# 2024-2025 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 mobility period can be between 2 and 12 months (1, 2 or 3 periods according to the systems of some countries).

• **Blended Mobility**: physical mobility carried out abroad for at least 2 months can be completed with virtual learning before or after the mobility.

**Application dates**: 15 December 2023 - 5 January 2024 (16:00)

## Mobility period (optional): 24-25 fall, 24-25 spring

\*Only fall or spring should be selected in the application portal. The applications of those who choose Fall + Spring (one academic year) will be evaluated as the fall semester only.

### **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,

Associate degree students can participate in long-term (2-12 months) physical or blended study mobility as of the first semester and undergraduate students as of the second semester at earliest.

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

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

- b) Transcript has not yet been created 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 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.

4. If it has benefited from higher education mobility activities in the 2014-2020 and/or 2021-2027 Erasmus+ periods within the current education level, the total duration of the new activity should not exceed 12 months.

\*Students studying in a double major can apply for mobility from only one major in the same application period.

## Foreign Language Exams

Yeditepe University Foreign Language Exams

EXAM	DATE	TIME
Spanish	22.01.2024	10:00 - 12:00
German	23.01.2024	12:00 - 14:00
French	22.01.2024	13:00 15:00
English	24.01.2024	09.30 - 12.30

Exam place information will be sent to std.yeditepe.edu.tr e-mail addresses of successful applicants.

- Minimum successful foreign language grade from Yeditepe University Erasmus exams: 60 / 100
- It 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.
  - o TOEFL IBT Home Edition is not valid.

\*Students who want to submit their exam results other than Yeditepe University foreign language exams should upload their exam results to the application portals at the time of application.

### IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- 1. Which exam to take must be selected in the application form
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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). The language of instruction of the partner universities should be searched on their websites as stated in the agreement list.

#### **Partner Universities**

- Partner universities with which your department has an Erasmus agreement are listed on the "<u>Agreements</u>" page, under the "Erasmus Agreements" tab.
   The Office should be informed if there is any difference between the information provided in the list and 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.

- Before choosing a university, academic issues such as course eligibility and language of instruction should be consulted with the Department/Program coordinator and searched on the websites of partner universities.
- List of academic coordinators

**Online Application**: will be made through the National Agency application portal.

the National Agency application portal: : https://erasmusbasvuru.ua.gov.tr

**Application Guideline:** The NA Application Portal

Application portals will remain open only from 15 December 2023 to 5 January 2024 (16:00)

In order for the application to be approved, it must be completed by clicking the "Complete the application" button in the NA Application portal. Incomplete applications will be deemed invalid.

### **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 in need of protection, care and housing under the Social Work Act No. 2828 (Applicants are required to provide a	+10

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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)	
Students or their first degree relatives from AFAD disaster victim aid recipients	+10
Submitting an internship acceptance letter at the time of application	+10
Internships to develop digital skills (DOTs) are prioritized	+5
Prior Participation in Erasmus Student Mobility (granted or non-granted)	-10
Doing a mobility period in your country of citizenship	-10
For selected students:	-10
Cancellation of participation after the announced deadline for cancellation	
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

Students with an Erasmus score are ranked from the highest score to the lowest score on the basis of department/program; It is placed according to the partner university preferences specified in the application and the quotas of the partner universities.

### Grant

The total grant allocated to the University is first distributed according to the Faculty/Institute/School performance. Then, grant allocated according to the performance of the Faculty/Institute/School is allocated to the students starting from

the student with the highest Erasmus score within the Faculty/Institute/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. Term extension requests of students are evaluated according to the amount of additional grants and/or the remaining grants from students who cancel their mobilities.

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:

COUNTRY GROUP	HOST COUNTRIES	MONTHLY RATE FOR STUDIES (Euro)	MONTHLY RATE FOR TRAINEESHIP (Euro)
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden. Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain.	600	750
3 <sup>rd</sup> Group	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, North Macedonia, Turkey.	450	600

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 <u>here</u> 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 do not have other parent income and receive an orphan's pension
- 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

Credit and Hostels Institution scholarships and similar scholarships, other grants, aids and scholarships in the nature of success scholarships, one-time aids are not considered within the scope of financial aid.

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

Mobility Type	Additional Grant Support	
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	

<sup>\*</sup> In this case, no additional support is given for the internship.

Green Travel Support for Students and Recent Graduates

Students/new graduates who do not receive travel support can be given an individual support grant for up to 4 days for travel days—within the limits of the budget—with an additional one-time grant of 50 Euros, if they prefer green travel.

\*Bus, train and car sharing are considered as low-emission transportation vehicles.

## 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 (by filling out the extension form) with the approval of the partner university and the Yeditepe Erasmus department coordinator.

- 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.
  - The last nomination and application dates of the partner universities should be taken into account when changing the term.

<sup>\*</sup> In order for the trip to be considered as green travel, both the departure and the return must be made with green travel vehicles. For exceptional cases, the National Agency is consulted.