

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA171-2023 SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER AND PHD STUDENT
MOBILITY FROM THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME

Mobilities during 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26, always before 31 July 2026

The Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission promotes the mobility of students and lecturers. The 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 scholarships 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 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-26 always before 31 July 2026.

The main purposes of this call are:

- To offer training, research and study development opportunities to students, young researchers, and lecturers from partner country universities.
- To achieve sustained improvements in knowledge, teaching, and research skills.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between **UAB** and our partner universities, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.
- To improve participants' 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 of a travel allowance and a monthly subsistence allowance according to the flat rates determined by the Erasmus+ Programme (see section 5). 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 6). It is highly advisable to make bookings (flights, accommodation etc.) on conditions that allow reimbursement in case of cancellation of travel.

You are advised to not purchase the flights until you have your visa approved.

The mobility period can be from a minimum of 2 months to a maximum of 5 months.

During mobility, Bachelor and Master students are expected to follow the chosen courses and take exams as required. The credit workload at the receiving institution should be comparable to a full-time credit workload at home institution.

An **Interinstitutional Agreement** between the home and the host universities must be signed before the start of the mobility.

3. Requisites for applicants and partner universities

The partner universities will announce this call through their own web pages and will disseminate the news about this call in their university communities.

To be eligible, applicants must fulfil the following general condition:

- 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 2023-2024, 2024-2025 always before 31 July 2025.

Specific requisites for **undergraduate and master's students**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 4 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.
- **Minimum period of stay is 2 months**, and maximum is 5 months.
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies.
- 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.
- In order 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 have to prove they have already completed 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent) at UG level.
- Incoming Master students are not allowed to do the Master Thesis.

Specific requisites for **PhD students**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call), at the time of application and during the stay.
- Be nominated for mobility by one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Not have been previously on a PhD Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 10 months, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme.
- **Minimum period of stay is 2 months**, and maximum is 5 months.
- Submit a **Learning Agreement Proposal for PhD students** accepted by the sending and the receiving institutions.
- Submit an updated and official transcript of records which includes average rating out of 10 or 100.
- To be admitted to a PhD programme at the UAB as an exchange student, prior written approval from the coordinator of this PhD is compulsory.

Mobilities and scholarships 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 exchange programs and / or acceptance by the UAB Department/Faculty.

4. Universities and Scholarships

5. Scholarship amount

Home Country	Subsistence (per month)	Maximum Subsistence (*)	Additional grant - Students with Fewer	Travel Allowance (***)	Maximum Total (*)
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			opportunities (*) (**)		
Egypt	5 months x 850€	4.250 €		360€	4.610€
Egypt (fewer opportunities)	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	5 months x 250€	360€	5.860€
Israel	5 months x 850€	4.250 €		530€	4.780€
Israel (fewer opportunities)	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	5 months x 250€	530€	6.030€
Lebanon	5 months x 850€	4.250 €		530€	4.780 €
Lebanon (fewer Opportunities)	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	5 months x 250€	530€	6030€
Ghana (fewer opportunities)	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	5 months x 250€	820€	6320€
Uganda (fewer opportunities)	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	5 months x 250€	820€	6320€
Canada	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	-	1500€	5750€
EUA	5 months x 850€	4.250 €	-	1500€	5750€

The grant should be regarded as a contribution towards the costs of mobility rather than covering 100% of the involved costs.

(*) Scholarships will be paid to the beneficiaries by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, according to real arrival and departure dates and UAB academic calendar.

The payment of these scholarships is subject to the regulations of the UAB and the Spanish Law and it is conditioned to open a Spanish bank account.

(**) Additional grants for students with fewer opportunities, as indicated in the table above:

Students with Fewer Opportunities: Conditions	Additional amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recipient of state aid for studies or a fee waiver - Having a 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, or - Have duly accredited physical, mental or health related conditions, such as serious or chronic illnesses, which prevent participation in mobility <p>To be duly documented by the applicant and confirmed by the sending institution.</p> <p>Applicants that come from an officially recognised disadvantaged socio-economic background in the sending country (e.g. low income, risk of social exclusion, vulnerable families etc.), might also be eligible for a Fewer Opportunities additional grant. They must indicate their disadvantaged status on the online application form, and attach the official documentation certifying it.</p>	<p>250€/month (up to 5 months)</p>

The conditions accredited must be fulfilled at the date of application and during all the stay.

(***) The amount will depend 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](#).

<u>Distance in kilometers</u>	<u>Maximum amount to be received.</u>
Between 100 - 499 km	180 € per participant.

Between 500 - 1999 km	275 € per participant
Between 2000 - 2999 km	360 € per participant
Between 3000 - 3999 km	530 € per participant
Between 4000 - 7999 km	820 € per participant
Between 8000 - 19999 km	1500 € per participant

6. Payment.

The payment of the scholarship 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 payment of the scholarship will be done in two periods:

- *First payment:*
 - *It represents 70% of the total amount calculated from the planned dates.*
 - *It is paid after arrival at UAB and the presentation of all required documents.*
- *Second payment:*
 - *It represents the rest of the scholarship.*
 - *It is calculated with the real dates of the stay.*
 - *It starts one month before the end of the mobility, to have time to get the amount and close the bank account.*

7. Compatibility.

Scholarships under the Erasmus+ KA171 program **are not compatible** with any other Erasmus+ scholarships granted for the same exchange mobility.

8. Criteria for evaluation

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.

Applications will be prioritized according to the following criteria:

1. Students with fewer opportunities in those countries with additional grants available
2. PhD students
3. Student mobilities in the frame of a Bachelor Double degree agreements
4. Undergraduate and Master 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.

Evaluation criteria for PhD Students:

- Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in the students Transcripts of Records.
- Mobility Agreement Proposal feasibility and contribution to common academic interests between the sending and receiving partner institutions.

Evaluation criteria for Undergraduate and Master Students:

- Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in 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 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.

9. Application process

The application period will be open from 10th November 2023 until 15th March 2026, following the **Calendar** indicated in section 11.

Applicants must complete the online application form on the UAB website and upload the required documents in the application form.

Scholarships Level	Documents
All levels	Application form online
	Passport
	Transcript of Records which includes average rating out of 10 or 100.
	Nomination certificate from home university
	Learning Agreement Erasmus+ KA171 Students
	(*) In order to apply for additional funding, candidates with special needs or disabilities must provide an official certifying document, (see section 9)
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 at PhD level it's required a written approval from the coordinator of the UAB PhD programme

10.- 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 the mobility.

Additional amount to students with need of <u>support to the inclusion</u> : Eligible costs and applicable rules	Amount
<p>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 persons (including costs related to travel and subsistence if a grant for these participants is not requested through budget categories "Travel" and "Individual support").</p> <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The documents that accredit the condition must be in English or translated by a Sworn Translator to English or Spanish.</p> <p>Additional funding will be subjected to <i>approval by the Spanish National Agency</i>.</p>	Real cost (or 100% of eligible costs)

11.- Call decision

A decision for the first round will be published on the [UAB website](#) and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

12.- Calendar

1a resolution	10 November 2023 - 15 January de 2024	29 January 2024
2a resolution	16 January - 15 de March 2024	19 April 2024
2a resolution	16 March - 15 June 2024	15 July 2024
3a resolution	16 June - 31 July and 1 September – 15 November 2024	16 December 2024
4a resolution	16 November 2024 - 15 January de 2025	29 January 2025
5a resolution	16 January - 15 de March 2025	21 April 2025
6a resolution	16 March - 15 June 2025	15 July 2025
7a resolution	16 June - 31 July and 1 September – 15 November 2025	15 December 2025
8a resolution	16 November 2024 - 15 January de 2026	29 January 2026
9a resolution	16 January - 15 de March 2026	20 April 2026

After the resolution it will be a **Cure period** of 10 natural days.

- **During the cure period:** Candidates can remedy their applications in case of any clerical errors or incomplete documentation.
- **After the cure period,** Candidates with documents not completed or incorrect will not be considered for selection.

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
- To carry out the mobility according to the proposal and dates committed, during 2023/24, 2024/25 or 2025/2026, and always before 31 July 2026.
- 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
 - Transcript of records and recognition at the sending institution in order to complete *table D after the mobility* of the learning agreement. (Bachelor & Master students)
- 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.

15.- Information

All of the information regarding this call will be available on the [UAB website](#)

For any questions concerning this call, the e-mail contact is erasmus.KA107@uab.cat

16.- Data protection clause

In accordance with the 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 the data processing is the fulfillment of a mission in the 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)