do Application online will be available from the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 until 12.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The candidate must:

- 1. Select the current course he is enrolled in
- 2. Select from the menu on the left "Bandi di mobilità" (under "Mobilità Internazionale") and choose the call "Bando Erasmus Traineeship 2019/20" related to a single Erasmus Area

Once you have completed the application print the confirmation of your application enrolment by clicking the specific button "Ricevuta di iscrizione al bando". This document confirms the official application has been completed and it must be saved by the candidate.

After having printed the receipt it will not be possible to change or remove the application. Instead the button "Stampa promemoria iscrizione al bando" allows you to verify the relevant details related to your own application: after having printed it will again be possible to modify it. However to confirm the final change it will be necessary to print again the "Ricevuta di iscrizione al bando", otherwise your application will not be registered successfully.

Only for those enrolled in PhD courses, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level Masters degrees, graduate schools: they will have to complete the application through an online form (the link to access the form will be published on the Erasmus website) and attach the letter of their supervisor (the appropriate form can be downloaded directly from the Erasmus website) until 12.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

# **ART. 8 – SELECTION AND RANKING**

Ranking will be available by the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 on the website http://www.unipv.eu, following the path Internazionalizzazione > Erasmus+ > Erasmus+ Traineeship.

Up to 100 points	Merit grade (Calculated automatically on the basis of the student career examinations)
	+
Up to 100	Interview selection
points	Evaluation of the acceptance letter by the host institution, that also contains
	internship project and linguistic competence verified + assessment of academic and
	personal motivation

# Merit grade

The merit grade will be calculated in relation to the exams<sup>10</sup> of the current course of study and whose marks will be registered in the student career by the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019; for those enrolled on a master degree the previous bachelor (3 year degree) course will be considered too (graduation mark and 180 overall credits).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The candidacy of everyone enrolled in a university masters or a graduate school requires a preventative check of admittance: please contact the International Mobility Office (train.erasmus@unipv.it)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For "exams" meaning the exams and the other teaching/training activities expected at the level of study

It will be the responsibility of the candidate to check their "Libretto" in "Area Riservata" showing all the registered exams taken and passed (presence of an 'S' in the green field next to the name of the exam, the date of the exam and the grade).

The candidate must signal personally any eventual missing registrations or situations such as "activities pending approval" at the Segreteria Studenti of the specific course of study and in case the missing registration depends on the professor, the request must addressed directly to the professor.

The merit grade will be calculated by applying the following formula:

• For students enrolled on a bachelor (3 year degree) or a one-tier degree

For students enrolled on a master degree

The merit grade thus calculated will be "normalized" to 100. The maximum attainable mark will therefore be 100.

- \* For those enrolled on a master course possessing a previous bachelor degree obtained abroad, in case the graduation mark is not present on the registered student career (Esse3) or it is not shown out of 110, a predetermined grade of 95/110 it will be attributed.
- \*\* For grades foreseen, it's meant those expected from the course of study, including the academic year 2017/18, adapted as follows:
- 60 CFU for each "regular" enrolment year
- Penalization of 30 CFU for every year of "non regular" enrolment

The students enrolled on a PhD course, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level masters degrees or graduate school for whom it will not be possible to calculate the merit grade automatically, this will be decided by the selection committee, in consideration of the academic career and on the basis of the information supplied by the respective supervisor in the letter attached to the application of those candidates.

#### **Selection interviews**

Interviews will take place between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The calendar displaying the relevant days, place and hour of the interviews for each Erasmus area will be published on the website by the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Candidates will therefore not receive a formal invitation to the interviews. The publication of the calendar on the website will act as a formal notification. Candidates that do not show up for the selection interview will be excluded from the application process.

At the interview candidates must hand in their acceptance letter from the host company. Students that do not hand in their "letter of acceptance" from the host company in time for the date of the interviews selection will not access the interviews themselves therefore they will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> To access the Area Riservata: https://studentonline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do; complete the login and select "Carriera" to see your "Libretto"

be excluded from the competition and allocation of a traineeship period and possible related contribution.

# **Verification of the linguistic competence**

The linguistic competence is necessary for the completion of a traineeship and it will be verified and stated directly by the host company. Candidates will not therefore be tested for the language of work during the selection phase.

# ART. 9 – ACCEPTANCE OF MOBILITY PERIOD ASSIGNED

The selected candidates must accept their allocated period of mobility between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 12.00 on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Those who do not accept by the expiry date of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will be considered as withdrawn.

It will not be possible to change the location of the assigned placement/traineeship.

# **ART. 10 – DEADLINES**

By 12.00 8/05/2019	Completion of the application online by those enrolled on
	bachelor degree, master degree, one-tier degree (through Area
	Riservata).
	Completion of the application online by those enrolled on PhD
	program, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> level Master degree program, graduate school
	(through the online form).
From 3/06/2019 to 7/06/2019	Selection interviews for each Erasmus Area
By 14/06/2019	Publication of ranking
From 17/06/2019 to 12.00	Acceptance or renunciation of the allocated traineeship period
24/06/2019	

# ART. 11 – POST TRAINEESHIP PERIOD ATTRIBUTION PROCEDURES

#### Before departure

Students must produce:

- A Learning Agreement (that means the document containing all the details related to the activities of the traineeship, period.....) that will be signed by all parties (host organization, Erasmus delegate, trainee)
- your bank details showing the IBAN of the Italian account on which you wish to receive the credit (by accessing your Area Riservata and following the path Home > Anagrafica > Inserire/Modificare Dati Rimborsi).

Students will also asked to complete:

• OLS test (to be completed online; the invitation to fill out the test is done directly by the European Commission before the beginning of the internship)

The University of Pavia will provide to students:

• The Mobility Agreement (Erasmus Contract) signed by the student and the university, where details about the amount and modality of payment of the scholarship are indicated as well as rights and obligation of the students in mobility

# **During the mobility**

Students must produce:

- An arrival certificate given by the host company
- Extension request document (if students want to extend their period of Erasmus, see also art. 5 of the present document)

# Returning from the mobility period

Maximum within 30 days from their return students must present the following documents at the International Mobility Office:

• Traineeship certificate supplied by the host company

Students will also asked to complete:

- Participant Report (to be completed online; the invitation to fill out the report is done directly by the European Commission)
- Final OLS test (to be completed online; the invitation to fill out the test is done directly by the European Commission before the beginning of the internship)

Failure to deliver documents proving the Erasmus period (Traineeship Certificate) by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and/or failure to complete the EU survey by the required deadline will result in the loss of entitlement to financial contributions.

# ART. 12 – ARRIVAL AT THE HOST COUNTRY

The students must inform themselves independently in regards to:

- Any possible requirement to be fulfilled upon entering the host country, addressing beforehand the competent diplomatic representations (Embassies and Consulates) in Italy
- Health Care in the host country (again addressing the competent ASL in Italy; tips are available also at (http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=it)

# ART. 13 – CERTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION

The University of Pavia will recognise the traineeship period abroad, according to the regulations of each department/course of study.

#### ART. 14 – INSURANCE

During the whole of the Erasmus mobility period students enrolled at the University of Pavia are automatically beneficiaries of an accident insurance policy and a civil responsibility one.

Those who will carry out the traineeship after their graduation will still beneficiate of the civil responsibility insurance policy while they will have to register to the Accident policy.

It will be possible to do so registering and paying the related amount following the instructions given at this page: http://www.unipv.eu/site/home/internazionalizzazione/erasmus/studenti-in-uscita-per-tirocinio/prima-di-partire.html

# ART. 15 – NOTICES

All notices for applicants and selected candidates will be sent exclusively by email to your institutional e-mail address

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