

Erasmus Scholarship for exchanges within Europe

The Erasmus Scholarship (Erasmus+) programme is an EU programme aimed at promoting international student mobility through funding for education, youth and sports. As a student, you can receive one Erasmus Scholarship for each phase of your studies.

Conditions

- You must be enrolled as a full-time, tuition fee-paying student at VU University Amsterdam (VU) in the academic year in which you go on the exchange.
- You must have completed the first year of your studies and have obtained 90 ECTS credits before commencing your academic stay abroad.
- There must be an exchange agreement between VU and the foreign university. The latter is known as the 'partner university'. You can find an overview of all VU's European partner universities on the [VU world map](#).
- You must be selected to go on an exchange by the VU International Office.
- You will take care of the correct completion of all the needed forms in time, including all required signatures.
- You will have to make an online language assessment before your departure *and* after your return

Minimum stay	Three months
Maximum stay	Twelve months per cycle (Bachelor, Master or Phd)*
Destination	Partner university within the European Union and/or EEA (plus Turkey, excluding Switzerland)
Selection and forms	VU International Office performs the selection and will email the selected students the forms
Application deadline	If you go on Erasmus for study in the first semester, you need to apply for the scholarship in VUnet and upload the signed learning agreement preferably before September 1st . If you go the 2 nd semester, you need to upload the agreements preferably before January 1st .
Scholarship amount	The allowance depends on the country and ranges from €8 to €12 per day
Finances and administration	erasmus@vu.nl

*If you have received an Erasmus grant before, then these months will also be counted.

Selection

Selected students will be informed by email and will receive the documents by email.

Scholarship amount

The amount of your grant depends on the country you go to. The grant will be paid in two instalments, 70% of your scholarship in September/October (if you handed in all of the documents before mid-August) for the 1st semester. You will receive the remaining 30% of the scholarship after your return, one month after you have handed in all documents.

The scholarship amount will depend on your destination country. Countries are divided into three categories based on cost of living.

Below you can see the different country groups and the amount you will receive:

2022-2023	Host country	Amount per month	Amount per day
Group 1 - Programme countries with higher living costs	Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden	€360	€12
Group 2 - Programme countries with medium living costs	Austria, Belgium, Germany, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain	€300	€10
Group 3 - Programme countries with lower living costs	Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Turkey, Slovenia, Romania, Slovakia, North Macedonia, Serbia	€240	€8

You will receive a scholarship from the starting day of your exchange (including introduction) until and including your last exams.

In the academic year 2022-2023, there will be an *extra opportunity* for funding (top-up) for students who are eligible for an Erasmus+ scholarship AND a supplementary grant from DUO. The amount is €250 per month, on top of the existing Erasmus+ scholarship. In order to be eligible for this extra top-up you need to comply with the conditions of the Erasmus+ scholarship and have an official statement from DUO with the confirmation of being awarded the supplementary grant for the calendar year in which you will study a semester in Europe. On your Grant Agreement you can apply for the extra funding.

There is also an *extra opportunity* for an inclusion top-up in case of disability or health problems. This amount is also €250 per month, on top of the existing Erasmus+ scholarship but can't be combined with the 'DUO'-top-up grant. In order to be eligible for this extra top-up you need to comply with the conditions of the Erasmus+ scholarship and have an official statement from a health care provider or organization.

For the Erasmus+ students that travelled 'green' to their host university there is a green travel top-up of €50,-. That means you travelled for example by train, bus or shared car (carpooling).

In order to be eligible for this top-up you have to fill out the 'Statement Green Travel'.

Payment

You will receive 70% of your scholarship in September/October (if you handed in all of the documents before mid-August). You will receive the remaining 30% of the scholarship after your return, one month after you have handed in all the required documents.

Language test

To support you, Erasmus+ has implemented the Online Linguistic Support (OLS). As a mobility participant, you have the opportunity to assess and improve your skills in the foreign language you will use to study, as well as the local language(s).

Before your exchange starts you are obliged to take the Online Language Test. Normally, you will do this test in English, since most students follow courses taught in English. However, if you are going to take courses in the language of the country, other than English, you should inform us at erasmus@vu.nl. In that case, you can take the test in the language of instruction.

We (VU) will not receive the results of the test, and neither does the host university. If you make a really bad test, this therefore does not mean the end of your exchange. You will still get the Erasmus+ scholarship (if you hand in the necessary documents).

It is possible to receive free online language support (language course) during your stay and make the best of improving your language skills. When you have scored low on the test (B1 or lower), we will automatically send you the information regarding the support. You can also notify the VU International Office that you would like to do the free online language course during your stay abroad. If you are interested, you can email erasmus@vu.nl for more information.

Beside this you can even learn two languages in OLS. This will help you when you need to conduct your studies in one language, but you live in a community which speaks a different language. Take the chance to improve your skills! There is even an opportunity for live coaching via forum, tutoring sessions and MOOCs.

Find out more about the [online course](#).

Check the [manual Erasmus+ scholarship](#) for instructions, timeline, how to apply for an Erasmus+ scholarship on VU.nl and faq's.

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