

Erasmus+ scholarship for exchanges within Europe

The Erasmus+ scholarship 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 Vrije Universiteit 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 e-mail 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+ scholarship before, then these months will also be counted.

Selection

Selected students will be informed by email and will receive the 2 documents (Grant Agreement and Learning Agreement) by email.

Scholarship amount

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

Erasmus+ countries	Per month
Group 1 - Programme countries with higher living costs Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom	€360
Group 2 - Programme countries with medium living costs Austria, Belgium, Germany, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain	€300
Group 3 - Programme countries with lower living costs Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Turkey, Slovenia, Romania, Slovakia, FJR of Macedonia	€240

Payment

Prior to departure (if possible) you will receive 70% of the total grant amount; the monthly amount for each full month abroad plus 1/30 of the stated amount for each additional day. The subsequent payment of 30% will be transferred to your account once you have submitted all the requisite forms after your return, made the online language assessment and the participant report. If you do not meet the conditions or do not hand in the required documents on time, the grant will have to be reimbursed.

Language test

Each Erasmus+ grantee must undertake an online language assessment both before and at the end of the mobility period in order to monitor progress in language competences. The language test will be administered in the language of instruction or in the language of your exchange country. Currently the test is offered in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Czech, Danish, Greek, Polish, Bulgarian, Croatian, Hungarian, Romanian, Slovak, Finnish, Swedish, Estonian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Slovenian.

The test will take about 45 minutes. You will receive an invitation for the test per email. Your test results will only be sent to the VU International Office. They will not be sent to the partner university, and they will not affect your ability to go on the exchange.

Next to the test, you will also be offered online language support during your exchange. 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.

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

Check the [manual Erasmus+ scholarship](#) for instructions, timeline, how to apply for an Erasmus+ scholarship in VUnet and FAQ's.

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