“Erasmus+ Traineeship” and “Digital Opportunity Traineeships” Call - “Erasmus+ Programme” for 350 Three-month Mobility Grants

Academic Year 2019-20

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On-line call and application form:
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Art. 1 General Information

Art. 1.1 The Erasmus+ Programme
Erasmus Plus is the EU programme in the fields of Education, Training, Youth and Sport for the period 2014-2020 that promotes the international mobility of students and future graduates towards other countries participating in the programme (see Art. 1.4) to improve transversal and professional competences with particular attention to the job market and their contribution to the creation of a cohesive society.

Art. 1.2 Erasmus for Traineeships
Erasmus+ for Traineeship grants are assigned for the following activities at foreign host institutions:
A) professional education and orientation traineeships
B) curricular traineeships
The beneficiaries of the Erasmus+ for Traineeship Programme are exclusively students enrolled at Sapienza University of Rome. Recent graduates can also take advantage of the grants by applying during the last year of enrolment, before graduation. In this case, the traineeship must be carried out and concluded within twelve months of graduation and within the deadlines indicated in this call.

PLEASE NOTE:
- Students who intend to carry out their traineeship as graduates, must submit the application for the selection before discussing their graduation thesis under penalty of the grant allocation (are not eligible and cannot be financed)
- Students who intend to complete their traineeship during their programme of study, must maintain their “student” status throughout the traineeship.
Students who graduate during their traineeship period will lose their right to the grant and be asked to return received funds.

**Art. 1.3 Digital Opportunity Traineeships**

For 2018-20, the European Commission has promoted traineeship opportunities aimed at providing students with digital skills, in all disciplines through the initiative “Digital Opportunity Traineeships” (hereinafter referred to as “E+T/Digital”). Digital skills aim at developing high ICT skills (cybersecurity, big-data analytics, quantum and/or artificial intelligence, programming languages; search engine optimisation - SEO) and horizontal skills (web design, digital marketing, software development, and graphical design).

In this regard, please note that traineeships involving the following activities will be considered as “traineeships in digital skills”:
- Digital marketing (i.e.: social media management, web analytics);
- Digital graphical, mechanical or architectural design;
- Development of apps, software, scripts or websites;
- Installation, maintenance and management of IT systems and networks;
- Cybersecurity;
- Data analytics, mining, visualisation;
- Programming and training of robots and artificial intelligence application.

Activities like generic support to company customers, administrative activities such as data entry in the company data base or generic office tasks are not considered as part of the digital skills category.

In order to facilitate the search for eligible host institutions for traineeships in Digital Skills, the European Commission has invited European companies to publish their offers on Drop’pin@EURES or ErasmusIntern. However, students can seek other institutions autonomously, provided the traineeship activities correspond to the above-mentioned activities.
Art. 1.4 Duration of the Traineeship
This call provides for traineeships that last no less than two months and that can be funded up to 3 months. The Erasmus+ Programme provides candidates with the opportunity to experience up to a 12-month mobility period abroad for every cycle/level of study (Bachelor and Master Programmes) and up to 24 months for single-cycle study programmes. Mobility periods completed as part of LLP/Erasmus (for study and/or placement) and Erasmus Mundus also count towards the maximum number of mobility months, if they were completed during the same cycle of study, even at another university.

Art. 1.5 Participating Countries
Erasmus+ for Traineeship mobility periods can be completed in any European Union member state and other countries participating in the programme. These include: Denmark, Ireland, France, Austria, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Hungary, Poland, Netherlands, Romania, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Germany, Spain, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Estonia, Croatia, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey. Mobility periods in Switzerland are not admissible.

United Kingdom: as of the publication of this call there is no information on the results of the ongoing negotiation with the EU. In case of “No Deal,” it will not be possible to perform traineeship mobility in institutions in this country.

Art. 1.6 Seeking the Traineeship Host Institution
The host institution for the traineeship period must satisfy the definition given in the “Programme Guide” (version 2, 2018) published by the European Commission, which is: “any public or private organisation that is active on the labour market and or in sectors such as education, training and youth.”
Eligible hosts include:
- Enterprises: public or private; small, medium or large;
- Agencies: public agencies at the local, regional or national levels;
- Trade unions or other job market representatives, including Commerce Chambers, professional and trade associations;
- Research Institutes;
- Foundations;
- Schools, institutes, educational centres at any level;
- NGOs and other non-profit associations;
- Professional orientation, professional consulting and information service organisations;
- European Council, United Nations, UN Economic Commission for Europe, UN Organisation for Education, Science and Culture and UN and UNESCO offices;
- Universities or university-level institutions in any member state or programme country.

For traineeships carried out at the university level (i.e., university labs, libraries, etc.), activities must concern professional training, NOT study (i.e., traineeships in university Erasmus offices).

In the case of traineeships at Italian cultural institutes abroad, schools, commerce chambers abroad, legal studios abroad and private companies headquartered in Italy, the principle of transnationality must be guaranteed (i.e., if the trainee were to acquire different know-how to that available in the country of origin).

UNELIGIBLE host institutions include:
EU institutions and other bodies, including specialised agencies. The full list is available at: [http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/institutions-bodies/index_en.htm)
The candidate must independently find an organization willing to host him/her as a trainee and then propose to carry out an internship at the contacted institution either independently or through the intermediation of a professor. For application to this call, acceptance must be formalized by means of an acceptance letter (Letter of Acceptance, see Annex 1).

Host institutions may also be found at:

- Sapienza website: https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/ricerca-dellorganizzazione-ospitante
- ESN Platform: https://erasmusintern.org
- Jobsoul: www.jobsoul.it/studenti-e-laureati

The host institution stated in the application cannot be changed, with the exception of serious and motivated cases.

Art. 1.7 Credit Recognition

For those who carry out a mobility period as students, the Erasmus+ for Traineeship mobility is structured as an internship experience whose recognition procedure must be carried out according to the regulations and educational plans of the various study programmes, and following the procedures established by their individual faculties.

Selected candidates are required to seek information about CFU (ECTS) recognition before departure at their Department Office and/or at the Faculty Traineeship Office.

Art. 1.8 Grants

Erasmus+ for Traineeship and E+T/Digital mobility grants are awarded on the basis of the actual number of days, as stated in the attendance certificate issued by the host institution (Traineeship Certificate). The minimum duration must not be less than two months.
The amount of the Erasmus + EU grant varies based on the destination country group:

- **GROUP 1** (high cost of living) **€400/month**: Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom.
- **GROUP 2** (medium cost of living) **€350/month**: Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey.
- **GROUP 3** (low cost of living) **€350/month**: Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia.

If EU funds are unavailable or additional EU funds are assigned, or upon student request and following authorization by the university, students may be assigned an "Erasmus zero-EU-grant" status, following the ranking order, which allows them to benefit from the advantages linked to the mobility, but without receiving EU grants.

Moreover, in case of co-funding by MIUR (former Bill N. 183/87), students may receive further funding. Information on possible co-funding will be provided at a later date.

**Art. 1.9 Additional Funding for Special Needs Students**

Students with special needs may receive additional funding from the Indire Erasmus+ National Agency. Students who qualify for such funds should communicate their situation both on the application form and upon acceptance of a mobility grant.

Detailed information on available EU funding will be provided during the year via a specific information note that will be published at: [http://www.uniroma1.it/erasmus/studenti-students/erasmus-studenti-diversamente-abili](http://www.uniroma1.it/erasmus/studenti-students/erasmus-studenti-diversamente-abili)
Art. 1.10 Erasmus + Grant Taxation
Pursuant to Art. 1, paragraph 50 of Bill N. 208 (28.12.2015), scholarships for international mobility benefit from the exemptions provided for in Article 1, paragraph 3, of Bill N. 105 of May 9, 2003, converted, with amendments, by the law n. 170 of 11 July 2003, subject to further regulatory changes.

Art. 1.11 Grant Payment
The personal data and tax and bank details provided by the student on the Infostud Platform will be used for payment of the grants. Students should verify that the data is correct and up to date.

Grants will be paid in two instalments:
• First instalment (80%) - at the beginning of the traineeship period, usually within 30 days of receipt of the declaration of arrival at the host site, except for any deferments (for example: closing periods of the university, etc.);
• Second instalment (20%) - upon the student’s return to Italy, following delivery of the complete traineeship documentation.

Art. 2 Application and Admission Criteria
Art. 2.1 Admission Criteria
To participate in the selection for an Erasmus+ for Traineeship and E+T/Digital mobility grant, the candidate must:

1) Be regularly enrolled at Sapienza University of Rome for academic year 2018-19, in a:
   ➢ Three-year Bachelor programme (year two onwards);
   ➢ Master programme;
   ➢ One-cycle programme;
2) Have at least two months available in his/her study cycle for traineeship mobility, as per the Erasmus + Programme, and not have already performed
the maximum number of months of mobility allowed by the Erasmus + Programme (see Article 1.4)

3) **Have a Letter of Acceptance, completed and signed** by the host institution. Only letters completed as per the model provided in Annex 1 and **attached to the application (Art. 2.1) will be accepted.** Failure to do so will compromise your right to a mobility grant;

4) Not have received other funding from the EU or Sapienza University for periods abroad that overlap, even partially, with the Erasmus+ Traineeship period.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students enrolled in Professional Master Courses, Specialisation Schools, Single Courses, and PhD Programmes are NOT eligible.

The requirements, referred to in this article, must be held by the student by the deadline for application submissions, under penalty of exclusion.

**The lack of even one of the aforementioned requirements will determine the exclusion of the candidate from the selection process.**

Candidates are admitted to the selection process subject to the verification of the prescribed requirements.

The Administration may at any time, with a motivated provision, exclude candidates from the selection by default of the admission requirements prescribed by the call.

**Art. 2.2 Application**

Each candidate may submit **ONLY ONE** application.

Application must be made **on-line** via the form available at: [http://151.100.101.75/candidatura_placement/login.aspx](http://151.100.101.75/candidatura_placement/login.aspx).

**Deadline for on-line application:** May 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm (Italian time).
Interested students must complete all the fields of the on-line application form and make sure to upload the following documents as an integral part of the application:

1. **DULY SIGNED** photocopy of a valid identity document, **SCANNED AND UPLOADED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM**, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process;

2. **Letter of acceptance** (see Annex 1) from the host institution, **on company letterhead, stamped and signed**, stating the language that will be used for the traineeship. Moreover, the host company must confirm that the candidate’s language level is adequate for the traineeship. Please note: the Letter of Acceptance will only be considered valid if all its sections are completed, including the “Language Requirements” Section. **Failure to do so will exclude you from the selection process.**

3. CV in Italian (see Art. 2.4)

**Failure to upload the application form of any of the aforementioned documents (Signed photocopy of ID and Letter of Acceptance from host company) will cause exclusion from the selection.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
A. The Letter of Acceptance must comply with the model provided in Annex 1 to this Call. Incomplete documents or documents submitted in different formats will not be accepted.

B. The proposed host institution must complete, sign and stamp the Letter of Acceptance and send it back to the candidate, who will upload it in pdf format¹ to the online application form. **The Letter of Acceptance will only be considered valid if all its sections are completed, including the “Language Requirements” Section. Failure to do so will exclude you from the selection process.**

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¹ The *Letter of Acceptance* must be uploaded as a **single pdf file**, including all the pages of the document (see Annex 1).
C. The type of traineeship (Erasmus+ Traineeship or Digital Opportunity Traineeship) must be indicated on the Letter of Acceptance by the host.

D. The Letter of Acceptance can NOT be submitted after the call deadline. Candidates who do not have a Letter of Acceptance by the deadline are not eligible.

Candidates must ONLY use the university email account (@studenti.uniroma1.it). This will be the only communication channel accepted for the purposes of this selection procedure, even after the deadline of the call for applications.

After applying, each candidate will receive a report on the data entered at the e-mail address provided in the application form. Therefore, each candidate must verify receipt of the report and the accuracy of the data provided, promptly communicating any errors in the compilation/reception of the application to the relevant office (by email at: erasmustirocini@uniroma1.it) within 24 hours of the call deadline.

Art. 2.3 Selection Commission
The Selection Commission (hereinafter: the Commission), composed by professors indicated by the Faculty Deans, will be appointed by the Rector with a decree. The selection process will be conducted as described in Art. 2.4.

The selection will be based on qualifications, according to the selection criteria that will be defined during the preliminary meeting of the Commission: these criteria will be formalized by the Commission in the first report and will, in any case, be defined in full coherence with the assessment elements object of Art. 2.4.

Art. 2.4 Evaluation Selection Criteria

Traineeship Project: 0 - 40 points
The contents of the traineeship project described in the Letter of Acceptance signed
by the host institution and in coherence with the candidate’s programme (see Article 1.6) will be evaluated by the Commission.

**Academic Proficiency: 0 – 60 points**

Academic proficiency will be assessed on the basis of the regularity of studies and grades. The factors that contribute to the formulation of the score, related to the career are: the weighted average, compared to the weighted average grade of the student’s study programme, and the number of credits acquired compared to the total number of credits expected for the year of enrolment in the current cycle (regularity of study). Academic career data will be taken into consideration as of the call deadline, including exams that have been self-certified in the application phase.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the following do NOT apply in calculating your weighted average and acquired CFUs:

- Exams taken abroad during Erasmus periods for which the recognition procedure has not been completed;
- Extracurricular examinations (former Art. 6 of Royal Decree N. 1269/38) as these exams do not contribute to the achievement of CFUs required for the degree and are not included in the calculation of the average;
- Integrated exams and ADE (elective activities), unless the credits for all the tests constituting the integrated exam have been successfully completed;
- Single Course exams, unless they have already been recognized in the Bachelor, Master, or single-cycle study programme in which the student is enrolled for the current academic year;
- Exams cancelled for failure to comply with prerequisites;
- Exams declared as taken, but which were only booked and not taken or, even, not booked;
- CFUs related to the final exam.
If exams and/or training activities are not present on the Infostud Platform by the call deadline, **students must submit a self-declaration during the application phase (section 6 of the application form).**

The Administration reserves the right to verify the substitutive declarations. Should such controls reveal the non-veracity of the content of the declarations, the declarant will forfeit all allocated benefits, in addition to what is provided by provisions of Art. 76 of the D.P.R. N. 445/2000.

The Commission has the right to assign a specific weight to each of the evaluation criteria referred to in the previous points. The grant allocation approved by the Selection Commission will be final.

**Art. 3 Rankings**

**Art. 3.1 Ranking Process**

The Commission will establish a ranking following the descending order of the assessment of each candidate. The grants made available through this call will be distributed amongst all Faculties **proportionally to the applications received by each Faculty.** In case of equal standing, the ranking will favour the younger candidate.

If the applicant has submitted a traineeship project and a Letter of Acceptance that are incongruent with his/her academic career, he/she might be excluded from the selection via a final decision by the Commission.

If all ranked candidates in the Faculty are exhausted, the grant will be allocated to the first eligible runner-up candidate, who has not received a grant, from the Faculty with the highest number of eligible candidates, and in case of **ex aequo,** from the Faculty with the highest number of enrolled students.

The final ranking will be published on the website [http://www.uniroma1.it](http://www.uniroma1.it), on the webpage devoted to the Erasmus mobility:
https://www.uniroma1.it/it/node/28741, probably by June 28, 2019. After 15 days from their publication, the rankings will be considered final.

If candidates waive their place, the ranking of eligible candidates will scroll downwards. The following eligible candidate in the final ranking list in the same Faculty will replace the candidate who has waived his/her place. The same procedure will be followed should new funding become available.

If further funding becomes available and there are no other eligible candidates, a new call for application may be published.

**Art. 3.2 Grant Acceptance**

When the rankings are published, **selected students will receive a communication on the result of the selection process at their university e-mail address.**

Selected students will be invited to accept the grant within 5 business days. Failure to comply with the aforementioned term will be considered as a waiver of the grant. Eligible candidates who scroll up the ranking list will be required to comply with the procedures and times provided.

The definitive allocation of an EU Erasmus + grant is subject to:
- submission of the requested documents;
- completion of the *Learning Agreement for Traineeship*;
- signature of the financial agreement between the student and Sapienza University.

The traineeship must be completed between July 22, 2019 and September 30, 2020. Traineeships may not be interrupted or suspended. Mobility periods of less than 2 months or cancellation of the mobility period, mean that the student forfeits the *E+T/Digital or Erasmus+ for Traineeship* mobility period and must return the entire or partial grant received.
Art. 3.3 Traineeship Waiver and Replacement

The Erasmus Unit will assign grants to ranked next candidate until all ranked students have been offered a mobility grant. Students will be contacted via e-mail and invited to reply within 5 business days or automatically lose the grant.

Art. 3.4 Admission to the Host Country and Insurance

Students are responsible for inquiring about regulations concerning:
- Admission to the host country by contacting the relevant diplomatic missions (Embassies and Consulates) in Italy;
- Health care in the host country by contacting his/her local health authority or diplomatic mission.

The legislation and regulations governing the admission of non-EU students in the various countries participating in the Erasmus+ Programme are linked to the nationality of these students. It is the student’s responsibility to collect the necessary information and obtain the documents that are required for admission and sojourn in the destination country at their respective diplomatic missions.

Insurance for accidents and civil liability on the workplace, which the student automatically benefits from through enrolment at the university, is extended, with the same procedures, for the entire period abroad at the host institution. All information on these insurance policies is available at: [http://www.uniroma1.it/ateneo/amministrazione/aree-e-uffici/direzione-risorse-umane-finanziarie-e-patrimoniali/area/polizze](http://www.uniroma1.it/ateneo/amministrazione/aree-e-uffici/direzione-risorse-umane-finanziarie-e-patrimoniali/area/polizze)

The aforementioned insurance only covers traineeship activities and does not include the coverage of risks related to the medical profession and health facilities. Students in the healthcare area are responsible for finding such insurance autonomously.
Students on mobility are required to independently have adequate health coverage for their stay abroad, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the host country:

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=897&area=Assistenza%20sanitaria&menu=italiani

**Art. 3.5 On-line Linguistic Support**
The Erasmus + Programme requires selected candidates to take a mandatory online language test, before and after the mobility period, if the learning language in the period spent abroad, indicated by the host organisation in the Learning Agreement for Traineeship, is one of the following: English, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Czech, Danish, Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Swedish.

Based on the result of the assessment test, the student/graduate may be awarded a license to take an on-line language course, for the purpose of preparing for the mobility period. **Completion of the assigned online course is mandatory.**

**Art. 4 Other Conditions**

**Art. 4.1 Activities and Funding**
The activities and funding planned by this call are subordinated to the effective ratification of the Erasmus+ 2019-20 Agreement by the National Erasmus+ Indire Agency and Sapienza University of Rome, as well as the assignment of EU funding.

Moreover, please note that the information contained in this call may be modified and/or supplemented on the basis of subsequent updates and provisions by the National Erasmus + Indire Agency.

**Art. 4.2 Checks**
As per Art. 71 of Decree N.445 (28/12/2000), the Administration will carry out checks, even randomly, as well as in all cases where there are well-founded doubts on the veracity of self-certifications.

**False information, declared or self-certified, constitutes a reason for exclusion/forfeiture of the mobility grant.**

**Art. 4.3 Final Authority**
Pursuant to Bill N. 241 (August 7, 1990), Tiziana De Matteis, Head of the Erasmus Unit, International Office, is responsible for the call for Sapienza University of Rome. Telephone number: 06 49690437, e-mail address: erasmustirocini@uniroma1.it.

**Art. 4.4 Personal Data Protection**
The protection of personal data is regulated by the new European Regulation n. 679 - 27.4.2016 – GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) as well as by current national legislation.

In case of conflicting interpretations between the English and Italian versions of this call, the Italian language text must be considered final.

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