ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS MOBILITY

IV Call for Applications for Student mobility for studies

2019-20 Academic year

Art. 1 Purpose of the call and general regulations

1.1 This call regulates the application procedure for student mobility in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project between Ca' Foscari University of Venice, and the following country and partner Universities:

   **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** University of Sarajevo (UNSA), Sarajevo
   **Canada:** Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS),
   **Georgia:** Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), Tbilisi

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport covering the 2014-2020 period. It offers a wide range of opportunities for students and staff to study and train abroad and obtain credits which are then recognised by the sending institution.

1.2 The present Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project between Ca’ Foscari University of Venice and its partner universities lasts 26 months, from June 1st 2018 to July 31st 2020.

Art. 2 Mobility type and available place

Under this call for applications the following places are available for prospective candidates from Ca’ Foscari University of Venice:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COUNTRY</th>
<th>UNIVERSITY</th>
<th>TOWN</th>
<th>LEVEL</th>
<th>ISCED CODES</th>
<th>N° OF PLACES</th>
<th>MONTHS</th>
<th>TOT. SCHOLARSHIP PER STUDENT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
<td>U. of Sarajevo</td>
<td>Sarajevo</td>
<td>Bachelor or Master</td>
<td>023, 031</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>€ 3.500,00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>INRS</td>
<td>Montréal</td>
<td>PhD</td>
<td>0531</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>€ 4.200,00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Tbilisi State U.</td>
<td>Tbilisi</td>
<td>Bachelor or Master</td>
<td>02</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>€ 3.500,00</td>
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The present call for applications provides mobility grants for the 2019-2020 academic year. Detailed information about ISCED code, type, duration and periods of mobilities is available in ANNEX I.
All the mobilities will have to be realized ONLY during the Spring semester 2020.
Art. 3 Admission requirements

3.1 In order to apply prospective candidates must be fully enrolled at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice at the moment of application (pre-enrolments are not accepted) and for the whole duration of the mobility. In addition, students wishing to apply for a place reserved to 2nd cycle/Master level must be enrolled to a 2nd cycle/Master degree course at the moment of the application; applications to places reserved to 2nd cycle students coming from 1st cycle/Bachelor students not yet enrolled to a 2nd cycle/Master degree course will not be taken into account.

3.2 Language proficiency

Applicants must demonstrate to hold the following language requirements and certificates, if requested (for further details: see Annex I) at the application stage:

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<tr>
<th>COUNTRY</th>
<th>UNIVERSITY</th>
<th>LEVEL</th>
<th>1st LANGUAGE REQUIRED</th>
<th>LEVEL</th>
<th>LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE REQUIRED</th>
<th>OTHER LANGUAGES ACCEPTED</th>
<th>LEVEL</th>
<th>LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE REQUIRED</th>
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<td>Bosnia and Herzegovina</td>
<td>U. of Sarajevo</td>
<td>BA/MA</td>
<td>Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian</td>
<td>B1</td>
<td>Not required</td>
<td>English</td>
<td></td>
<td>B1 (B2 for foreign language studies)</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>INRS</td>
<td>PhD</td>
<td>French</td>
<td>B2</td>
<td>Not required</td>
<td>English</td>
<td></td>
<td>B2</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Tbilisi State U.</td>
<td>BA/MA</td>
<td>Georgian</td>
<td>B2</td>
<td>Not required</td>
<td>English</td>
<td></td>
<td>B2</td>
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3.3 Incompatibility

- The same applicant may participate in Erasmus+ mobility periods totaling up to 12 months maximum per each cycle of study (Bachelor or equivalent, Master or equivalent, Doctoral level), independently from the number and type of mobility activities. Previous Erasmus+ experiences (including European destinations) must be taken into account for calculation purposes.

- Selected beneficiaries will not be allowed to benefit from any other grant provided by the European Commission for mobility for study / for teaching or training for the same period.

- Beneficiaries must carry out their mobility activity in a Programme or Partner Country different from the country of the sending organisation and the country where the student has his/her accommodation during his/her studies.

- Candidates with a double nationality must specify the nationality under which they submit their scholarship application.

3.4 Ineligibility

- Students who have been found in violation of the Code of Student Conduct and thus sanctioned by a governing body of the University will not be eligible.

- If, at any stage in the application procedure, it is established that the information provided by the applicant has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process.

- Selected beneficiaries who receive an Erasmus+ grant will fully or partially reimburse the EU grant if they do not comply with the terms of the grant agreement and/or if they fail to complete and submit the final online report, unless they are prevented from completing their planned activities abroad due to a case of force majeure.
Art. 4 Activities

Erasmus+ grants for study are awarded for full time study activities (credits or thesis preparation or both) and traineeship if available. Detailed information about traineeships is available in ANNEX I.

Art. 5 Grant

5.1 Beneficiaries will receive a grant contribution to their costs for individual support during mobility, as follows:

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<th>INDIVIDUAL GRANT</th>
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<td>Students</td>
<td>Euro 700,00 per month</td>
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5.2 Beneficiaries will receive a travel contribution (1 round-trip flight ticket per beneficiary) according to the fixed amount assigned per destination, as follows:

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<th>TRAVEL DISTANCE</th>
<th>AMOUNT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Between 500 and 1999 Km (Bosnia and Herzegovina)</td>
<td>Euro 275,00 per participant</td>
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<td>Between 2000 and 2999 Km (Georgia)</td>
<td>Euro 360,00 per participant</td>
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<td>Between 4000 and 7999 Km (Canada)</td>
<td>Euro 820,00 per participant</td>
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5.3. Erasmus+ selected beneficiaries might be required to purchase their international medical insurance with their own funds.

5.4 Erasmus+ selected beneficiaries will continue to pay fees to their sending university but will benefit from tuition-fee waiver from their host university.

5.5 The mobility period must be carried out continuously and it must not be split into different periods. Therefore, during their mobility period beneficiaries must not carry out any learning activity at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (i.e.: giving exams).

5.6 Selected candidates accepting the scholarship will sign a grant agreement for mobility listing their duties and responsibilities. They will be required to comply with the local admission requirements and registration procedures at the Host University.

5.7 Special needs support:
Extra-financial support may be available for beneficiaries with special needs. A person with special needs is a potential participant whose individual physical, mental or health-related situation is such that his/her participation in the project would not be possible without extra financial support. The contribution will be awarded to beneficiaries with special needs upon request to Ca’ Foscari University of Venice at the moment of acceptance of the grant and depending on the approval of the Erasmus+ Italian National Agency.

5.8 Administrative support:
Support in visa application, housing, accommodation will be supplied by each host partner university. Ca’ Foscari University will assist beneficiaries in obtaining such support from the receiving institution.
Art. 6 Admission procedure

6.1 Application

- Applicants must submit their application form and all required documents (see list at art. 6.2) through Google form at the following link: https://bit.ly/2kI6rH Deadline: October 25th 2019, at 13:00 (1 pm), Italian time zone. Incomplete applications as well as any application received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- The official language for the application is English. At the time of application any diplomas, transcripts and other official documents may be submitted in original language but they must be accompanied by an English translation (except for the so-called proof of socio-economic disadvantaged background (ISEEU - Equivalent Financial Indicator Index) which can be submitted in Italian). At this stage non-certified translations are accepted. Selected applicants may be asked to provide certified translations of all relevant documents. No fiscal stamps needed.
- The application form and all the attachments MUST BE MERGED IN ONE PDF file named after:
  a. the Host Country for which the application is submitted;
  b. candidate’s surname and name
following this sample: Country.ABC.surname.name.pdf (i.e.: Argentina.UBA.rossi.mario.pdf).
- Candidates are entitled to submit 1 application per partner institution. In case of more than 1 partner institution, candidates must submit as many applications as desired destinations.
- Applications which do not meet ALL of these requirements will be REJECTED.

6.2 Required Documents

**Bachelor Students** must provide the following documents:

- Application form;
- Copy of a valid passport (or ID, if the passport is not available);
- Copy of certificate of enrolment at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice;
- Copy of the transcripts of records, indicating university grades/marks;
- Copy of official language certifications (or self-certifications of language qualifications, if applicable);
- Proposed Learning agreement signed by the applicant and at least by Ca’ Foscari academic coordinator (check annex I to find the person in charge of signing the Learning agreement);
- Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages) in English including extra-curricular activities and professional experience related to the fields of the mobility. Please use only the European template on https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae/templates-instructions.iehtml;
- Motivation letter (max 2 pages) explaining the background of the candidate and the reasons for applying to the programme;
- Proof of socio-economic disadvantaged background (ISEEU - Equivalent Financial Indicator Index) if available at the moment of application. ISEE is not mandatory. Translation is not necessary.

**Master Students** must provide the following documents:

- Application form;
- Copy of a valid passport (or ID, if the passport is not available);
- Copy of certificate of enrolment at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice;
- Copy of the transcripts of records, indicating university grades/marks for accomplished first-cycle degree plus, if applicable, second-cycle;
- Copy of official language certifications (or self-certifications of language qualifications, if applicable);
- Proposed Learning agreement signed by the applicant and at least by Ca’ Foscari academic coordinator (check annex I to find the person in charge of signing the Learning agreement);
- Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages) in English including extra-curricular activities (courses, seminars, conferences, etc.) and professional experience related to the fields of the mobility. Please use only the European template on https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae/templates-instructions.iehtml;
- Motivation letter (max 2 pages) explaining the background of the candidate and the reasons for applying to the programme;
- Proof of socio-economic disadvantaged background (ISEEU - Equivalent Financial Indicator Index) if available at the moment of application. ISEE is not mandatory. Translation is not necessary.

**Ph.D. students** must provide the following documents:

- Application form;
- Copy of a valid passport (or ID, if the passport is not available);
- Copy of certificate of enrolment in a PhD programme at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice;
• Copy of the transcripts of records, indicating university grades/marks for accomplished first and second-cycle degree studies;
• Copy of official language certifications (or self-certifications of language qualifications, if applicable);
• Proposed Mobility Programme signed by the applicant and the Erasmus+ Academic Coordinator of the sending institution;
• Letter of interest by the prospective academic supervisor/Head of Department at the host university stating the availability and willingness to supervise the applicant. For further information please contact the administrative Erasmus + local unit in the Host University (see Annex I) and provide: CV and Mobility Programme;
• Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages) in English including extra-curricular activities (courses, seminars, conferences, published research, etc.) and professional experience related to the fields of knowledge of the course. Please use only the European template on https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae/templates-instructions.ihtml;
• Motivation letter (max 2 pages) explaining the background of the candidate and the reasons for applying to the programme;
• Recommendation letters and other supporting documents in English, for example. honours, awards, internship/work certificates.
• Proof of socio-economic disadvantaged background (ISEEU - Equivalent Financial Indicator Index) if available at the moment of application. ISEE is not mandatory. Translation is not necessary.

Revenue stamp ("marca da bollo") is not necessary.

Art. 7 Selection process

7.1 The selection process includes the following steps:
• Eligibility check by Ca’ Foscari University;
• 2-step evaluation process (pre-evaluation by Ca’ Foscari University Selection Committee and final evaluation by the partner university Selection Committee) in order to guarantee maximum transparency and equal treatment in the selection procedure;
• Scholarships awarding.

7.2 Valid and eligible applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria, which have been jointly agreed by the partner universities and the coordinating university:

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<th>UNIVERSITY</th>
<th>ACADEMIC MERIT</th>
<th>MOTIVATION</th>
<th>PROPOSED L.A. or MOBILITY PROGRAMME</th>
<th>LANGUAGE SKILLS</th>
<th>PREVIOUS MOBILITIES</th>
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<td>University of Sarajevo</td>
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<tr>
<td>INRS</td>
<td>0-60</td>
<td>0-30</td>
<td>N.A.</td>
<td>0-10</td>
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<td>Tbilisi State University</td>
<td>0-30</td>
<td>0-30</td>
<td>0-20</td>
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<td>N.A.</td>
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7.3 In case of parity, preference should be assigned to students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

7.4 The final selection decision will consider also cross-cutting evaluation criteria such as gender balance, equal opportunities and participation of disadvantaged groups (disabled students, economically disadvantaged students) providing a more equal and fair selection process.

7.5 Ca’ Foscari University Pre-Selection Committee may decide to invite the candidates to an interview, (in such case a minimum threshold may be defined). In addition to this, an additional Skype interview may be requested by the receiving institution.

7.6 At the end of the selection procedure, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice will draft a ranking list of qualified candidates. A reserve list will also be defined and will include the names of eligible candidates that may be awarded a grant in case of withdrawals/drop-out of selected students.

7.6 All applicants will be notified by e-mail to their institutional e-mail addresses (matricola@stud.unive.it) of the selection results as soon as the evaluation procedure has been concluded. The final list will be also published on the Ca’ Foscari University website (Sezione Graduatorie) for transparency reasons.

7.7 Selected candidates will receive a scholarship offer and are required to accept or reject it in written (within 2 days from the notification e-mail). For every selected candidate who will renounce or not accept within the deadline, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice will nominate a candidate from the reserve list.
7.8 Appeal Procedure

- **Rejected applicants** who feel that a mistake has been made in the process or that their application has not been fairly evaluated can file a complaint to icm@unive.it not later than 2 days after the notification e-mail, explaining their reasons.

- Complaints from applicants who have failed to satisfy all the eligibility criteria (e.g. who have not produced the required documentation, or have applied for a scholarship but do not meet the requirements, etc.), or have failed to satisfy them within the established timeframes, will not be taken into consideration.

- The appeal procedure can only come into play if a candidate feels that the Selection Committees have not handled his/her own application in line with the principles and procedures described in the call. In other words, the appeal cannot concern the decision itself, but only an alleged error made in the process.

**Art. 8 Data protection**

Information relating to individuals (personal data) is collected and used in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) n. 2016/679 of the European Commission, with regard to the processing of personal data by European institutions and organizations and the unrestricted circulation of such data.

Venice, 17/09/2019

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