

Factsheet on additional funding in the Erasmus programme

The target groups for Erasmus supplementary funding are being expanded as of the academic year 2022/23. Students for whom a stay abroad may be more of a challenge can apply for special support in their internship.

In addition to students with children, students with a disability or a chronic illness, working students and students from a non-academic home may also under certain conditions receive a monthly supplement of 250 euros.

Furthermore, the Erasmus+ program promotes low-emission travel. All students using low-emission means of transport have the opportunity to receive a subsidy of 50 euros.

In the following, we inform you about the eligibility criteria and the application process.

Attention! Only if you apply for the additional funding in due time when submitting your application can we take the application/it into account!

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Combinability of the additional funding

The following special grants can all be combined with the Green Travel Grant. However the 250-euro supplementary grant can only be awarded once, even if several criteria apply to you. Your Erasmus grant can therefore consist of a maximum of the following components:

Maximum funding =

Regular monthly rate for your country with internship allowance

+ If applicable, one-time 50 euros for green travel plus travel days if applicable

+ If applicable, one-time top-up of 250 euros per month for groups mentioned below

Duration of the Funding

Ideally, the grant will be paid for your entire stay. However, since the budget of the contact point for Erasmus placements is limited, in some years, depending on the financial situation, not the full period of stay can be supported, but only a part of it. Currently, the maximum funding period is 150 days per internship abroad, even if the stay is stay lasts longer. For the remaining internship period (after 150 days) you are still included in the Erasmus program and this period will be counted towards the Erasmus quota.

Option for extension

There is an option to extend the funding for another month if there are still sufficient funds available. The possible extension can be applied for from May 2023, and it will be decided at that time, depending on the available residual budget, whether the funding of an additional month is possible. There is no fundamental entitlement to the funding of an additional month.

Criteria for additional funding in detail

Top-up for "Green Travel"

If you travel at least one way (outward or return) by a sustainable means of transport (e.g., bicycle, train, long-distance bus, carpool, and ship) to/from the internship location, you can apply for the "Green Travel" grant. There is a one-time grant for green travel in the amount of 50 euros and additionally up to a maximum of 4 travel days can be applied for. The travel days on which you have travelled "green" count as additional days of stay and will be financially supported at the valid daily rate of the corresponding country rate (subject to funds).

Proof: Honorary Declaration for "Green Travel"

In addition, you agree to submit receipts for your travel to and from the internship location upon request (to be submitted later).

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 or more can receive a supplementary allowance of 250 euros per month.

Proof: Honorary Declaration "Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit supporting documents (disability certificate) upon request. If you incur particularly high additional costs due to your stay abroad, you can apply for a so-called "real cost" a few months in advance. You can also submit a so-called "real cost application", which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person. Likewise a grant for preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early. **If you would like to apply for a real cost grant, the application deadline is 4 months before the start of the internship.**

Top-up for students with additional needs due to chronic illness

Students with chronic illness that results in additional financial requirements for the stay abroad can also receive an additional 250 euros per month.

Proof: Honorary Declaration for "Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit supporting documents (medical certificate) upon request. If you incur particularly high additional costs due to your stay abroad, you can submit a so-called "real cost" a few

months in advance, a so-called "real cost application" can be submitted instead, which may cover up to 15,000 euros per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person. Likewise a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early. **If you would like to apply for a real cost grant, the application deadline is 4 months before the start of the internship.**

[Top-up for students with children](#)

Students who take their child or children abroad with them can also receive an additional 250 euros additionally. The prerequisite is that the child or children are taken with them for the entire stay with them. The allowance is 250 euros per month per family, regardless of the number of children.

Proof: Honorary Declaration for "Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to provide supporting documents (travel receipts, birth certificate of the child, and information from the landlord). If particularly high additional costs are incurred by taking your child/children with you on your stay abroad, you can also apply for so-called "real costs" a few months in advance. The application for "real costs" can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester. It is also possible to apply for a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local on site is possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, therefore we ask students to get to seek advice at an early stage. **If you would like to apply for a real cost grant, the application deadline is 4 months before the start of the internship.**

[Top-up for students from a non-academic background](#)

Studies have shown that students whose parents have not already studied themselves are less likely to consider to consider a stay abroad. With additional funding, the Erasmus program would like to encourage these students to take the step abroad. As first-time academic students whose parents or guardians do not hold a degree from a university or university of applied sciences, here, too, 250 euros are provided in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant. A degree from a university-like vocational academy is considered an academic degree. Likewise, courses completed abroad count as an academic degree, even if they are not recognized in Germany. A master craftsman's diploma does not count as an academic degree.

Proof: Honorary Declaration for "Additional Funding"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation (parent's statement) upon request.

[Top-up for working students](#)

Students who earn a significant amount of their own living may be reluctant to study abroad, as they often cannot continue to work abroad and the earnings are lost. In order to alleviate this problem, there is now a monthly supplement of 250 euros if the following criteria apply:

- Net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros per month
- Continuous employment within 6 months before the application deadline and the start of the internship abroad
- The job is not continued during the stay abroad, so that there is a loss of earnings

Proof: Honorary Declaration for “Additional Funding”

In addition, you agree to provide supporting documents (salary slips or similar) upon request (to be submitted later).

Request

Please apply for funding by submitting the corresponding Honorary Declaration(s) together with your application to the Erasmus coordinator of your university. As the funds are limited, a subsequent application is not possible.

Proof

At the current time, your sworn statement is sufficient as proof of eligibility. However, upon request, you must be able to provide supporting documents (depending on the additional funding, e.g. medical certificate, disability certificate, travel receipts, parents' statement, pay stubs or similar). We will request the receipts on a random basis, and if they are not available at that time, the Erasmus grant must be paid back in part or in full to the Erasmus Contact Point.