

**2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
ERASMUS+ APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Student Mobility for Studies (SMS)

WHAT IS STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES?

This mobility activity is carried out within the framework of the Higher Education Erasmus Declaration and the existing inter-institutional agreements of the Higher Education Institution.

The activity consists of a student who is registered in a higher education institution and performing a part of his/her education in a higher education institution abroad which is partnered with an inter-institutional agreement.

The students who will participate in the activity must be full-time students. Graduated students/students who froze their education cannot benefit from the mobility for studies.

The minimum period of mobility for studies is 3 full months, or 1 semester and the maximum period is 12 full months.

The duration of the mobility must be carried out without interruption. Term breaks (semester breaks) and official holidays are not considered as interruptions in mobility for studies.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Minimum Requirements:

In order to participate in the mobility, students must first meet the following requirements:

- 1- The student must be a **full-time student** enrolled in a higher education program in any of the formal education levels (first, second or third level) within the higher education institution,
- 2- The cumulative grade point average of the first cycle students should be at least **2.20** out of **4.00**,
- 3- The cumulative grade point average of the second and third cycle students should be at least **2.50** out of **4.00**,

NOTE: The graduation grade obtained at the previous higher education level is used for the students who applied for the first semester at the master and doctorate level and have not yet formed a transcript in the higher education institution where the election was made.

- 4- Having enough ECTS credit load for learning mobility
- 5- If the student benefited from Erasmus+ and Lifelong Learning (LLP) within higher education mobility activities in the current education level, the total duration of the new activity and the previous one should not exceed 12 months in total.

Criteria	Weighted Point
Academic Success Level	%50 (Out of 100 points)
Language Proficiency Level	%50 (Out of 100 points)
Children of veterans and of those died during military service	+15 points
Students with disabilities (provided that the disability is documented)	+10 points
Students who have been granted protection, care and housing within the scope of Social Services Law No. 2828	+10 points
Prior participation (with or without grant)	-10 points
Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship	-10 points
Although selected, non-participation in mobility without notice during the given period of time	-10 points
Applying for two mobility programs at the same time (deduction will be made from the mobility program of the student's choice)	-10 points

***10 points of reduction for each activity in which the activity is not carried out is applied to the students who have been selected in the previous education period in the same level of education but who have not attended the mobility without any force majeure.**

**If students who declare that they will take the language exam but do not take it without an excuse, when they apply again to Erasmus + mobility, 5 points of reduction will be applied.

Students studying in **double major** can only apply for mobility from **one major** in the same application period.

GRANT SUPPORT

Grants are given to students to help them with the additional costs incurred during their stay abroad.

Grants are only **contributions**, not to cover the student's full costs of the activity.

The countries where student mobility activities can be carried out were divided into 3 groups according to their standard of living and monthly learning and internship grants were determined for the country groups.

The groups of countries and the amount of grants to be given to the students going to these countries are given in the table below:

Country Groups	Host Countries for Mobility	Monthly Grant for Studies (Euro)	Monthly Grant for Traineeship (Euro)
1. and 2. Group Programme Countries	United Kingdom, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Norway, Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Cyprus, Holland, Spain, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Greece,	500	600
3. Group Programme Countries	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Esthonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey	300	400

No additional support is provided to students for round-trips between program countries for study and internship mobility.

Students are paid in 2 installments, **80% of the grant is paid before the mobility and 20% upon the successful completion of the mobility.** Payments are made in Euro.

Students can participate in mobilities without grant. Students without grant are also subject to general evaluation along with other applicants and go through the same process as the students with grant.

The difference of the student without grant is that the student is not included in the budget calculations and is not paid. The absence of a grant is not a justification for the student not being involved in the selection process.

ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY AND BENEFIT METHODS FOR STUDENTS WITH RESTRICTED ECONOMIC FACILITIES

In addition to the monthly grant amounts specified in the Grant Table, an additional monthly grant of € 100 is paid from the mobility for studies budget to the economically restricted students selected for learning mobility (SMS).

In order to benefit from this support, it is sufficient for the student to submit a document proving that he/she, his/her parents or custodian received financial support from Municipalities, public institutions and organizations (Ministries, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, General Directorate of Foundations, Red Crescent, AFAD) during the Erasmus application.

EXTENSION OF THE ACTIVITY PERIOD

If the student wants to extend the activity period, his/her request is evaluated by the Erasmus Office and the faculty/department officials of the student. Depending on the approval of the institution and the academic status of the student, it is possible, but not obligatory to extend the period.

The following requirements must be met for extension:

- 1- The extended period must follow the current term without any interruption (Holidays and term breaks are not considered as interruption.)

NOTE: If the host institution deems appropriate; provided that the mobility is completed before the end date of the project, mobility can be made in the fall period following the spring term. **No grant is paid for the gaps between the spring and fall semesters.**

- 2- In order to extend the deadline, the request must be submitted no later than 1 month before the originally scheduled mobility ending date. If the request is accepted by all parties, the Grant Agreement should be amended and all necessary procedures for extension of the term should be completed.

The minimum duration of Student Mobility for Studies is 3 months. The minimum durations cannot be reduced except for force majeure. In case the mobility period is below the minimum, the grant payment is not made for that mobility.

ACADEMIC FEES

The host higher education institution cannot request any academic fee from Erasmus+ students. The academic fee includes tuition, enrollment fee, exam fee, laboratory fee and library fee.

However, for the fees required for insurance, residence permits, student transportation cards, academic material copying and use of laboratory products, the host higher education institution will charge the same fee that applied to other students.

Students must be enrolled in their home higher education institution by paying their normal fees/tuitions (if they do so) for the period they attend abroad.

Documents to be Submitted during Application:

1- Application Form:

<https://erasmus.istinye.edu.tr/en/application-form/student-mobility-for-studies-for>

2- Current Transcript

Date of Application: DECEMBER 31st, 2020 – JANUARY 31st, 2021

Responsible Unit: International Relations Directorate, Ground Floor, Z10

Name of Vocational School/Faculty/Institute to Apply: All Vocational School/Faculty/Institute students can apply to the relevant announcement.

*Whether a bilateral agreement is concluded with the host institution is checked for the applicants who pass the exam and are included in the main list. In the absence of a bilateral agreement, an action plan is created to have an agreement for the relevant department/program and the acquired right of the student is transferred to the next term, taking into account the project duration.

The list of existing agreements is available in the following link:

<https://erasmus.istinye.edu.tr/partner-universities>

**Applicants who are on the main list and who do not have bilateral agreements in the current department/program are excluded from the list until March 26th, 2021, Friday. They will be replaced with the students in the waiting list.

Quota: 6

*The quota mentioned above; It is the total quota determined for all Vocational School/Faculties/Institutes.

**All Vocational School/Faculties/Institutes will be evaluated in the general order without any quota classification.

***The quota is determined by calculating the grant budget that is allocated by Turkey's National Agency on one term (5 months), taking 1st grant group into consideration. If the grant is increased, applications of the students on the waiting list will be evaluated.

****Students on the waiting list will be able to benefit from mobility without a grant upon request.

Number of Days with Grants: The mobility for education is planned to be funded with grants for maximum 5 months, one term (fall&spring). The number of days with grants will become definite upon the closure of applications and will be announced along with main/waiting list.

*****Upon the closure of applications, date and time for the Foreign Language Exam will be announced on erasmus.istinye.edu.tr

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

➤ In the student selection, proficiency in foreign language at minimum B2 level will be required, and the students below it will be deemed ineligible.

➤ Candidates who have the following language document and score will have “100 points” as their Erasmus Foreign Language Exam grade.

- TOEFL: 75

* Candidates who do not have the point above are required to participate in the exam that will be held by our Foreign Languages Department.

** The validity period of the documents is 2 years.

***For further information please contact our Foreign Languages Department (foreignlanguages@istinye.edu.tr)

➤ If students who did not take the Foreign Language Exam following the application without any force majeure reapply to any mobility activity within the scope of higher education, “5 points” will be deducted from their weighted selection scores.

➤ Students who waive from their right to attend Erasmus mobility have to notify their waiver within 15 days from the date of announcement of the results. Otherwise, a reduction of “10 points” will be applied to their next Erasmus mobility application.

NOTE: Students who were eligible to benefit from the mobility by applying to the previous learning mobility announcement, were included in the main list but could not benefit from the mobility due to the pandemic and whose rights were postponed until the end of the project (31.05.2022), **do not need to apply again to this announcement.**