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ERASMUS+ CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINEESHIP PROGRAMMES 2019/2020

*Traineeships in Companies or Institutions based in one of the Countries participating in
the Programme.*

**Submission deadline for applications:
Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 1pm**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The **Erasmus+ Programme** promotes activities to the benefit of education, young people and sports, also including initiatives that give students the opportunity to participate in traineeship programmes abroad. More specifically, the initiative known as “*Erasmus+ mobility for Traineeship*” and the subject-matter of this call for applications is aimed at fostering the mobility of students and future graduates by giving them the opportunity to spend a traineeship period (**2-month minimum stay, to be completed by 30th September 2020**) in an institution/company based in one of the countries participating in the Programme, namely the 28 Member States of the European Union, the countries of the European Economic Area, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, and Turkey.

Students will have the opportunity to acquire specific and cross skills in the subjects of their study programme, as well as social and cultural knowledge of the host country. They will also improve their language skills and gain the professional skills required to integrate the theoretical knowledge learnt during their academic training, thus enhancing their *soft skills*.

For the academic year 2019/2020, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia offers its students **a total of 228 months of mobility for grants** - financed by the European Commission and Unimore.

Grants will be assigned for traineeships **no shorter than 60 days; financing is guaranteed for 4-month traineeships**, whereas for any additional month the sole status of Erasmus student is ensured. Grants will be assigned to Departments/Schools and PhD/Specialisation programmes based on applications, considering the historical data and mobility trend. Notification of the award will be made when transmitting the applications.

Traineeships shall be completed by 30th September 2020

Grants shall be considered as a subsidy to cover extraordinary expenses that the student may have to bear abroad.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified in the educational systems of the degree programmes, students are eligible to apply if they meet at least one of the following requirements:

REQUIREMENTS	GENERAL CONDITIONS
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	(Note: To specify in annex 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia who are <u>OFFICIALLY ENROLLED AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION, EVEN BEYOND THE TIME PRESCRIBED FOR GRADUATION</u>, for the year 2019/2020 in first, second or third-level degree programmes (Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and PhD respectively); postgraduates who are officially enrolled in the specialisation schools of the medical and non-medical area (students enrolled in certain Specialisation Schools are admitted if they are enrolled in years previous to the issuing of the call for applications, due to the scheduling of corresponding ministerial announcements) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> students who are <u>GRADUATING BY THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019 AND STARTING AS POSTGRADUATES</u>. In that case, at the time of application, students must be still enrolled in the academic year 2018/2019 (without having obtained the degree yet). 	In this event, the traineeship period shall take place after obtaining the university degree (obtaining the graduation is required before leaving) and anyway by 30th September 2020 .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled in Bachelor's Degree Programmes for the year 2018/2019 AND GRADUATING BY DECEMBER 2019 	In this case, they are eligible for the mobility programme provided that at the time of leaving they are enrolled for the academic year 2019/2020 in a Master's degree programme.

- 1) **Students not included:**
- students enrolled to individual Courses;
 - students not officially enrolled in UNIMORE.

Students who are not officially enrolled in UNIMORE may not apply. Please also note that the administrative office of the programmes must be UNIMORE.

Note: candidates must possess all the above-mentioned requirements when submitting the application.
Applications stating declarations that are non compliant with the participation requirements shall be considered void.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have a proper knowledge of the language spoken in the country where they would like to spend the traineeship period and/or the common language required/accepted by the host institution.

Candidates shall state their knowledge of a common language (English, French, Spanish and German) not lower than the B2 level (Europass Language Passport). The language knowledge may also be proven by submitting one of the certificates listed at the following website: <http://www.clamore.unimore.it/it/certifications/info>. If the level of language knowledge stated in the application is lower than B2, students shall commit to reach the required level before they leave for the traineeship period.

Before they leave, students who are awarded the grant shall take a free language test on the OLS (Online Linguistic Support) European portal. The result of the initial test will allow students to access an online language course for the same number of months as the mobility programme. The course may be started even before leaving for the traineeship (and anyway after signing the finance agreement) and students will commit themselves according to their individual learning needs and time availability. The OLS portal also provides for a

final compulsory test aimed at assessing students and monitoring their progresses during their staying abroad. At present, OLS is available in the following languages: English, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Polish, Czech, Danish, Greek, Portuguese, Swedish, Bulgarian, Finnish, Croatian, Hungarian, Romanian, Slovakian, Estonian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, and Slovenian. It will progressively be made available in more languages. Please also note that Erasmus students may obtain the licence for one language only as set at the time of the assignment. The modes and times for the OLS licence assignments shall be communicated by the International Relations Office.

TRAINEESHIP DURATION

Allowances shall be assigned only to traineeships lasting for a minimum of 2 actual months (60 days). **Traineeships shall be completed by 30th September 2020** The traineeship dates shall be previously agreed with the host company and the International Relations Office.

The length shall be accounted for based on a 360-day business year; hence each month will have a 30-day duration **regardless of its actual length**. If the mobility period is not a number of full months (e.g. 2 months and 5 days), the allowance shall be calculated by multiplying the number of days of the incomplete month by 1/30 of the monthly unit cost.

Note: The Erasmus+ programme allows **each student to be eligible for the Study or Traineeship mobility programme abroad more than once. Each student or graduate may spend a maximum mobility period of 12 months for each cycle of study**, regardless of the number and types of mobility programmes carried out, except for those students who are enrolled in single-cycle degree programmes, who can spend a maximum of 24 months abroad. **NOTE: The study mobility programme must be completed before starting the subsequent traineeship mobility programme.**

Financing is guaranteed for up to 4 months, whereas for any additional month the sole status of Erasmus student is ensured. The allowance amount shall be based on the residual provisions available, for the duration of the mobility. A time extension may be requested by submitting the specific form at least one month before the initial end date of the mobility period (the form will be made available by the Office). If the request is accepted, the status of Erasmus student is extended whereas the EU allowance for the additional months will vary according to the fund availability.

FINDING THE HOST COMPANY

Students shall choose the host company independently, also relying on the support of the Department traineeship Offices, where possible. To help finding a traineeship programme, the International Relations Office has activated a specific “[Internship Board](#)”, on which any traineeship offer that the office is aware of are posted (<http://www.internationalrelations.unimore.it/site/it/home/programmi-di-mobilita/cardCattirocini-estero.750002424.1.100.1.html>).

Please note that these are traineeship proposals that the office received periodically, not necessarily for all interest profiles of the applicants. The details of the traineeships proposed can be viewed only by logging in with UNIMORE username and password.

In addition, please note that for the 2018/2020 two-year period, the European Commission promoted the “**Digital Opportunity Traineeships**” which valorises and encourages traineeships open to all subjects, aimed at facilitating the acquisition of digital skills. “Digital skills” are aimed at developing high technological competences (such as IT security, big data analysis, quantum and /or artificial intelligence, programming languages; browser optimization -SEO) and horizontal abilities (web design, digital marketing, software development, graphic design). To facilitate the search for facilities suitable for the development of traineeship aimed at the development of Digital Skills, the European Board invited the European companies interested to publish their offers on the platforms <http://erasmusintern.org/> e Drop'pin@Eures <https://ec.europa.eu/eures/public/it/help-and-support/opportunities> useful to find companies/bodies suitable for carrying out traineeships aimed at the development of digital skills, notwithstanding the possibility to independently find other seats, provided that the activities for the applicants defined by the traineeships match the ones stated above.

Note: *The traineeship grant is subject to the acceptance of the application by the host institution.*

After finding the host company, the applicant/selected student shall submit an letter of acceptance written by the company in compliance with the layout enclosed (Annex 3).

Traineeships can start only after the *learning agreement for traineeship* has been formalised and the financing agreement has been signed.

If students are citizens of one of the countries participating in the Erasmus programme other than Italy, and are temporarily living and enrolled in an Italian higher education institution, they are eligible for mobility in a company of their country of origin/citizenship, even though they shall not be given priority in the selection process.

ELIGIBLE COMPANIES

The hosting institution at which the student wants to take on the traineeship must fall within the definition indicated in version 2 (2018) of the Programme Guide issued by the European Commission, saying that: “Any public or private organisation, active in the job market or in sectors such as education, training, and youth”.

In the event of a traineeship in higher education institutions (e.g. laboratories, libraries, etc.) the mobility will be considered to be carried out in a **company**, hence eligible, provided that the training activity planned during the traineeship is clearly indicated in the work plan of the student and not already included in other EU programmes, in order to avoid any possible conflict of interest and/or double financing. (Circular Letter from the LLP National Agency of 12/04/2010)

Branches of Italian companies abroad must be established with “foreign Articles of Association” in order to be eligible. EUROPEDIRECT offices and NGOs are eligible.

International Relations Offices of Higher Education Institutions **are eligible** as institutions hosting traineeship mobility programmes as long as the training programme provided for during the traineeship is clearly indicated in the Learning Agreement For Traineeship and not already part-financed within other EU programmes;

The following institutions are not eligible:

EU institutions and other EU bodies, including specialised agencies (full list available at the link: http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutionsbodies/index_en.htm).

However, other representation offices or public institutions such as cultural institutions, schools, etc. shall be considered *eligible for traineeship programmes* **provided that they guarantee the transnationality principle (e.g.: students acquire a know how differing from the one acquired through a traineeship in their own country).** (Circular Letter from the LLP National Agency of 12/04/2010)

GRANTS

The grant amount is set based on the destination country of the mobility student and on the months/days of the actual stay abroad. More specifically, the grant amount shall vary according to distinct groups of countries, which have been classified based on the cost of living:

Monthly Allowance	Destination countries
400.00 € Group 1 (high cost of living)	Denmark, Finland, Island, Ireland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom
350.00 € Group 2 (medium cost of living) and Group 3 (low cost of living)	Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, The Netherlands, Malta, Portugal, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia

Students with special needs may request an ad hoc grant to the Erasmus+ Indire National Agency for the main expenses strictly connected with their disability status. In this case, when applying please state your interest to

the International Relations Office or the Person in charge of disability – Mr. Giacomo Guaraldi (disabilita@unimore.it) who will notify the relevant Office.

Note: To the purpose of any request for additional funds, people with coeliac disease must have the certificate of invalidity or medical certificate.

The insurance policy (civil liability and personal accident in institutional activities) shall be borne by the university (Circular Letter from the LLP National Agency of 11/12/2008).

Grants are assigned for full-time traineeship activities.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted **exclusively** by filling out the online application form at the following web site <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/LoginInfo.do>, following the instructions provided in the “Guide to filling out and submitting the online application” by **Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 1pm.**

Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline, not filled out properly or not meeting the requisites set in the call for applications shall be discarded.

The following documents are an integral part of this call for application: “Guide to filling out and submitting the online application”, Annex 2 (compulsory) and the CV in the Europass format.

NO HARD COPY OF THE APPLICATION FORM IS REQUIRED

For further information please contact: International Relations Office

studentmobility@unimore.it

Opening hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30am to 1pm

Call centre opening hours:

059/2056571 for Modena – 0522/522212 for Reggio Emilia:

Mondays - Wednesdays - Fridays: 9:30am to 11:30am

Tuesdays - Thursdays : 9:30am to 10:30am

APPLICATION SELECTION AND ASSESSMENT

The applications received will be assessed, even after an individual interview if necessary, by delegates to International Relations of the applicants’ Departments, or by the Director of the institution concerned for students enrolled in Doctoral Research/Specialisation Programmes/School, based on the following parameters:

- motivation and objectives;
- previous experience abroad;
- language skills;
- feasibility analysis of the mobility professional project - if already defined
- university career assessment/curriculum vitae

Some Departments may provide motivational interviews as a selection criterion. The dates of the selection interviews that may be arranged will be communicated by the relevant professors who are in charge of the Department/Faculty mobility programmes and by the International Relations Office, only provided that it has been informed. In any event, students are expected to check the terms and details of the interview with their professors - see teachers’ boards and/or Department websites.

Priority shall be given to students enrolled in the last years of university programmes, also considering any credits obtained, as well as to students who have not previously carried out a traineeship with the assignment of learning credits, and to PhD students with no grant within the limits of ministerial financing.

A list of students eligible for the grants shall be drawn up, including a waiting list of students who will be given the right to take over in the proposed order in the event of winners’ withdrawal, until all monthly allowances have been accepted.

SELECTION RESULTS

Ranking lists will be posted exclusively on the University WEBSITE: <http://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-gradinternaz.html>, by **27th November 2019**.

The Office will send an email communicating that the list has been posted only to the official email address (@students.unimore.it), and shall not be responsible for any reception failure - for instance if the email goes into the spam folder. Therefore, students are responsible for monitoring the above-mentioned website.

ACCEPTANCE

By the terms indicated when the lists are posted, under penalty of forfeiture, the **awarded students must send an email accepting the grant assigned to them to the university email address: studentmobility@unimore.it** - following the instructions provided when the lists are posted.

The **eligible students** on the **waiting list** may only accept the Erasmus student status. This gives students the opportunity to participate in an Erasmus+ traineeship programme without being assigned any grant - unless some awarded students in the list give up their assignment.

Also for students with the sole Erasmus status, the search for the company is of sole responsibility of the involved subject, who must send his/her **acceptance of the Erasmus Status** to the university e-mail address studentmobility@unimore.it - following the instructions provided when the lists are posted.

Once the grant has been accepted, the financing agreement shall be signed both if students are assigned the grant and if they are given the Erasmus Status, before they leave and anyway **by 15 July 2020**. After that date, students who have not signed the financing agreement will be deemed to have withdrawn and lose their Erasmus+ student status.

GRANT OR STATUS ASSIGNMENT

The assignment of the grant or status is subject to:

- the student's acceptance - based on the instructions provided above;
- the host company's acceptance (stated in a letter of acceptance - see Annex 3)
- the signature of the Traineeship Mobility Agreement and the Learning Agreement for Traineeship at least 15 days before the start date (after submitting the letter of acceptance), based on the instructions provided by the International Relations Office.

Eligible students who initially accepted the status, and after a shift in the list do not accept the financing will be removed from the list both as status students and grant assignees.

The grant or status will be assigned exclusively for traineeships starting after the completion of the selection procedures and consequent assignment, acceptance, and preparation of the documents required to the purpose of the mobility.

Note: the Learning Agreement For Traineeship must be duly filled out and signed before the leaving date for each Erasmus student selected, also defining a tailored working plan. Such document may be filled out after submitting the letter of acceptance written by the company.

For mobility students: the Erasmus+ for Traineeship mobility is a traineeship experience with a recognition procedure carried out based on what provided in the regulations and teaching plans of the various study programmes, and following the procedures set by each Department. The winners are expected to retrieve information on the credit (CFU) recognition before leaving at the Stage Offices or contacting the person of the department in charge of teaching activities.

RENOUNCIATION

Students giving up the grant must send a written notification to the International Relations Office and return any

amount of the grant received in advance.

Students interrupting their stay - except for force majeure cases that have been authorised by the office - shall return the amount relating to the period of stay that has not been spent abroad, calculated according to the statement of the host institution.

LIST PROCESSING

List are processed based on the list order, regardless of the fact that students may have indicated or not their intention to benefit from the sole Erasmus+ for Traineeship status.

The Office shall be responsible for contacting the newly awarded students following to the list processing by e-mail indicating the terms and modes for accepting the grant. The Office will process the lists **until 30/05/2020**.

CHECKS

Please note that pursuant to Art. 71 of Presidential Decree no. 455 of 28/12/2000, the Administration will perform any suitable or random checks, as well as any checks required in the event that reasonable doubts arise about the truthfulness of self-certification statements.

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Art. 4 of Law no. 241 of 7th August 1990 “New rules on administrative procedures and on access to administrative documents”, the person in charge of the procedure is Ms. Rosa Altamura, International Relations Office - Tel.: 0522/522212, e-mail: studentmobility@unimore.it.

PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Personal data submitted by the applicants shall be processed for purposes of selection management and subsequent phases of the project, within the scope and institutional purposes of the Public Administration (Leg. Decree 196/2003).

Modena, 10/10/2019

The General Director
Stefano Ronchetti
Signed Stefano Ronchetti