



Università degli Studi di Padova

# ERASMUS+ BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIP)

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BLENDED MOBILITIES AT EUROPEAN PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

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#### N.B.

The contents of this Call for Applications may be subject to change following successive indications from the European Commission and the Erasmus+ National Agency, particularly with regard to the procedures necessary for the start and implementation of mobility.

### Art. 1 – General information

#### 1.1. Objective of the call for applications

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2021-2027.<sup>1</sup>

Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) are intensive courses involving short periods of faceto-face activity combined with online learning and virtual collaboration. They are developed by at least 3 higher education institutions in different countries, thus allowing students from the University of Padua to work with students from other universities abroad.

The purpose of this call for applications is to collect applications and select students<sup>2</sup> interested in participating in a BIP, whose face-to-face activities will be carried out abroad and not at the University of Padua. The BIP's included in the call for applications are exclusively those in which the University of Padua is an official partner and which are promoted by the Projects & Mobility Office.

#### 1.2. Destinations

Each BIP included in the call for applications is described in detail in the "Programme sheet" published at the beginning of each application period. Each BIP has only one destination country. The programme sheets include information such as:

- Programme name
- Number of places
- Period during which the activity is to be performed
- Eligible degree programme
- Selection criteria
- Number of credits
- Details for the recognition
- Further highlights and suggestions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Erasmus+ Programme was established by Regulation (EU) 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The term *students* will be used more briefly with reference to the student community at large, without any gender discrimination.

### 1.3. Duration

The timing and duration of the mobility period are predetermined by the individual BIP. Physical mobility must last between 5 days and 30 days.

In order for the mobility to be eligible, the selected students must fully complete both the virtual and physical mobility periods.

### Art. 2 – Admission requirements

The call for applications for Blended Intensive Programmes is open to university students who, at the time of application and by the deadline of this call or other imposed deadlines, meet the following conditions:

- 1. Regular enrolment in the current academic year at the University of Padua:
  - a. for a bachelor's or single-cycle degree programme;
  - b. for on a master's degree programme;
  - c. for a PhD course.

Enrolment must be completed within the deadlines set by each degree programme and the mobility must take place before the end of the study cycle. The BIP activities have to be concluded at least 30 days before the start of the graduation session. Students enrolled in a bachelor degree programme who apply for a mobility under this call, to be carried out during their 1st year of enrolment in a master's degree programme, and expect to graduate before their departure, must finalise their enrolment in the master's degree programme at least 30 days before the start of the mobility (either virtual of physical); otherwise, their right for a mobility place will be forfeited.

- 2. Enrolment in a degree programme to which the specific BIP is dedicated. Should the student choose to change and enrol in a non-eligible degree programme before the mobility, their mobility will be automatically cancelled.
- 3. For non-EU citizens: possession of a **residence permit**. It is the responsibility of the students to check the renewal procedures and whether they are compatible with the chosen period abroad.
- 4. Possession of the **linguistic and specific requirements** of the specific BIP, as indicated in the detailed programme sheets.

Failure to meet the requirements may result in exclusion from the ranking list even after its publication.

**N.B.:** Any visa paperwork will be the responsibility of the student, who must cover all related costs.

### Art. 3 – Financial contribution

### 3.1 Funding

The Erasmus+ Programme provides funding for physical mobility only. The financial contribution consists of:

- mobility grant of EUR 79 per day up to the 14th day of activity (calculated based on the actual days spent at the foreign location) and EUR 56 per day between the 15th and 30th day of activity.
- A contribution to travel expenses which is a unit contribution per distance range from the university of origin to the university of destination. Tables can be found at <a href="http://www.unipd.it/erasmus-studio">http://www.unipd.it/erasmus-studio</a>

Programmes which take place before the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 are financed with funds of the Erasmus+ Call 2023. Only for these programmes the financial support includes 2 travel days with the daily support of 79 Euros instead of the contribution based on the distance range in kilometres (see BIP programme sheet).

No further supplements or refunds for travel costs or accommodation are provided.

In the event of irregularities in the documentation, unlawful conduct or failure to achieve the results foreseen by the programme, beneficiaries may have their grants reduced or be required to reimburse in full or in part the amount already paid.

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#### 3.2 Payment of financial contributions

The University of Padua will disburse the contribution to the participants at the start of the physical mobility period, after completing all necessary formalities, upon confirmation of arrival by the host institution. Disbursement by the University does not imply the debiting of the beneficiary's account (which will take place in any case after the start of the mobility period).

In order to be eligible for the financial contribution, the financial contract prepared by the Projects and Mobility Office must be signed prior to departure, in compliance with the specified procedures, and the obligations laid down must be fulfilled.

### Art. 4 – Application

#### 4.1. Application procedure

Applications for this call must be completed exclusively online, by logging into the Uniweb account, selecting 'International Mobility' > 'Outgoing International Mobility' from the menu and choosing 'Exchange Programmes' > 'Short Mobility (SM)' choosing the relevant 'BIP Call for Applications' (to be verified with the programme sheets).

Students may apply for a maximum of one programme per call.

Candidates do not need to submit any additional applications for the available funding, as this is automatically allocated to the successful students, unless funds are incompatible.

Please see the deadline calendar for more details.

#### 4.2. Documents to be attached to the application

The application form must be accompanied by the following mandatory documents (in PDF format only):

- 1. Language certificate
- 2. Motivational letter in the relevant language
- 3. CV

In addition specific BIPs might require additional documents such as: personal statement, additional language certificate, letter of recommendation from a lecturer at the University of Padua or pre-acceptance from a lecturer at the host institution, etc. (See specific programme sheet).

In the case of false declarations or the use of false documents, the criminal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of D.P.R. (Italian Presidential Decree) no. 445 of 28/12/2000 will apply and will result in exclusion from the ranking list even after its publication.

#### N.B.

Incomplete and/or inconsistently completed applications and/or those which do not meet the requirements will be automatically cancelled.

After submitting the application, each candidate will receive an email to their institutional email address (name.surname@studenti.unipd.it), certifying that the application has been submitted.

### Art. 5 – Selection criteria

### 5.1 Selection criteria and awarding of mobility places

Selections are delegated to the departments based on the criteria specified in the relevant programme sheet.

#### 5.2 Limitations and incompatibility of mobility places

The possible receipt of another mobility grant for other exchange programmes (e.g. Erasmus+ study, double degrees, etc.) for the academic year 2025/2026 is compatible with being selected for this call, provided that the mobility periods (virtual and physical mobility) and destinations do not coincide and are in accordance with the rules of the individual programmes.

Students can't graduate before the completion of the BIP programme and the conclusion of the recognition process. Failure in the recognition process will lead to the complete reimbursement of the mobility funds already paid.

Please also note that the Erasmus+ 2021-27 mobility programme allows a maximum of 12 months of mobility for a single study cycle. The fisical mobility period of BIP programmes are included in the overall calculation of study periods.

**N.B.:** Erasmus mobility grants are not compatible with other European funding, such as PNRR grants, PON projects, ERC and other EU grants. Successful students will still be able to participate in the programme as Zero Grant participants, but only if the activities are compatible with their active funding.

Incoming exchange students participating in international mobility programmes cannot participate in the BIP programmes covered by this call.

## Art. 6 – Ranking list

#### 6.1 Ranking list and acceptance

The rankings for the individual venues will be published according to the calendar on the website <u>http://www.unipd.it/en/bip</u> and will be the only means of communication between the University of Padua and the participants.

The selected students will have to accept their mobility place by logging onto Uniweb. In the event of non-acceptance within the set deadlines (see calendar), successful students will automatically be excluded from the programme.

The ranking will take into account any declared conditions of fewer opportunities. Priority will be given to students who did not benefit from Erasmus+ BIP funding.

#### 6.2 Reserve places

Mobility places available due to non-acceptance by successful students will be allocated to the next candidate in a suitable position on the ranking list.

Subject to the deadlines set by the partner institution, it will be possible to assign any places that may subsequently become vacant as a result of a student's withdrawal before the start of the activities or, in any case, in due time according to the deadlines at the hosting institution. The candidate in a suitable position on the ranking list will be contacted **exclusively by email at the institutional email address** (name.surname@studenti.unipd.it). The student must accept the mobility place within the deadline set in the same communication. In the event of non-acceptance within the deadline set in the email communication, the student will be automatically excluded and the next candidate on the ranking list will be contacted.

#### 6.3 Withdrawal

Students who wish to withdraw, after the end of the acceptance phase, are required to communicate their decision by writing to <u>virtual.exchange@unipd.it</u>

#### 6.4 Reserve places and additional Calls

If it is not possible to allocate a sufficient number of mobilities to ensure the eligibility of the BIP programme, it will be possible to extend the deadline of the actual call or to re-open the Call (in accordance with the timing of the partner university). As alternative, the BIP can be included in one of the next calls for applications.

In order to guarantee the eligibility of the BIP for funding, in agreement with the partners, a higher number of places can be assigned by scrolling the rankings according to the order of eligible students.

### Art. 7 – What to do after the selection

Selected students will have to accept the mobility place exclusively through the online procedure in Uniweb.

Selected students will have to carry out some mandatory administrative tasks before, during and after the mobility period to ensure that the mobility grant is paid. After the acceptance every student will receive an Email with the personal link for the access to Mobility Online, the platform used for the management of the mobility. Through Mobility Online, every student can follow step by step all administrative steps of his or hers mobility. Detailed information and guidelines about the procedures are provided by Email and on the webpage www.unipd.it/en/bip.

In the event of incorrect or missing documentation, repayment of all or part of the financial

contribution may be claimed. Students will be directly responsible for all procedures and must carry them out independently.

For health insurance coverage during a stay abroad in countries of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, it is generally sufficient to carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by the Ministry of Health. Private insurance is required for Serbia and Turkey.

The accident and third-party liability insurance cover taken out by the University of Padua exclusively covers accidents occurring during training and/or traineeship activities. More information on insurance cover abroad can be found on the university website at: https://www.unipd.it/assicurazione. It is recommended that private insurance be taken out to cover accidents that are not connected with study activities.

Similarly, students are required to find out for themselves about the insurance cover required for practising medicine and at health care facilities.

### Art. 8 – Recognition of activities

Recognition of activities carried out abroad is guaranteed and compulsory, except for doctoral students, according to the conditions set out in the Learning Agreement or in the call for applications. Such recognition will take place within 30 days from the date of receipt of the Transcript of Records by the hosting university.

The BIP may be recognised as an integral part of the plan (as compulsory, core or elective credits) or outside the plan, according to the programme and/or rules of the relevant degree and, in any case, in compliance with the Learning Agreement. The recognition procedures are the same as for Erasmus+ mobility study and may vary for each School/Department. For more information, see https://www.unipd.it/erasmus-scuole

More details on the procedure will be provided to selected students.

### Art. 9 – Deadline calendar

Online applications should be submitted during the periods indicated below:

**1st Call**: 20 May 2025 - <u>03 June 2025, 1 p.m.</u> **2nd Call**: 23 September 2025 - <u>07 October 2025, 1 p.m.</u> **3rd Call**: 25 November 2025 - <u>09 December 2025, 1 p.m.</u> **4th Call**: 20 January 2026 - <u>10 February 2026, 1 p.m.</u> **5th Call**: 03 March 2026 - <u>17 March 2025, 1 p.m.</u> **6th Call**: 21 April 2026 - <u>05 May 2026, 1 p.m.</u> For all deadlines, please visit the page <u>www.unipd.it/en/bip</u>

### Art. 10 – Contacts and information

For all communications to candidates and successful students, only the institutional email address will be used, i.e. name.surname@studenti.unipd.it.

This call for applications is managed and coordinated by the Projects and Mobility Office - Mobility Sector

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Telegram: https://t.me/internationalmobilityUNIPD

### Art. 11 – Processing of personal data

The University of Padua processes the personal data of the data subjects in accordance with principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and data minimisation, for the protection of confidentiality and all the rights of the data subjects, in accordance with the provisions of the European Regulation on the protection of personal data (Regulation (EU) 2016/679, known as the GDPR), the Personal Data Protection Code (D.Igs. (Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003, as subsequently amended)) and the subsequent implementing measures adopted by the European authorities and the Italian Personal Data Protection Authority (www.garanteprivacy.it).

### Art. 12 – Final provisions

The Person in charge of the Administrative Procedure is Alessandra Gallerano, Director of the Projects & Mobility Office. Candidates may exercise their right of access to the records of the competitive procedure as provided for in the current rules. Any such request must be sent to the Projects and Mobility Office, University of Padua, Via Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padua, by filling in the appropriate form, which may be requested from said Office.

Padua, date of registration

The Rector, Daniela Mapelli

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The Person in charge of the administrative procedure Alessandra Gallerano Executive Camilla Girasole Director General Alberto Scuttari