

2020-2021 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 performs 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 cannot benefit from the mobility for studies.

The minimum period of study mobility 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. Period breaks (semester breaks) and official holidays are not considered as interruptions in learning mobility.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Minimum Requirements:

In order to participate in the activity, 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**,
- 4- 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 noticing during the given period of time	-10 points
Applying for two mobility programs at the same time (-10 points will be deducted 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.

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 activities without grant. Students without grant are also subject to general evaluation along with other applications 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 grants stated in the table above, students with economically limited opportunities selected for Student Mobility for Studies (SMS) are paid an additional grant of € 100 per month from the study mobility budget.

Within the scope of Article 2 of the Law on the Promotion of Social Assistance and Solidarity, dated 29.05.1989 and numbered 3294, students who receive a pension (or students whose parents receive a pension) due to economical disadvantages are entitled to get additional grants.

In order to benefit from the additional grant, the student selected for mobility must apply to the Erasmus Office before signing the Grant Agreement and **submit the document indicating that he/she receives a pension from the Provincial Directorate of Family, Labor and Social Services.**

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 necessary 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. Spring term cannot be extended to attend the fall term of the next year).
- 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 extended 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 the payment of 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 residence permits, student transportation cards, academic material copying and use of laboratory products, the host higher education institution will charge the same fee that applies 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 international activity.

Documents to be Submitted during Application:

1- Application Form (<https://erasmus.istinye.edu.tr/sites/erasmus.istinye.edu.tr/files/docs/2019-07/Erasmus-application-form-for-studies.pdf>)

2- Current Transcript

Date of Application: December 20, 2019 – January 31, 2020

Place of Application: International Programs 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.

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 27, 2020, Friday. They will be replaced with the students in the waiting lists.

Quota: 3

*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 application, 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 the it will be deemed ineligible.

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

- TOEFL: 85
- IELTS: 6,5

* Candidates who do not have the points 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.

➤ 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 entitlement to Erasmus mobility have to notify their waiver within 15 days from the date of announcement of the results. Otherwise, a penalty of “**10 points**” will be applied to their next Erasmus mobility application.

