

## 2025-2026 Erasmus Study Mobility Call for Applications

**Study mobility:** It consists of the student registered in a higher education institution completing a part of his/her education in a higher education institution abroad that is partnered with an inter-institutional agreement.

The duration of the mobility period may range from 2 to 12 months, depending on the specific systems and regulations of individual countries, which may allow for 1, 2, or 3 periods.

**Blended Mobility:** physical mobility carried out abroad for at least 2 months can be completed with virtual learning before, during, or after the mobility. Regardless of when the virtual learning activity takes place, the physical mobility must be carried out for a minimum duration of 2 months (60 days).

**Application dates:** 16 December 2024 - 3 January 2025 (16:00)

**Mobility period (optional):** 25-26 Fall, 25-26 Spring

\*Applicants should select either Fall or Spring within the application portal. Applications submitted by the students who opt for Fall and Spring (representing one academic year) will be assessed only for the **Fall semester**.

### Minimum Requirements

1. Being a full-time student enrolled in a higher education program at any of the formal education levels (associate, undergraduate, graduate, doctorate) within the higher education institution in the time of application

Associate degree students may participate in long-term (2-12 months) physical or blended study mobility starting from the first semester, while undergraduate students may do so starting from the second semester at the earliest.

**Example 1:** A first-year student can apply for mobility to participate during the fall semester of their second year.

**Example 2:** A student currently enrolled in a preparatory class can only apply for mobility to participate in the spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year, provided they transition to their department as an irregular student in the spring semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

2. Grade Point Average (GPA)

a) Having a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.20/4.00 for associate and undergraduate students,

b) Transcript has not yet been generated at the application stage

1- For students transferring from associate degree, minimum 2.20/4.00 of associate degree graduation;

2-For first year students, a high school graduation grade of at least 75/100

c) Having a cumulative academic grade point average of at least 2.50/4.00 for graduate and doctorate students,

\*\*2023-2024 fall semester grades should not be included.

3. Having a sufficient number of courses (30 ECTS per semester) for learning mobility or ECTS credit load that is not a course. For graduate and doctoral/master students who do not have a course load, for example, who are in the thesis period, a learning agreement can be arranged for a non-course workload of 30 ECTS in one academic term.

**Example 1:** A third-year student who has completed a total of 120 ECTS credits can apply to participate in mobility during their fourth year.

**Example 2:** A first-year student, who at the time of application has not yet completed any courses, can still apply for mobility, as they will have sufficient courses available during the exchange period, excluding the required 200 ECTS credits for completion.

**Example 3:** A fourth-year student graduating in the 2024-2025 academic year **cannot** apply for mobility in the 2025-2026 academic year if they do not have any credits available to take. The only exception to this rule is for students enrolled in a Double Degree program. Since a Minor program is not considered a diploma program, students who have completed their main degree but wish to continue with a Minor program are **not eligible** to apply for Erasmus Study Mobility. Participation in Erasmus by fourth-year students by deferring courses is not recommended. Students studying in a double major can apply for mobility from only one major in the same application period.

4. Within the current level of study, if a student has benefited from higher education mobility activities under the 2014-2020 and/or 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programs, the total duration, including the new activity, must not exceed **12 months**.

## Foreign Language Exams

### Yeditepe University Foreign Language Exams

EXAM	DATE	TIME
Spanish	27 February	11:00
German	27 February	14:00
French	26 February	13:00
English	19 February	10:00

Information about the exam location will be sent to the email addresses of successful applicants at std.yeditepe.edu.tr.

- Minimum successful foreign language grade from Yeditepe University Erasmus exams: 60 / 100. The result is valid for two years.
- Minimum successful YDS / (e)YDS / YÖKDİL grade: 66 / 100
- Minimum successful TOEFL IBT score: 79
- Minimum successful TOEFL PBT grade: 550
  - TOEFL IBT and PBT exams are only accepted from Yeditepe University, Istanbul Technical University and Middle East Technical University exam centers.
  - TOEFL IBT Home Edition is not valid.

For languages not offered in exams conducted by Yeditepe University (e.g., Italian), certificates issued by Cultural Centers affiliated with the relevant Consulates, indicating the student's grade at the B2 level out of 100, will be accepted. Students must upload their exam results to the National Agency Application Portal during the application process.

### **Important Notes About Language Proficiency**

The selection of the exam must be indicated/selected in the application form.

1. The exam must be taken in the language of instruction requested by the partner universities to be preferred.
  - a. The partner university may open courses in different languages, numbers and names every year. Courses offered in the appropriate language may not suit every student's curriculum. For this reason, before applying, the course programs of the partner universities should be searched on their websites and academic department coordinators should be consulted.
2. Erasmus scores are calculated with the language score requested by the university. The grant is allocated by taking into account the Erasmus score of the placement.

For example;

- If only one language is required, one language test must be taken.
- If two languages are specified with “Or” “/” expressions, it means that one of the two languages is sufficient, but it is recommended to take both exams. (higher score will be considered)
- If two languages are indicated with the phrase "And", it is mandatory to take both language exams and get the minimum success score (the higher score is evaluated).

*\* It is advisable to consult the websites of the partner universities to confirm the language of instruction, as stated in the agreement list.*

## Partner Universities

- Partner universities with which your department has an Erasmus agreement are listed on the "[Agreements](#)" page, under the "Erasmus Agreements" tab. Please notify the Office if there are any discrepancies between the information listed there and what is available in the application portal.
- University preference can only be made with the universities listed under each department, and the preference cannot be changed after the application is completed.
- Prior to selecting a university, it is important to consult with the Department or Program Coordinator regarding academic considerations such as course eligibility and the language of instruction. Additionally, we recommend reviewing the websites of partner universities for further information.
- [List of academic coordinators](#)

**Online Application** :The application process will be conducted via the National Agency's application portal, known as the Turna Portal.

**Website of the Portal** : <https://erasmusbasvuru.ua.gov.tr>

**Application Guideline** : [The NA Application Portal](#)

Completing the processes in both application portals is mandatory. Incomplete applications will be considered invalid.

Application portals will remain open only from 16 December 2024 to 3 January 2025 (16:00).

## Evaluation

Erasmus Score of students who meet the minimum requirements and pass the language exam is calculated by aggregating half of the GPA in the 100 system and half of the language score.

**All criteria are as follows:**

CRITERIA	Points (+/-)
GPA	50%
Language Score	50%
Child of martyrs or war veterans (Has to be documented and submitted Erasmus Office before the application deadline)	+15
Students with disabilities (Has to be documented and submitted Erasmus Office before the application deadline)	+10

Students who have received disaster relief assistance from AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency), either personally or through their first-degree relatives.*	+10
Students in need of protection, care and housing under the Social Work Act No. 2828 (Applicants are required to provide a letter issued by Turkish Ministry of Family and Social Policies, proving that they are in need of protection, care and housing in accordance with Social Work Act No. 2828)	+10
Prior Participation in Erasmus Student Mobility (granted or non-granted)	-10
Doing a mobility period in your country of citizenship	-10
For selected students: Cancellation of participation after the announced deadline for cancellation	-10
Simultaneous application to two types of mobilities (Students who apply two mobility programmes at the same time, shall give a petition to Erasmus Office. In this petition, the preference of -10 deduction to be applied one of the applications has to be declared)	-10
Not entering the Language Proficiency Exam without a valid excuse despite your prior declaration that you would take it (effective on the applicant's next application)	-5
For selected students: Failure to participate in meetings/seminars on Erasmus mobility held by Turkish Council of Higher Education without a valid reason (effective on the applicant's next application)	-5

\*It is applied as a one-time measure. If selected, it will not be applied to the student's subsequent applications. However, the additional points will continue to be applied in future applications if the student is not selected.

Students are ranked based on their Erasmus scores, arranged from the highest to the lowest within each department or program. This ranking is determined by the preferences for partner universities specified in the application, as well as the available quotas established by those partner universities.

### **Grant Allocation**

The total grant allocated to the University is initially distributed based on the performance of each Faculty/Institute/School. Subsequently, the grant allocated according to the performance of the Faculty/Institute/School is allocated to the students who have achieved the highest Erasmus scores within their respective Faculty, Institute or School.

In case the total grant is sufficient, all students selected within the scope of Erasmus Study Mobility are allocated a grant for a single semester at the first grant distribution. Grant allocation to all placed students depends on the amount of grant allocated to our University

for the relevant project year; therefore, granting of every student is not guaranteed.

Grant amounts are as follows:

<b>Country Group</b>	<b>Host Countries</b>	<b>Monthly Rate for Studies (Euro)</b>	<b>Monthly Rate for Traineeship (Euro)</b>
1st and 2nd Group	Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus, Netherlands, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Greece	600	750
3rd Group	Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Türkiye	450	600

To contribute to students' travel expenses, the travel grant is calculated based on the distance in kilometers between the starting point of mobility and the activity location. This distance is determined using the distance calculator provided by the European Commission and calculated using the table below:

Distance Calculator: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

<b>Travel Distance</b>	<b>Standard Travel Grant Amount (Euro)</b>	<b>Green Travel Grant Amount (Euro)</b>
10 - 99 KM	28	56
100 - 499 KM	211	285
500 - 1999 KM	309	417
2000 - 2999 KM	395	535
3000 - 3999 KM	580	785
4000- 7999 KM	1188	1188
+8000 KM	1735	1735

**Green travel** refers to travel carried out using low-carbon emission public transportation vehicles. Buses, trains, and carpooling are included in green travel. In order to receive green travel support, both the outbound and return journeys must use green travel methods, and more than half of the total journey must be made using green vehicles.

Buses, trains, and car sharing are considered low-emission transport options. For a trip to be counted as green travel, both the outbound and return trips must be made using green travel vehicles. For exceptional cases, consultation with the National Agency is required.

Grant payments are made in two installments. The first payment is 80% of the total Erasmus+ grant. Payment of the second installment depends on the students' completion of all required procedures and their academic standing (successfully completing/passing at least half of the course credits).

Click [here](#) for Grant Distribution Criteria determined by Yeditepe University Erasmus Commission.

### **Additional Grant Support**

Additional Grant Support may be provided to disadvantaged participants in addition to the grant they deserve for mobility. In order to be able to have the additional grant support, the disadvantaged participant is defined as an individual with limited economic and social opportunities and who fits into the following sub-categories.

- 1) Those who are subject to Law No. 2828 (Those who have a protection, care or shelter decision by the Ministry of Family and Social Services pursuant to Law No. 2828)
- 2) Students for whom protection, care or accommodation decision has been taken within the scope of Child Protection Law No. 5395.
- 3) Those who are Orphan/Survivor's pension beneficiaries
- 4) Children of Martyrs / Veterans
- 5) Those who are granted a needy benefit for themselves or their families (the student, his/her parents or guardians have received financial support from municipalities, public institutions and organizations (Ministry, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, General Directorate of Foundations, Kızılay, AFAD, proving that they have received financial support at the time of their Erasmus application. It is sufficient to submit the document.)
- 6) Students with disabilities
- 7) Students whose parents or guardians receive a disabled or needy pension within the scope of the Law No. 2022 dated 01.07.1976 on Pension to Needy, Powerless and Orphaned Turkish Citizens Over the Age of 65 and Disabled and Needy Turkish Citizens
- 8) Those who themselves or their first degree relatives receive disaster victim assistance from AFAD (It is applied only once. If chosen, no additional grant support will be provided for the

student's subsequent mobility in this category.)

Financial aid does not encompass Credit and Hostels Institution scholarships, similar scholarships, other types of grants and aids, or one-time success scholarships.

The following amounts of Additional Grant Support can be provided according to the type of mobility within the budget possibilities, upon their request and provided that they document this situation, to the students who meet the above scope.

<b>Mobility Type</b>	<b>Additional Grant Support</b>
Study mobility between 2 and 12 months	250 € per month
Short-term student mobility between 5-14 days*	100 € in addition to the daily grant total
Short-term student mobility between 15-30 days*	150 € in addition to the daily grant total

\* In this case, no additional support is provided for the internship.

### **Mobility Period Change, Period Extension and Withdrawal**

Extension from the fall semester to the spring (within the same academic year): If the status of the students placed in the partner university is not affected, the semester can be extended with the approval of the partner university and the Yeditepe Erasmus department coordinator.

- Applications for period extension will be announced in November (in the middle of Fall semester).
- Course eligibility is also required for the extended term and a learning agreement for studies must be prepared.
- The grant for the extended term is only possible within the budget possibilities after a single-term grant has been allocated to all students.
- If the partner university requests, the extension application should be made to our Office and documents should be sent by considering the spring term nomination dates of the partner university.

### **Term Change and Withdrawal**

Students who want to cancel his/her mobility and/or who want to make a term change from fall to spring or from spring to fall within the same academic year should fill out the relevant [form](#).

It is important to consider the final nomination and application deadlines of the partner universities when requesting a term change.

## **University Preference Change**

At the application stage, it is important to note that once the application form has been submitted, students are not permitted to modify their preferences. The placements are determined based on the preferences indicated in the submitted form.

For students who could not be placed due to quota limitations, an additional placement process will be initiated by the Office. For students wishing to participate in the additional placement process:

1. During the first additional placement process, only students who were not placed in the initial round are allowed to revise their preferences. A one-week period is provided for submitting these additional preferences.
2. In the additional placement process, preferences can only be made for universities with available quotas. Under no circumstances will the placement of students who have already been assigned a university and period be affected. Students who do not fill out the additional placement form will not be included in the additional placement process.