

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA

EXCEPTIONAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA171 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENT MOBILITY FROM UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO (2024/2025 COURSE)

The University of Barcelona under the framework of the Erasmus+ project (KA171) 2023-ES01-KA171-HED-000138096 between programme institutions and partner institutions has been awarded with scholarships for student and staff from our partner countries.

Taking into consideration an exceptional situation that affected the places offered for the students of the University of Cairo, these students could not apply in the regular call (due to technical problems), the University of Barcelona announces this exceptional Call for applications for awarding financial supports to individual incoming students from the University of Cairo (according to the section 2.2. of this call). The objective of the mobility is studying at the University of Barcelona. All incoming activities supported within this call are coordinated and administered by the University of Barcelona.

1. PURPOSE

This programme is established by the European Commission and National Agencies of Programme countries are responsible for its execution as indirect management. The Spanish Service for Internationalization of Education (SEPIE) is the Spanish National Agency for the management, dissemination, promotion and impact studies of the Erasmus+ programme in the field of education and training. SEPIE performs the tasks of budget implementation, promote and implement the programme at national level and act as link between the European Commission and the participating organizations.

Learning mobility opportunities aim to encourage the mobility of students, staff between programme and partner countries. Programme countries are those that are member states of the European Union and 6 non-EU countries¹ and partner countries are those which are not part of the EU but which take part as partner of the programme country.

The main purposes of this call are:

- **study period:** this activity allows students from the partner institutions listed below to follow a credit mobility at the University of Barcelona;

It will not be considered an Erasmus mobility if the person does not go (physically) to the hosting city.

2. SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

¹ Non-EU programme countries: Serbia, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey. According to the Programme Guide of the Erasmus+: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

2.1 The grant includes:

- *Subsistence allowance*: an individual support established according to the destination and the number of days/months spent at the University of Barcelona.
- *Travel aid*: and additional amount to cover travel expenses. The amount is calculated according to the distance band (km) between the city of the home university and Barcelona.
- *Insurance*: University of Barcelona provides to all participants an illness, accident, and repatriation insurance for the period of the agreed mobility.

2.2 Scholarships:

All mobility activities have been agreed signing an inter-institutional agreement between the sending and the receiving universities, under the Erasmus+ framework.

The places offered are for students of the University of Cairo, Egypt:

Places	Mobility level	Study field	Subsistence allowance	Travel Aid	Specific requirements
2	Bachelor/master	Life science, biology and biochemistry, microbiology and biotechnology	850€ per month	820€	Required B1 Spanish Language and/or B2 English Language for courses taught in English.

Mobility must take place during the 2024/2025 academic course.

3. APPLICATION: PROCEDURE, REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND DEADLINES

PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS

This call is open to undergraduate/master/doctorate students from UB partner countries (according to the indicated information in the Annex I). In order to be eligible applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

1. Be student enrolled at the partner university indicated in Annex I at the moment of the application and also confirm they will be enrolled during the mobility period.
2. Have completed, minimum, one course (academic year) and the home university.
3. Complete on-line the Erasmus+ Application form:
4. https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/MobilitySearchServlet?identifier=BARCEL01&kz_bew_pers=S&kz_bew_art=IN&aust_prog=SMSKA107&sprache=en
5. Attach to the application the required documents to complete it.

6. Complete the Learning Agreement proposal indicating the subjects to be followed at the University of Barcelona and the subjects susceptible to be recognised at the home university.
7. Also attach the required documents by the home/host universities, if applies.
8. Conclude the application procedure attaching the application form signed. Without this application form signed the application will not be taken into account

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

To complete the application undergraduate/master students must include the following documents:

- Academic records of the bachelor/master programme followed at the home university.
- Proof of language proficiency (Certificate of official schools or transcript of records or certificate of the home university) with a level of B2 in English or B1 of Spanish/Catalan Language according to the requirements indicated.

Application deadlines:

Deadline to apply	Resolution from
30/05/2024	14/06/2024

Applications incomplete and/or received after the deadline will not be taken into account for the evaluation process.

After the application deadline, once all the applications are collected, the University of Barcelona will check the eligibility of the candidates with the home university and then send the correct ones to the partner universities for evaluating and UB faculties for evaluation as well. Upon completing the procedure, partner universities will nominate the pre-selected candidates to the University of Barcelona and University of Barcelona will collect all evaluation and confirm mobility of the selected candidates.

4. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The selection committee will evaluate the applicants and will prioritize candidates according to the established criteria in the call and budgetary availability. The selection process will consider the principles of equity, fairness and transparency. Institutions undertake to respect in full the principles of non-discrimination set out in the Programme and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds. There should be no discrimination "based on sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin,

genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation".

These are the criteria to apply for the evaluation:

1. Academic merit (0-50)
2. The suitability of the proposed activities/subjects with the university degree according to the Learning Agreement proposal/Research plan (0-30)
3. Interest of the home institution in the academic profile (0-20)

Each partner institution will compose an evaluation committee who will propose a list of pre-selected candidates and evaluate them. UB selection commission, headed by the Delegate of the Rector for Networks and International Mobility and composed as well by the responsible for international programmes at the faculty level will also evaluate candidates according to the suitability of the academic activities. Afterwards, the University of Barcelona, according to both evaluations, will award the scholarships to students resolving this call.

5. INCLUSION AND FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

Candidates with fewer opportunities (participants who, for economic, social, cultural, geographical or health reasons, a migrant background, or for reasons such as disability and educational difficulties or for any other reasons, including those that can give rise to discrimination under article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental rights of the European Union, face obstacles that prevent them from having effective access to opportunities under the programme) are encouraged to apply for the application and may be eligible for additional funding (maximum 250€ per month). Candidates must indicate their disadvantage and document it officially (home institutions will evaluate the status and documents provided).

Financial inclusion support

Additional costs directly related to participants with special needs or disabilities may be covered according to real costs. In particular these costs aim at covering the extra financial support required for participants with physical, mental or health related conditions to allow and encourage their participation in the mobility. Candidates must provide a certified disability equal to or greater than 33 per cent or have accredited physical, mental or health conditions.

6. COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER EU GRANTS

Scholarships under the Erasmus+ Partner Countries (KA171) programme are not compatible with any other Erasmus+ scholarships granted for the same exchange mobility.

7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Rights of the beneficiary

- To receive the scholarship according to the amounts indicated in section 2.2. The expenses not covered by the scholarship will be borne by the beneficiary.
- To receive adequate insurance throughout the mobility period according to the Erasmus+ programme rules
- To receive information and advice on the application procedure, as well as pre-departure and on-site guidance.
- To charge no fees, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities.
- To ensure that the study mobility period is recognized by the sending university.

Obligations of the beneficiary

- To obtain visa for the stay in the receiving country
- To carry out the mobility stay according to the proposal and dates committed.
- 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 the University of Barcelona.
 - Before: -Grant Agreement
 - During: -Learning Agreement
-Arrival certificate
 - After: -Mobility certificate
-On-line mobility final assessment
- Any other obligation inherent to the Erasmus+ Programme and the internal regulations of the sending and receiving institutions.

All information about this call will be available on the UB website:
<http://www.ub.edu/uri/ka107/>

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Against this decision, which exhausts administrative proceedings, and irrespective of its immediately enforceability, interested parties may choose to open contentious administrative proceedings through the Contentious-Administrative Court of Barcelona, as provided for in Article 8 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, on appeals and complaints against public bodies. Proceedings may be opened up to two months after announcement of the decision in question, in accordance with the provisions made in Article 46 of Law 29/1998. Notwithstanding, interested parties may also choose to lodge an internal appeal, within one month from the day after notification of the decision, in accordance with the provisions established in Article 123 et. seq. of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on common administrative procedure of public administrations. In this case, contentious administrative proceedings may not be opened until such time as the internal appeal has been expressly or implicitly resolved. Interested parties may also lodge any other type of appeal they deem appropriate in legitimate defence of their rights.