

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA171-2025 GRANTS
FOR UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER'S AND PHD STUDENT MOBILITY
FROM THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME

Mobilities during 2026-27 and 2027-28, always before 31 July 2028

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 2026-2027 and 2027-28 always before 31 July 2028.

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 the mobility period, Bachelor's and Master's students are expected to attend the selected courses and complete all required academic activities, including examinations. 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 official websites and will ensure its **dissemination** within their academic communities.
- Partner Universities **will nominate** their selected students before the application deadline.
- The home university must ensure the full academic recognition of the student's mobility period at the UAB.
- The home university must ensure that students are not required to sit mandatory examinations at their home institution during the mobility period. UAB staff will not supervise examinations from the home institution, as this activity is not covered by exchange agreements.
- An Interinstitutional Agreement between the home and the host institutions must be signed before the start of the mobility period(s).

Partner universities may obtain further 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 2026-2027 and 2027-28 always before 31 July 2028.
- 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's students must be enrolled in a Master's 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's 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 UAB coordinator of this PhD is compulsory.

If, for a given country of origin, grants from previous calls remain unawarded, priority will be given to awarding grants from Erasmus+ KA171 projects with the closest deadline. Grant conditions and financial provisions may vary between calls, in accordance with the Erasmus+ Programme Guide of the European Commission applicable to each call.

5. Universities included in the call and number of Grants

REGION	COUNTRY	SENDING INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF GRANTS
Neighbourhood East (Region 2) *(Additional funding available for 7 participant with fewer opportunities)	Georgia	Universidad Ilia State University	1
	Georgia	Georgian American University	1
	Ukraine	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv	1
	Ukraine	Lviv Polytechnic National University	1
	Ukraine	V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University	1
	Ukraine	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv	1
	Ukraine	Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University	1
South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3) *(Additional funding available for 3 participant with fewer opportunities)	Egypt	American University in Cairo	4
	Egypt	Sohag University	2
	Egypt	Arab Academy	2
Asia (Region 5)	Bhutan	Royal University of Bhutan	1
	Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	1
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9) *(Additional funding available for 7 participant with fewer opportunities)	Ghana	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology	1
	Ghana	Univ for Development	1
	Ghana	Univ of Energy and Natural Resources	1
	Mozambique	Eduardo Mondlane University	1
	Rwanda	University of Rwanda	1
	Tanzania	Sokoine University of Agriculture	1
	Uganda	Makerere University	3
Latin America (Region 10) *(Additional funding available for 2 participant with fewer opportunities)	Argentina	Universidad Nacional de San Martín	1
	Argentina	Universidad de Buenos Aires	1
	Brasil	Universidade Estadual de Campinas	1
	Costa Rica	Universidad de Costa Rica	1
	Uruguay	Universidad de la República	1
Caribbean (Region 11) *(Additional funding available for 1 participant with fewer opportunities)	Cuba	Universidad de la Habana	1
US and Canada (Region 12) *(Additional funding available for 1 participant with fewer opportunities)	Canada	University of British Columbia	1

6. 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 academic 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 sending and receiving institutions, in accordance with the European Commission's regulations and the [Erasmus distance calculator](#). This amount will only be paid if the participant is present in the country of their sending institution before the start of the mobility period, upon the submission of proof, such as a copy of the transportation tickets.

Distance in kilometers	Travel support	Travel support (in case of <u>green travel</u>)
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).

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

***Additional funding for students with fewer opportunities** (*only applicable for students of the regions 2, 3, 9, 10 11 and 12*)

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: - 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, that may limit or affect participation in mobility activities.	250€/month (up to 5 months)

To be duly documented by the applicant and confirmed by the sending institution.

The conditions listed above correspond to the criteria established under the national framework applicable to the host institution. However, equivalent situations recognised in the sending country may also be considered (e.g. low income, risk of social exclusion, vulnerable families etc.), provided that they are duly certified by an official authority and/or formally confirmed by the sending institution. Applicants must indicate their disadvantaged status on the online application form and submit appropriate supporting documentation issued by competent authorities or institutions in their country of origin.

7. Additional amount for students with need of support to 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
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"). 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. The documents that accredit the condition must be in English or translated by a Sworn Translator to English or Spanish. Additional funding will be subjected to <i>approval by the Spanish National Agency</i>.	Real cost (or 100% of eligible costs)

8. Application process

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, written approval from the person responsible of the UAB PhD programme is required. CV

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

- During the cure period: Candidates may rectify their applications in case of any clerical errors or incomplete documentation.
- After that period, applications that remain incomplete or contain incorrect documentation will not be considered.

9. Calendar and Call Decision

	Application deadline	Resolution
1a resolution	2 Mar 2026 - 15 Apr 2026	15 May 2026
2a resolution	15 Jul 2025 - 30 Sep 2026	30 Oct 2026
3a resolution	01 Mar 2027 - 15 Apr 2027	14 May 2027
4a resolution	15 Jul 2027 – 30 Sep 2027	29 Oct 2027
5a resolution (**)	01 Nov 2027 – 17 Jan 2028	18 Feb 2028

(**) 5th resolution: only for PhD applicants

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.

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.

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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 instalments:

- First instalment (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 enrollment at the home institution (for the academic year of the mobility period at UAB)
 - Arrival Certificate – this document will not be signed outside the official UAB academic calendar dates.
 - Transportation tickets
- Second instalment (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 - this document will not be signed outside the official UAB academic calendar dates.
 - 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 at the end of the stay, 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
 - ✓ Visa must be requested 2 months before the start of the activity at UAB.
 - ✓ Legal deadline for resolution at the Embassy or Consulate is 30 days.
 - ✓ No claims can be made before the deadline for resolution end.
- ✓ 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 information related to this call will be available on the [UAB website](#)

For any questions concerning this call, the e-mail contact is erasmus.ka171@uab.cat

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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 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)