

<u>Erasmus+ program</u> is the largest exchange student program in the EU. Erasmus students can apply **for study and traineeship** to 32 countries of Europe and spend a maximum of 12 months abroad per each cycle of study: they spend 3-12 months abroad as a student at a host university or spend 2-12 months as a professional trainee at a private or public organization active in the labour market.

#### **Conditions**

To study abroad with Erasmus+, you must be registered in a higher education institution and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or tertiary-level qualification. For students in the first cycle, you need to be at least in the second year of your studies.

Your period of study abroad must be relevant for your degree-related learning and personal development needs, and be part of the study programme that you are following.

Your home institution and the receiving institution must have an <u>inter-institutional</u> <u>agreement</u> between them for you to study there with Erasmus+.

Both institutions must also hold the <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u> (if they are in <u>Programme countries</u>). Institutions from <u>Partner countries</u> commit to the principles of the Charter when signing the inter-institutional agreements.

### **Benefits for Erasmus students**

- Students get the same right as of the host university's students.
- Students will not be charged tuition fees.
- Courses successfully completed at the host university are recognized at the home university of the Erasmus students on their return.

#### **Academic recognition**

Before the study abroad period:

- 1. You, your sending and receiving higher education institutions must sign a <u>Learning Agreement</u> for Studies to ensure a transparent and efficient preparation of the exchange abroad, as well as to agree on how activities successfully completed abroad will be recognised. This document sets out rights and responsibilities of the various parties
- 2. You will receive the <u>Erasmus+ Student Charter</u>, explaining your rights and obligations with respect to your period of study abroad

After the study abroad period:

- 1. The receiving higher education institution must provide you and your sending institution with a transcript of records confirming that the agreed programme has been completed and acknowledge the results
- 2. Your higher education institution must recognise the credits (using <u>ECTS credits</u> or an equivalent system) as agreed in the <u>Learning Agreement</u> before the mobility and count them towards your degree, without any further requirements
- 3. If your higher education institution is in a Programme country, your mobility period should also be recorded in the <u>Diploma Supplement</u>

Read more on the Guidelines on how to use the Learning Agreement for Studies

# Financial support

You may receive an Erasmus+ grant as a contribution to your travel and subsistence costs. It may vary according to differences in living costs between your country and the destination country, the number of students applying for a grant, the distance between countries and the availability of other grants.

If you are moving between Programme countries, check with your <u>National Agency</u> and your sending higher education institution for applicable rates. There is also extra support for students going on a traineeship, students from disadvantaged backgrounds or from outermost Programme countries or regions.

Grant levels and fixed rates for exchanges between Programme and Partner countries are published in the <u>Erasmus+ Programme Guide</u>.

Irrespective whether you receive an Erasmus+ grant or are an Erasmus+-zero-grant student, you will sign a **grant agreement** specifying the duration of your mobility, the amount of the grant and other rights and obligations.

If you are mobile within Programme countries, your sending institution will sign your grant agreement and it will be responsible for making all payments.

If you are moving between Programme and Partner countries, the Programme country institution will sign the grant agreement. Your sending and receiving institutions will decide which one will make your payments.

As an Erasmus+ student, you will be **exempted** from fees for tuition, registration, examinations, and charges for access to laboratories or libraries at the receiving institution. Small fees for insurance or student union membership may still apply.

### Who are eligible to apply?

- Students must carry out their mobility activity in a Programme Country different from the country of the sending organisation and the country where the student has his/her accommodation during his/her studies.
- Students registered in a higher education institution and enrolled in studies leading to a recognized degree.
- In case of mobility in studies, students must be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies. For traineeships, this condition does not apply.
- Students in their last year of studies may participate in a traineeship. They must be selected by their institution during the last year of their studies and must carry out and complete their traineeship abroad within one year after their graduation.

### How to apply?

- Ask the international office or Erasmus + coordinator of your university if your university has an Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement with Sechenov University.
- If there is an agreement between the two universities, also ask the Erasmus coordinator at your university about deadlines and the selection procedure at your university.
- If you are selected, your Erasmus coordinator sends a nomination to the International Office of Sechenov University
- Your nomination is forwarded to the relevant faculty/institute/department for final decision.
- The relevant faculty/institute/department decides about your acceptance.
- The specialist of the International Office of Sechenov University contacts your Erasmus coordinator at your home university.
- After accepting you as an Erasmus student, you will be informed about the registration process, deadlines and required documents.

### **Nomination deadlines**

For Autumn semester: 15 May For Spring semester: 15 October

# **Application deadlines**

For Autumn semester: 1 June For Spring semester: 1 November