

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ERASMUS+ MOBILITY FOR STUDIES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

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Wherever the masculine form is used in this document, solely for the sake of simplicity, it is intended to refer **inclusively to all persons** working within the academic community.

SECTION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF ERASMUS MOBILITY FOR STUDIES AND DETAILS

This call for applications is part of the Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme, governed by [Regulation \(EU\) No 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021](#) and the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2021-2027](#).

The preamble and annexes to this Call for Applications form an integral and essential part thereof.

Individual mobility for learning purposes is part of Action 1 of the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027. This action supports the mobility of students in any subject area and cycle of studies (first, second and third cycle).

The aim of this action is to contribute to the creation of a European Education Area and to strengthen the link between education and research in order to promote thinking skills.

The publication of this call for applications is subject to the publication of the 2026 Call for Funding and the subsequent signing of the Erasmus+ 2026/2027 Agreement between the Indire/Erasmus+ National Agency and the University of Messina. The activities and related funding provided for in this call are subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Erasmus+ Convention. Any changes will be made official and communicated to the students concerned through institutional channels.

Art. 1 - Purpose and destinations of mobility for study

Art. 1.1 - Mobility for studies

Action 1 of the Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme provides for mobility for study purposes (Student Mobility for Studies-KA131).

This call for applications, falling within this framework, allows students to undertake a period of international mobility as part of their first, second and third cycle (doctorate) studies at a foreign partner university that has signed a bilateral agreement with the University of Messina, where they will be able to:

- attend courses and take examinations;
- combine a period of study with a period of curricular internship/research for a thesis;
- conduct research as part of the relevant doctoral programme.

Art. 1.2 Study mobility destinations

Erasmus mobility for study purposes can take place at partner universities with which the University of Messina has signed an agreement and which are located in one of the following countries belonging to *the so-called Programme Countries group*, which includes: European Union Member States, European Economic Area countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), and countries that are candidates for EU membership (Turkey, Serbia, and the Republic of North Macedonia).

International students (European and non-European) enrolled at the University of Messina

will be able to carry out their mobility period at a foreign university in their country of residence/citizenship. The data reported in the ESSE3 application will be considered valid.

Art. 2 - Requirements for participation in the Erasmus+ mobility programme

Art. 2.1 General requirements for participation in the Erasmus+ Programme

It is possible to undertake one or more Erasmus study placements (and/or traineeships – based on the provisions contained in the specific Call for Applications) in the same cycle of study in different academic years. However, there is a maximum number of months of Erasmus mobility for each cycle of study, as detailed below:

- Cycle I (bachelor's degree): maximum 12 months (360 days)
- Cycle II (master's degree): maximum 12 months (360 days)
- Single-cycle degree: maximum 24 months (720 days)
- Third cycle (doctorate, specialisation or second-level master's degree): maximum 12 months (360 days)

The duration in days indicated is to be calculated in accordance with the Erasmus+ programme: [Erasmus+ National Agency Calculator](#)

Periods of physical mobility abroad lasting less than 2 months (equal to 60 days) are not eligible, unless the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE applies the force majeure clause.

It is the responsibility of each candidate **to check the number of months still available** for the relevant study cycle for the purposes of applying for this call. By submitting an application for the Erasmus call for applications for the academic year 2026/2027, the candidate confirms that they have a number of months available that is consistent with the above rule. If the maximum number of months of Erasmus+ mobility is exceeded, the mobility will be cancelled and the grants awarded will have to be repaid.

In this regard, we also refer to the criminal liability associated with making false statements (Penal Code and special laws on the subject, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000).

Art. 2.2 - Requirements for participation in the Erasmus+ programme as set out by the University of Messina
The University of Messina, **guaranteeing equal treatment between men and women**, allows all students of the University of Messina who are regularly enrolled in a:

- degree course;
- master's degree programme;
- single-cycle master's degree course;
- doctoral programme (see Art. 7)

Participation in the Erasmus+ study programme is subject to the enrolment/registration requirements specified in the table below, together with the language requirements set out in Art. 2.3.

Requirements for participation in the Erasmus+ programme as set out by UniME	
Mobility characteristic	Enrolment requirements
Mobility of a student enrolled in the 1st year of a bachelor's degree, master's degree, single-cycle master's degree or doctoral programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment and payment of the relevant fee for the academic year 2026/2027 before the start of mobility. For those leaving in the 1st semester, enrolment (and payment of the enrolment fee) must be formalised before departure for mobility. • Be a UniME student/PhD candidate, regularly enrolled (<u>within the normal duration of the degree programme</u>) in a Bachelor's degree programme (first cycle), Master's degree/single cycle (second cycle), PhD (third cycle), at the time of application (academic year 2025/2026) and for the entire duration of the stay abroad (academic year 2026/2027); • Have passed any OFA debt before the start of the mobility programme, under penalty of cancellation of the mobility programme; • Not have been enrolled as a 'repeat student' for more than one year; • Possess/commit to achieving the language proficiency required by the partner universities where you intend to carry out the mobility period, as specified in the 'available destinations' sheets (Annex 1 and Annex 2); • Not have already used the maximum number of months of mobility allowed by the Erasmus+ Programme in your course of study.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not</u> be enrolled, at the time of application, for a number of years exceeding the legal duration of your degree programme (so-called 'out of course').
Mobility of a student enrolled/registered in the 1st year of a three-year, master's or single-cycle master's degree programme with citizenship of a non-European country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same requirements as in the previous point • Hold a valid residence permit at the time of application and for the entire duration of the mobility period. The residence permit must be renewed before the start of the mobility period. <p>N.B. Students leaving in the first semester who do not have a valid, renewed residence permit must plan their departure for the second semester. It is advisable to arrange for renewal well in advance of the departure date.</p>

Art. 2.3 - Language requirements

For mobility programmes taking place in **Spain, France, Germany and, in some cases, Portugal** (as indicated in Annexes 1 and 2 - Available destinations), students **must commit to learning or already possess knowledge of the mother tongue of the host country**. Additional language skills are optional.

Applications must be submitted with **one of the following documents** concerning compliance with the language requirements of the host institution:

1. International certifications recognised by the MUR as shown in the following table:

International certifications	
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS (International English Language Testing System - University of Cambridge) • PET (Preliminary English Test - University of Cambridge) • FCE (First Certificate in English - University of Cambridge) • CAE (Cambridge Advanced English - University of Cambridge) • CPE (Cambridge Proficiency English - University of Cambridge) • TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) • ESOL (English for Speakers of Other



	<p>Languages - University of Cambridge)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISE (Integrated Skill in English – Trinity College London) • ESOL (British Institute)
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DELF (Diplôme d' études en langue Française – Alliance Française/CIEP) • DALF (Diplôme approfondi de langue française – Alliance Française/CIEP) • ESABAC (State Examination-Baccalauréat) • DFP (Diploma de Française Professionnel - CCIP)
German language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goethe Certificate B1 • Goethe Certificate B2 • ÖSD Certificate B1 • ÖSD Certificate B2 • Test DaF (Test German als Fremdsprache)
Spanish Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DELE (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera – Instituto Cervantes) • SIELE (Servicio Internacional de Spanish Language Assessment – Instituto Cervantes)

2. Self-certification (Annex 3 of the Call for Applications)

<p>Self-certification – drawn up in accordance with the template available in Annex 3 of the Call for Applications – in which the candidate declares that they are in one of the following positions:</p>	<p>1) Having passed the language exam required by the study plan and subsequent registration in the degree programme</p> <p>The language passed must be the official language of the destination country or the language accepted by the host institution as the 'language of instruction'. For three-year courses, the language exam passed must be at level B1, while for master's and single-cycle courses, it must be at level B2 (except in cases where the study programme does not specify a different level).</p>
	<p>2) Be a native speaker or enrolled in courses taught entirely in English. This option is</p>

	valid for students applying to institutions that require English as a language requirement.
	3) Have passed the Online Linguistic Support (OLS) test. This option is reserved exclusively for those who have already participated in Erasmus mobility in the academic years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and are in possession of the relevant OLS certificate, which must be submitted at the time of application.
	4) Have passed a CLA test to participate in Erasmus+ Study mobility calls in the calendar years 2024 and 2025.

3. Letter of commitment to achieve the language level required by the assigned location (Annex 4 of the Call for Applications)

Participation in the call for applications is also permitted without specific language skills. Students must attach to their application **a commitment to achieve and certify the required language level**, using one of the two options provided for in **Annex 4 of the Call for Applications**:

- Passing a test administered by the University Language Centre (CLA) as indicated by the U.OP. Mobilità per Studio (Study Mobility Office). Candidates will be notified by email sent to their institutional email address (... @studenti.unime.it) by the CLA.
- Passing the curricular exam

The required language level must be achieved by the dates indicated in the following table, **otherwise the scholarship will be revoked and the place will be reassigned to another student who has been successfully placed on the ranking list**:

Language Level	30 May 2026 - for departures of 1st semester/full year
	30 November 2026 - for departures in the second semester

Students who choose to submit a "letter of commitment" will be considered "provisional" awardees.

PLEASE NOTE

For mobility programmes taking place in **Spain, France, Germany and, in some cases, Portugal** (as indicated in Annex 1A), students **must commit to acquiring or already possess the local language skills required by the host institutions**.

Certified knowledge of the language may be required by the host institution at the application stage (registration on the partner university's portal).

Therefore, in addition to Annexes 1 and 2 ('Available destinations'), candidates are invited to consult the host university's website in advance for information on the language requirements. Language certificates will be issued by our Operational Unit only upon request by the individual student sent by email to erasmus@unime.it

In compliance with the requirements of the Three-Year Plan for the Prevention of Corruption and Transparency (PIAO) 2025-2027, relating to **the verification of the authenticity of self-certifications/international language certifications** submitted for participation in the call for applications, candidates may be contacted, on a random basis, to produce the documentation subject to verification, attaching a declaration of conformity to the original copy of the deeds or documents (pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000).

Art. 3 - Duration and types of Erasmus+ mobility

The duration of Erasmus+ mobility is established in each bilateral agreement signed between the University of Messina and the individual partner universities.

The mobility period must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Art. 2 of this Call for Applications.

In order to promote the quality of international mobility, the University of Messina stresses the importance of complying with the duration (number of months) provided for in the bilateral agreement (IIA) without requesting reductions/modifications when accepting the assigned location.

ATTENTION

It is possible to request an extension or reduction of the mobility period with respect to the months provided for in the interinstitutional agreement. In the event of an extension, the additional mobility period will not be covered by any grant. Those who are awarded a one-year grant (9-10 months) and initially decide to reduce it to a single semester will lose the possibility of obtaining annual funding even in the event of a subsequent extension.

It is advisable to accept the entire period provided for in the agreement and, if necessary, bring forward the end of the mobility period. Further and more detailed information can be found in Annex 6 of the Call for Applications, which we invite you to read.

Mobility can begin on **1 September 2026**, must end no later than **30 September 2027**, and must be carried out continuously. **In combined study+internship mobility, the two activities must be carried out consecutively and not simultaneously.**

There are two types of mobility:

Erasmus+ mobility	
<p>Long Mobility (for all students)</p>	<p>This can be undertaken by all students enrolled in the first and second cycle of studies and PhD programmes at partner universities with which the University of Messina has signed an agreement and which are located in <i>the Programme Countries</i> (see Article 1.2 of this call for applications).</p> <p>Each long mobility must have a minimum duration of 2 months (60 days) and a maximum duration of 12 months (360 days) according to the duration indicated for each individual location.</p>
<p>Short Mobility (only for PhD students)</p>	<p>This type of mobility is reserved only for doctoral students enrolled in UniME doctoral programmes.</p> <p>Short mobility is permitted for a minimum duration of 5 days and a maximum of 30 days.</p> <p>For this call, <i>short mobility</i> is only available within the Programme Countries. Short mobility must be authorised by the host university in accordance with the procedures indicated in Article 8.3 of this call.</p>

Doctoral students may choose to undertake either long-term or short-term Erasmus mobility at the available destinations, in accordance with the provisions of the previous articles. **Mobility for doctoral students must be undertaken exclusively before the conclusion of the doctoral programme.**

Art. 4 – Permitted and prohibited activities during Erasmus+ mobility

During Erasmus+ mobility for study at the host university, it is possible to:

- **attend courses and take examinations.** N.B. Examinations relating to years subsequent to that of mobility cannot be taken abroad. (see Annex 6 – Mobility Management Handbook)
- **carry out activities aimed at writing a degree thesis.** It is necessary to check in advance whether the foreign university of interest is willing to offer supervision for curricular internships and/or activities aimed at writing a degree thesis: given the specific nature of these activities, this opportunity is not guaranteed at all foreign universities;
- **undertake continuous combined mobility (study + internship and/or thesis research).** In this case, the internship activities must be carried out in a manner complementary to the study activities and under the supervision of the host university (internships at third-party institutions other than the assigned location are not permitted).

The host university is responsible for the final approval of the training plan to be

carried out during mobility.

Given the importance of high-quality international mobility aimed at carrying out teaching activities at the host university, the University of Messina **does not allow** the following activities to be carried out during Erasmus mobility:

- attending courses and taking exams at the University of Messina;
- graduate from the University of Messina.

Art. 5 - Recognition of training activities carried out during Erasmus+ mobility

The period of international mobility is an integral part of the educational programme and is fully recognised academically, based on what has been agreed in advance with the international mobility coordinator of the relevant degree programme and with the host university through the Learning Agreement for Studies (study plan for the mobility period). **All exams passed abroad and duly recorded in the Transcript of Records must be recognised and recorded in the student's academic career. It will not be possible to refuse a grade recorded in the ToR.**

The activities planned and agreed upon for the mobility period must be consistent with the subject area (ISCED Area) specified in the bilateral agreement signed between the University of Messina and the Partner University and comply with the provisions of the "[Regulations for the recognition of educational activities carried out abroad](#)".

Art. 6 - Erasmus 'status': equivalence of studies and services

Those who are successful in the call for applications will be granted Erasmus student status, which guarantees the following at their respective universities, as shown in the table below:

Erasmus STATUS	
At UniME	At the host university
Recognition of the period of study and training activities carried out abroad and included in the Learning Agreement.	Exemption from payment of enrolment fees (except for any specific contributions required)
Recognition of compulsory attendance of courses that should have been attended during the mobility period.	Extension of UniME insurance coverage for civil liability and accidents during the performance of training activities abroad. Insurance coverage is only guaranteed if you are regularly enrolled at UniME.
	Use of free services offered by the host university (e.g. language courses, accommodation search support, tutoring, etc.)

Art. 7 – Financial contribution from the European Union

The total financial contribution for the mobility period is provided through European funds allocated by the Erasmus+/INDIRE National Agency, the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) and the University. The total financial contribution consists of a mobility grant (see Articles 7.1 and 7.2) and a travel grant (see Article 7.3).

In particular, the total amount of the grant varies depending on:

- type of mobility (*Long mobility or Short mobility* reserved only for doctoral students)
- student's financial situation.
- country of destination

The grant awarded under this call for applications cannot be combined with other funding provided under European Union programmes and funds.

PhD students who hold scholarships (funded either by EU funds or other institutions) may participate in mobility **exclusively as 'zero-grant' students** (without an Erasmus grant), while retaining their original PhD scholarship and, where provided for by the respective regulations, the supplement for mobility abroad.

Art. 7.1 - Financial contribution for Erasmus+ *Long mobility*

The contribution for **Erasmus long-term study mobility** consists of the following items:

ITEM A - Monthly EU grant allocated by the Erasmus+/INDIRE National Agency. This component is paid to all winners of the Erasmus+ study call for the academic year 2026/2027, varies according to the country of destination and corresponds to the following amounts:

Monthly EU grant allocated by the National Agency Erasmus+/INDIRE	
Destination countries	Amount
<u>GROUP 1</u> Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden	400.00 euros per month
<u>GROUP 2 and Group 3</u> Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Hungary.	350.00 euros per month

The awarding of scholarships and the total amount will be subject to the overall funding that the University will receive from the European Commission through the Erasmus+ National Agency.

If the European funds allocated for Call 2026 are not sufficient to finance all the mobility grants awarded, any remaining funds from the 2025/26 academic year may be used. The University will inform beneficiaries in good time of the award criteria, the maximum number of months that can be funded and the total amounts awarded to each student. Recipients who, after accepting the destination, are not awarded an ERASMUS+ grant may withdraw from the programme without further consequences.

ITEM B - Supplementary contribution for disadvantaged economic situations.

This supplementary grant is awarded on the basis of specific requirements relating to:

- **merit:** achievement and recognition of at least 12 Italian curricular credits recognised in the academic career by 1 October 2027 (within the academic year in which the mobility takes place).
- **financial situation:** at the time of application, an ISEEU* value of between 0 and €50,000. For international students, this requirement is considered to be met.

The amount of the supplementary grant, paid to those entitled, will vary according to the ISEEU value. International students will benefit from the additional grant depending on their country of origin, based on the provisions of the Board of Directors' resolution of 30 January 2025.

ISEE value	Monthly amount	BELONGING GROUP THIRD COUNTRY*
ISEE ≤ 13,000	€400	A
13,001 < ISEE ≤ 24,000	£350	B
24,001 < ISEE ≤ 26,000	€300	C
26,001 < ISEE ≤ 28,000	€200	D
28,001 < ISEE ≤ 30,000	€150	
30,001 < ISEE ≤ 40,000	€100	
40,001 < ISEE ≤ 50,000	€50	
ISEE > 50,001	€0	

*Applicable only to international students coming from and with income generated in third countries – see Annex 7

If there are insufficient funds to finance the supplementary grant for all students in disadvantaged economic situations (ITEM B), priority will be given to those with a lower ISEEU value, until the budget available for this item is exhausted.

Supplementary grants will be determined on the basis of the ISEEU calculated specifically for university education benefits, as communicated at the time of

enrolment for the 2025/2026 academic year.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to benefit from the contribution referred to in "ITEM B", it is necessary to have submitted the ISEEU. If, at the time of enrolment/registration, the student has been exempted from the obligation to submit the ISEEU (e.g. students with a grade point average of 100) or has benefited from concessions, in order to benefit from the additional grant (ITEM B), it will be necessary to request a review (update/entry of the ISEEU) from the student office. **The ISEEU update must be registered in the student's academic record by the deadline of this call for applications.** Requests for additional funding for ISEEUs submitted after the closing date of the call for applications will not be accepted.

As established by the Board of Directors at its meeting on 30 January 2025, **international students will receive supplementary grants based on the group to which their country of origin belongs** (see Annex 7 of the Call for Applications, Table of additional funds allocated by country of origin).

ITEM C – Supplementary EU grants for students with special needs.

These are grants allocated by the European Commission and intended for those with specific physical, mental or health conditions. The availability of these grants will be notified directly to those who are successful in the Erasmus study call for applications. To access them, it will be necessary to submit a specific application based on the procedures and deadlines defined by the Erasmus Plus INDIRE National Agency. For further information, please contact the Study Mobility Office (erasmus@unime.it).

Students who do not complete any study activities and do not obtain any recognition for the activities undertaken will be required to return the full amount of funding received and will not be recognised as 'Erasmus+ students'.

In the event of a request for an extension of the mobility period, no increase in the financial contribution initially granted will be paid.

Art. 7.2 - Erasmus+ financial contribution for **Short Mobility** intended exclusively for doctoral students without a doctoral scholarship.

PhD students may undertake Erasmus+ mobility to Programme Countries as "short mobility" rather than Long Mobility, subject to an explicit request submitted at the application stage (in accordance with the procedures specified in Article 8.3 of this Call) and subject to subsequent authorisation by the host university. This type of activity may be followed or preceded by blended (remote) mobility, which is not compulsory but strongly recommended.

In the case of *Short Mobility*, specific grants are provided which will replace and NOT be added to those provided for Erasmus+ *Long Mobility*.

The contribution for Erasmus *Short Mobility* carried out as part of a doctoral programme at a university in a Programme Country is provided as **individual support**, i.e. a daily amount paid to all doctoral students who have won the Erasmus call for applications for the 2026/27 academic year and who will carry out this type of mobility.

The amounts relating to Individual Support are shown in the table below:

Erasmus <i>short mobility</i> financial contribution for doctoral students			
Beneficiaries	Type Contribution	Additional requirements	Amount of grant
PhD students who have won the Erasmus call for applications for the academic year 26/27 and will be undertaking a short mobility programme in Programme Countries	Individual support	N/A	From the 1st to the 14th day of mobility: €79 per day
			From the 15th to the 30th day of mobility: €56 per day

Art. 7.3 **TRAVEL GRANT** amount

The Travel Grant is a contribution available to all selected participants, with amounts varying according to the distance in **kilometres** between the University of Messina and the Erasmus+ destination.

There are two types of Travel Grant:

1. "Standard"

- A one-off contribution, without the need to submit expense receipts, to **all recipients** who use standard means of transport (such as flights, etc.) to reach their Erasmus+ destination, based on the distance in kilometres of the route.
- Requests for occasional return trips (e.g. Christmas holidays, weekends, etc.) will not be considered eligible.

The amounts of the Standard Travel Grant per participant are shown in the table below:

STANDARD TRAVEL GRANT	
Kilometre range	Standard Travel Grant Amount
Between 0 and 99 KM	€28
Between 100 and 499 KM	£211
Between 500 and 1999 KM	£30
Between 2000 and 2999 KM	£395
Between 3000 and 3999 KM	€580
Between 4000 and 7999 KM	€1,188
8000 KM or more	£1,735

To calculate distances, we recommend using the official distance calculator available at the following link:
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/it/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

2. “Green”

The Erasmus+ 2021/2027 programme aims to encourage green transport, i.e. modes of travel using low CO2 emission means of transport (such as trains, car sharing, buses). **The one-off contribution** is awarded to those who use low environmental impact means of transport such as trains, car sharing, buses, etc. (ships and aeroplanes are excluded) to reach their Erasmus+ destination.

- The journey must be made at the start of the mobility period, within a maximum of 30 days before the start date of the mobility period as certified by the Mobility Declaration, and/or in relation to the return journey made within a maximum of 30 days from the end date of the mobility period as certified by the Mobility Declaration.
- Requests for occasional return trips (e.g. Christmas, Easter, weekends, etc.) will not be considered eligible.
- For this type of travel, it is necessary to keep the relevant expense receipts in order to prove that the trip was actually eco-friendly. The receipts will be requested by the Study Mobility Office at the end of the mobility period.

The amounts and requirements of the 'Green' Travel Grant per participant are indicated in the table below:

TRAVEL GRANT 'Green Travel'		
Requirements for beneficiaries	Kilometre range	Green Travel Grant amount
→ undertake a Green journey to reach the Erasmus+ destination → submit supporting documents for travel expenses incurred	Between 0 and 99 KM	£56
	Between 100 and 499 KM	£285
	Between 500 and 1999 KM	£417
	Between 2000 and 2999 KM	£47
	Between 3000 and 3999 KM	£78
	Between 4000 and 7999 KM	£1,188
	8000 KM or more	£1,735

To calculate distances, we recommend using the official distance calculator available at the following link: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/it/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

Art. 7.4 – Methods and timing of Erasmus+ mobility grant payments

In the case of long-term mobility, the financial contribution due is estimated on the basis of the number of months specified in the Call for Applications (Annex 1 and Annex 2) and subsequently defined in the financial agreement. At the end of the Erasmus mobility period, the financial contribution is recalculated on the basis of the number of days of mobility actually completed, in accordance with the calculation methods specified in the Erasmus+ programme.

The payment of the monthly Community Grant (ITEM A) is subject to the signing of the Financial Agreement between the University of Messina and the beneficiary (the student). The amount of the supplementary grant (ITEM B), which is not included in the Financial Agreement but is paid automatically, is calculated on the basis of the number of days of mobility, as specified in the Financial Agreement signed for ITEM A.

The following payments are provided for:

- an **initial advance payment** at the start of the mobility period corresponding to 80% of the monthly EU grant (ITEM A) and, where applicable, 80% of the supplementary contribution (ITEM B). The departure and start of the mobility period are subject to administrative deadlines and acceptance by the host university.
- a **balance** of 20% of the monthly EU grant (ITEM A) at the end of the mobility period. The corresponding 20% of the supplementary grant (ITEM B) will be paid at the end of the procedure for the recognition of training activities carried out during the mobility period exclusively to those who have obtained the validation of at least 12 Italian curricular credits for exams passed during the academic year of mobility. The supplementary grant will only be paid for the duration specified in the financial agreement and will not be calculated for any extension period.
- Payment of 100% of the value of the 'Standard' Travel Grant

The contribution allocated to **Erasmus long-term study mobility** may be subject to total or partial repayment.

Full reimbursement of ITEM A (plus any ITEM B) and the Standard Travel Grant is required in the event of:

- **Failure to complete all the study activities** included in the approved study plan (no academic recognition). In this case, the **return of ITEM B** will **also** be requested and "Erasmus+ student" status will not be recognised;
- withdrawal from the mobility period (after signing the financial agreement);
- return from mobility before 60 days (except in the application of the Force Majeure clause approved by the Erasmus+ INDIRE National Agency in the event of particular emergency situations);
- cancellation of the mobility period by UNIME due to failure to comply with the provisions of the financial agreement under the Erasmus+ programme signed by the beneficiary;
- failure to submit the final documentation at the end of the mobility period, including the Confirmation of Arrival/Departure, the latest approved and signed version of the Learning Agreement for Studies, and the Transcript of Records.

Full repayment of Item B is required, if applicable, in the event of:

- failure to recognise at least 12 Italian curricular credits for the mobility period undertaken;

However, partial reimbursement of the grant is required in the event of a reduction in the mobility period compared to what is specified in the financial agreement (reimbursement of an amount proportional to both Item A and Item B and corresponding to the number of days of mobility not completed).

In the case of *short mobility*, the timing and methods for the payment of the grant will be defined in the financial agreement signed with the beneficiary. For this type of mobility, a partial refund is also provided for if the doctoral student returns earlier than the duration agreed in the Financial Agreement. Full reimbursement is required in the event of withdrawal from the mobility period (after signing the financial agreement).

The Financial Agreement must be sent exclusively from your institutional email address (nome.cognome@studenti.unime.it) at least one month before the start of the mobility period to the U. Op. Mobilità per Studio, which will forward the document for final signature by the Head of the Teaching and Higher Education Services Department. The deadlines for submitting the Financial Agreement will be communicated in a timely manner by email to scholarship recipients.

At the end of the mobility period and the recognition procedure for educational activities carried out abroad, the University of Messina will verify the actual period of stay and the number of credits registered in the student's academic career and will calculate the amount due, which may be a credit or a debit. The Erasmus mobility grant is INCOMPATIBLE with other EU funds awarded for the same purpose, i.e. to support the period of international mobility.

SECTION 2: SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

Art. 8 – Submission of the application

Art. 8.1 – Choice of destination

Each student may choose up to ten destinations in order of preference on their application form. It is advisable to apply only for destinations of genuine interest, as during the initial ranking phase, students may be placed at one of their selected destinations and not necessarily their first preference.

Candidates are required to carefully evaluate all preferences expressed, in line with their course of study and with the help of the information contained in the 'available destinations' sheets (Annexes 1 and 2), bearing in mind that any of the destinations chosen may be assigned.

The destinations available for each Department are attached to this call for applications in 'Annex 1 - Available locations for 1st and 2nd cycle' and Annex 2 - Available locations for 3rd cycle.

PLEASE NOTE

The host universities set DEADLINES for:

- ***Nominations (receipt of names)*** of those who will participate in Erasmus+ mobility at their university. Nominations are communicated by the Study Mobility Office following acceptance by the student
- ***Application (admission application)*** of those who have been *nominated*. This process is the responsibility of the individual student who has been awarded an Erasmus+ study mobility grant.

If the above deadlines are prior to the conclusion of the selection process at the University of Messina, departure in the first semester of the academic year 2026/2027 is NOT guaranteed and it will be necessary to consider a possible departure in the second semester, regardless of the number of months required by the destination.

Students are invited to check the *nomination/application* deadlines and any language requirements on the host university's website when submitting their application, particularly if they plan to start their mobility programme in the first semester.

BEFORE submitting their Erasmus application, **students must check** the following information:

- **Subject area of the agreement (ISCED area)**: consider the consistency between the subject area of the bilateral agreement and your own course of study. (Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the available locations)
- **Level of study required for the period abroad**: evaluate the choice of the desired level of study (UG/PG/D) in line with your own level of study: 'UG' = undergraduate: degree three-year/
I level, 'PG' = postgraduate: degree

specialist/master's degree/single cycle of II level "D" = doctorate. (Annex 1 and Annex 2 of available locations)

- Language requirements of the host university: these are the language requirements for admission set by the host universities. You must evaluate your choice of destination, taking into account the requirements indicated and your language skills and/or any language certificates required by the host university. (Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the available locations)
- Procedure and deadline for applications as specified by the host university: consult the host university's website in order to plan your mobility. (Host university website)
- Places available with the corresponding number of months: e.g. '2x6' = 2 places for a duration of six months each (Annex 1 and Annex 2 of Available Locations)
- Host university course offerings: consult the catalogue of courses offered by the host university on its website to identify courses compatible with your study plan, consulting the [international mobility coordinator for your degree programme, whose contact details are available online](#), if necessary. N.B. If you are also interested in carrying out an internship and/or thesis research, you must check whether the host university is willing to accept such activities.
- For locations where English is the minority language (e.g. Portugal, Poland, Turkey, Romania, etc.) but is used as the language of instruction, it is essential to check their course offerings to ensure that you know the language in which the lectures/programmes/exams are held.
- For countries such as Spain, France, Germany and, in some cases, Portugal, students must have a working knowledge of the host country's mother tongue. Additional language skills are optional.
- Database containing exams taken and recognised by Erasmus+ students in previous academic years, listing, for each department and degree programme, the courses taken (and subsequently recognised) at partner institutions by UniME students in previous academic years. Please note that the data contained in the database is not exhaustive; students may independently identify additional courses to take abroad. (UNIME website)

Art. 8.2 – Application

This Call for Applications has a single deadline for the submission of applications.

Applications may be submitted by 1 p.m. on 18 March 2026.

Students interested in participating in the Mobility Call must submit their application exclusively online, logging in with their credentials on the University's [ESSE3](#) personal page and following the procedure indicated in **Annex 5 of the call**, "Guide to completing the application." Paper applications are not required, and no additions to the application will be accepted.

The application must indicate:

- your language skills (see Art. 2.3). The certificate/self-certification of language skills must be uploaded in PDF format to the ESSE3 platform, otherwise your application will be rejected;
- any previous participation in mobility periods under the Erasmus+ programme;
- your preference for one or more destinations (up to a maximum of 10), in order of priority;
- any disabilities;
- for PhD students only: authorisation from the PhD Coordinator/Teaching Board for the period abroad;

Instructions for completing the application via Esse3 are provided in the 'Guidelines for completing the Erasmus+ application online' (Annex 5), available in Italian and English.

All documentation relating to this Call for Applications and any updates and/or further specifications will be made available on the University website at: <https://www.unime.it/bandi-e-concorsi>.

In case of difficulties accessing the online application or technical difficulties in completing the application, students may contact the Study Mobility Office by email at erasmus@unime.it , **using only their UniMe institutional email address**. Emails received from personal addresses will not be considered valid and will not be taken into consideration. Please note that the online application procedure will be supervised by telephone or email by the Study Mobility Office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all weekdays, except for closures due to holidays indicated on the University portal.

Art. 8.3 – Erasmus *short mobility* application for doctoral students

PhD students who wish to apply for destinations in Programme Countries and who intend to participate in Erasmus+ *Short Mobility* are required, at the end of the application process, to send an email to toerasmus@unime.it stating their intention to participate in short mobility.

If the candidate has not communicated their intention to participate in a short mobility programme to the Study Mobility Office, the mobility will be considered a long mobility programme and must comply with the requirements set out in Type 1 of Art. 3 relating to long mobility programmes.

Before the start of the mobility, the doctoral student must send the U. Op. Mobilità per studio (erasmus@unime.it) a specific authorisation (e-mail) confirming, on behalf of the host university, the opportunity to carry out a short mobility within the Erasmus agreement active for level D (doctoral).

SECTION 3: SELECTION CRITERIA, SCORING AND RANKINGS

Art. 9 – Criteria for selecting candidates and ranking lists

Art. 9.1 – Scoring

The ranking will be based on the following formulas:

Σ (grade X credit) / (divided by) number of credits acquired

FIRST LEVEL and SINGLE CYCLE STUDENTS

Score = $(50 * \text{average}/30) + (50 * (\text{creditsPerYear}/60))$ creditsPerYear=
credits acquired / years of study

SECOND LEVEL STUDENTS

Score = $(50 * \text{average}/30) + (25 * (\text{creditsOverYears}/60)) + (25 * R/33)$
creditsOverYears= credits acquired / years of study

$R = ((\text{first-level degree mark} / \text{first-level degree scale} * 30) * (3 / \text{first-level degree years}) * 1.1$

THIRD CYCLE STUDENTS (DOCTORAL STUDENTS WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY)

Score = (level I degree mark) + (level II degree mark) / 2 Or Score (C.U.) =
single cycle degree mark

Students selected for the third cycle will be included in a special ranking list. Art. 9.2 –

Rankings and assignments

The selection will be made on the basis of an assessment of the candidates' academic careers, taking into account the preferences expressed regarding the destination locations.

The assignment of the location will depend on the score obtained according to the formulas for calculating the merit score (see Art. 9.1) based on the data present in ESSE3 on the closing date of the Call, the order of preferences expressed by the candidate and the number of places available. In the event of equal merit, priority will be given to the youngest candidate. The University Erasmus Committee will approve the assignments for each department.

Any teaching activities recorded after the deadline for applications will not be taken into account for the purposes of drawing up the ranking list. Students who are aware of any errors or delays in the registration of exams taken are required to request the regularisation of their academic career by contacting the Student Secretariat and/or the relevant Teaching Department before completing their application and, in any case, before the closing date of the call for applications.

The rankings with the assignment of locations will be published at the following link <https://www.unime.it/bandi-e-concorsi> according to the deadlines indicated in Article 10.

This publication has legal validity, pursuant to the Digital Administration Code (Legislative Decree 235/2011) and will serve as notification for all successful candidates. It is the student's responsibility to review the published rankings.

Art. 10 – Acceptance of the Erasmus scholarship for study abroad

STAGE 1: Evaluation of applications

In this phase, applications and related attachments uploaded during the application phase will be evaluated, as required by the call for applications.

STAGE 2: Publication of rankings

The provisional rankings will assign the winners to their destinations in descending order of score, taking into account the preferences expressed in the application phase. These rankings will be published on **31 March 2026 at 1 p.m.** and will be notified exclusively by publication at the link <https://www.unime.it/bandi-e-concorsi/studenti>.

No changes to the assigned location will be permitted.

STAGE 3 Acceptance/waiver of mobility

Students who are assigned a place on the ranking list must accept the location or renounce the Erasmus+ scholarship via the ESSE3 platform by **1 p.m. on 5 April 2026**. In the event of renunciation or non-acceptance, it will not be possible to be placed on other destinations and all rights to Erasmus+ study mobility for the academic year 2026/2027 will be lost.

STAGE 4: Scrolling through reserves and reallocations

Subsequently, the rankings will be scrolled through, based on the availability of funds, reassigning any destinations that have become available as a result of withdrawal and/or non-acceptance.

STAGE 5: Final publication of the rankings

The publication of the updated rankings based on any withdrawals and scrolling will be notified exclusively by publication at the link <https://www.unime.it/bandi-e-concorsi/studenti> by **8 April 2026**.

STEP 6: Acceptance/withdrawal of mobility

At this stage, only those students who have been assigned a place following a waiting list or assignment proposal should accept, by sending an email to toerasmus@unime.it by **13 April 2026**, **using only their institutional email address** (nome.cognome@studenti.unime.it). In the event of withdrawal or non-acceptance, it will not be possible to be placed on other destinations and all rights to Erasmus+ study mobility for the academic year 2026/2027 will be lost.

All students who have accepted the assignment, either via the ESSE3 platform or by email, must simultaneously send an email to erasmus@unime.it from their institutional account, indicating the chosen mobility semester (first semester – second semester – full year) and the total number of months, in accordance with the agreed duration of mobility indicated for each host institution as per Annex 1 – (Example: Semester I for 6 months or Full Year for 9 months).

Assignees who do not meet the deadline for communicating their acceptance will be automatically excluded, losing all rights to Erasmus+ mobility for the academic year 2026/27.

Acceptance by the student does not guarantee the possibility of departure; the host university must explicitly confirm its willingness to accept the student (acceptance). If the destination university does not accept the assigned student, the Study Mobility Office may, exceptionally, at the request of the International Mobility Coordinator of the student's degree programme, reassign any places that may still be available. The Study Mobility Office will be responsible for communicating the names of the assigned students (Nomination) to the destination universities.

It is the responsibility of the successful student to check the website of the host foreign university and gather all information regarding deadlines and procedures concerning the Application Form, the submission of the Learning Agreement, the language of instruction, the relevant study programmes and the attestation or certification of language proficiency. The forms must be completed and sent abroad, paying attention to the deadlines set by the partner university. If the deadline for accepting the registration (Application Form) at the foreign university has expired, mobility can only take place in the second semester.

PLEASE NOTE

Students are invited to consult **Annex 6 of the Call for Applications, 'Vademecum gestione della mobilità' (Mobility Management Handbook)**, which lists all **the requirements and/or procedures to be followed** during the various stages of mobility:

"Before departure": registration at the partner university, definition and completion of the learning agreement, regularisation of enrolment at the University of Messina.

"During the period abroad": start of mobility, modification of the learning agreement, extension of the period of stay, verification of documentation to be brought back upon return

"Upon return from mobility": submission of documentation to the Study Mobility Office, request for recognition of activities carried out abroad.

Art. 11 – Waiver of the Erasmus grant for study mobility

In the event of withdrawal by the recipient, the place that has become available will be assigned to eligible students who have not been awarded a place, according to the order of the ranking list. Reassignments will take place in accordance with the enrolment deadlines set by each host university and, in any case, no later than 15 October.

Except in cases of force majeure or serious family/health reasons (duly documented), withdrawals from the Erasmus+ grant must be communicated by email to erasmus@unime.it by 1 July (for awardees leaving in the first semester/full year) and by 31 December (for departures in the second semester). Failure to notify within these deadlines may result in a penalty when ranking candidates in subsequent calls for applications.

SECTION 4: ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY ASPECTS

Art. 12 – Insurance coverage

Erasmus+ mobility students are covered by an insurance policy, paid for by the University of Messina, for accidents and civil liability, valid for the entire period abroad, exclusively for the activities included in their study plan.

Any additional insurance coverage required by the host institution shall be borne by the student.

Art. 13 – Information on the processing of personal data

For information on the processing of personal data, please consult the specific section of the University portal available at the link: <https://www.unime.it/privacy-e-cookie-policy>

Art. 14 – Person responsible for the procedure

Pursuant to the provisions of Art. 5 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person responsible for the selection procedure referred to in this call for applications is Dr Norita De Angelis, Head of the Study Mobility Office, University of Messina, Piazza S. Pugliatti 1, Messina. (e-mail: erasmus@unime.it / ndeangelis@unime.it - tel. 090/6768532). For further information: U. Op. Mobilità per Studio - International Mobility Organisational Unit - Department of Educational Services and Higher Education - Tel: 090/6768532-8349.

Art. 15 – Final provisions and coordination- ons

Participation in the procedure implies unconditional acceptance of all the provisions contained in this notice; for anything not expressly provided for herein, the applicable legislation shall apply.

Candidates have the right to access the documents relating to the procedure in accordance with the procedures set out in the 'Regulations on access to documents, simple civic access and general civic access' of the University of Messina.

By submitting their application, candidates give their consent to the release of documents relating to this procedure, as required by the regulations on access. All communications regarding the procedure will be made via the University's institutional website and will serve as notification to candidates.

This call for applications will be published in the "Calls for applications and competitions" section of the University's institutional website.