



Top International  
Managers in Engineering



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# T.I.M.E.

## Top International Managers in Engineering

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CALL OF SELECTION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXCHANGE PLACES AT:

- TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK - DTU
- GROUPE GRANDES ÉCOLES, FRANCE AND MOROCCO
- INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TECNICO - IST, LISBON, PORTUGAL
- ESCOLA TECNICA SUPERIOR D'ENGINYERIA INDUSTRIAL - ETSEIB, BARCELONA, SPAIN
- UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN, BELGIUM
- YOKOHAMA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

**A.A. 2026/2027**

Deadline for submission of the application:

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2026, 13.00 o'clock -  
Application for Technical University of Denmark

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026, 13.00 o'clock -  
Application for all other institutions

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## Art. 1 - General information

### 1.1. Objective of the Exchange

The University of Padua is part of the international network Top International Managers in Engineering (T.I.M.E.), which, among its activities, promotes international mobility exchanges for the achievement of Double Degrees. The goal of the program is to enable participants to benefit from a high-level education in engineering, enriched by cross-cultural elements and experiences.

### 1.2. Destination

The available destinations for the academic year 2025/2026 are the following:

#### Foreign institution

Technical University of Denmark (DTU) Denmark

Grandes Écoles - France:

- Central Supélec Paris;
- École Centrale Lille;
- École Centrale Nantes;
- École Centrale Lyon;
- École Centrale Méditerranée;
- École Centrale Casablanca

Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) dell'Universidade de Lisboa - Portugal

Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria Industrial de Barcelona (ETSEIB) - Spain

Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) - Belgium

Yokohama National University (YNU) - Japan

The available places can be found in Attachment A, at the page <https://www.unipd.it/en/time>

### 1.3. Duration

The mobility lasts for two years.

Any exceptions to the duration of the mobility or the distribution of credits between the two partners must be agreed and approved by the T.I.M.E Commission and the partner institution.

## Art. 2 - Admission Requirements

For every destination:

- Be regularly enrolled in a Master of Science degree in Engineering at the University of Padua for A.Y. 2025-2026.
- Have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the University of Padua.
- To have attained at least 18 CFU at the date of expiry of the call for applications (even if not yet officially recorded, provided that a statement from the professor certifying that the exam has been passed is attached).

- Be in possession of a weighted average of not less than 25/30 on all the exams taken in the first and second cycle.
- Achieve at least 48 CFUs prior to scheduled start at the beginning of A.Y. 2026/27, under penalty of exclusion from the program.

#### Specific Requirements:

- Yokohama University, Japan is only open to the following master's degree programs:
  - Bioingegneria
  - Control Systems Engineering
  - Electronic Engineering
  - Computer Engineering
  - ICT for Internet & Multimedia
  - Mechatronics Engineering

## Art. 3 - Financing

For the first year of study at the foreign institution, the participants in the T.I.M.E. project selected for European destinations will be recognized, unless they are ineligible, the "status" of ERASMUS+ students and will receive the related mobility grant and all the supplements provided by regional and university regulations, for the number of months actually spent at the host university, up to a maximum of 10 months per year. Winning students are therefore required to comply with all the regulations provided for by the Erasmus+ 2025/2026 call for proposals (<https://www.unipd.it/en/erasmus-studies-out>), in particular the drafting of a Learning Agreement before departure and the preparation of a study plan as described in art. 7 below.

Subject to the availability of specific budget funds, the University will provide supplements for the first and second year of mobility, up to a maximum amount of € 500 per month (including the Erasmus+ grant for the first year), for a maximum of 10 months per academic year.

Students selected for Yokohama University, Japan, and for École Centrale Casablanca will receive a scholarship of 700 euros per month, subject to the availability of specific budget funds, up to a maximum of 10 months per year. The grants are taxed as per law.

The scholarship is linked to the effective participation in the TIME project and the achievement of the two final degrees; in case of interruption of the same without good reason, the student will be required to return the scholarship. If the student renounces within two months from the beginning of the program itself, they will still be required to return the entire grant received; in case of renunciation for serious and documented reasons after two months from the beginning of the program, they may possibly benefit from part of the grant,

in proportion to the months actually spent abroad and subject to achieving a minimum of 12 CFUs.<sup>1</sup>

Funding refers only to periods of physical mobility.

Winners of exchange places at Grandes Écoles, IST, ETSEIB and YNU will be exempt from payment of tuition fees at the host institution.

DTU exchange students will be exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution only if they are EU citizens, as required by Danish national regulations.

All of them must be regularly enrolled in a Master's degree course at the University of Padua during their stay abroad according to the modalities foreseen by the Academic Organs.

## Art. 4 - Submission of Application

To take part in the selection process, candidates must submit their application online by filling in the Google Forms available at the following links:

For the DTU: <https://forms.gle/ZQxeoktVD5toKV8a7>

For the other locations: <https://forms.gle/1LPPfHH1bDqdZgJW8>

The application must be submitted by and no later than the deadlines indicated in Article 9 of this Call. Applicants must attach to the application, under penalty of exclusion, all of the following documents:

Foreign institution	Documents to be attached to the application
Technical University of Denmark (DTU) Denmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Statement of Purpose": cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons why they intend to participate in the TIME project;</li> <li>• 2 "Academic letters of reference": 2 letters of introduction in English issued and signed in original by Unipd university professors;</li> <li>• certification of English language skills, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>
Grandes Écoles - France and Morocco: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central Supélec Paris;</li> <li>- École Centrale Lille;</li> <li>- École Centrale Nantes;</li> <li>- École Centrale Lyon;</li> <li>- École Centrale Méditerranée;</li> <li>- École Centrale Casablanca</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Statement of Purpose": cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons why they intend to participate in the TIME project;</li> <li>• 1 "Academic letter of reference": 1 presentation letter in English issued and signed in original by a Unipd university professor;</li> <li>• certification of knowledge of French and possibly other foreign languages, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> No extra money will be available for mobilities exceeding 10 months. The maximum annual amount that can be allocated will correspond to a stay at the foreign headquarters of at least 10 months and will be reduced in proportion to available funds, should the funding prove insufficient. For mobilities of less than 10 months, the maximum amount that can be allocated will be related to the number of months spent in the host university. All CFU in the program will need to be accrued for the Double Degree to be awarded.

Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) dell'Universidade de Lisboa - Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Statement of Purpose”: cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons for which they intend to participate in the TIME project;</li> <li>• certification of English language skills, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>
Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria Industrial de Barcelona (ETSEIB) - Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Statement of Purpose”: cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons for which they intend to participate in the TIME project;</li> <li>• certification of English language skills, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>
Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) - Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Statement of Purpose”: cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons for which they intend to participate in the TIME project;</li> <li>• certification of English language skills, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>
Yokohama National University (YNU) - Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Statement of Purpose”: cover letter in English, in which the candidate indicates the reasons for which they intend to participate in the TIME project at YNU;</li> <li>• References by two Professors or Associate Professors specializing in the student's field of study</li> <li>• certification of English language skills, if any;</li> <li>• CV in European format in English.</li> </ul>

Students can apply for a maximum of 3 different Institutions (minimum 1 - maximum 3 choices), according to the following modalities: 1 choice for the T.I.M.E. Oltre Europa call (YNU, École Centrale Casablanca), 1 choice for the T.I.M.E. DTU call, 1 choice for the T.I.M.E. Europa call (Grandes Écoles, IST, ETSEIB, UCL). The order of preference may be indicated in a in the application. Incomplete applications due to lack of data and/or required documents will be considered invalid and candidates will not be admitted to the selection. In case of vacancies at the end of the selection process, available places may be redistributed among the eligible students through a specific call, consistent with the selection requirements and access to individual destinations, or according to the procedures that will be indicated to eligible students, always respecting the merit criteria.

Winners of an exchange position at DTU must submit one of the following certificates of proficiency in English by 01/05/2026:

Certificate	Min. score	Min. score per each section
IELTS Academic Computer- based, Paper-based, or Online	6.5	6.0
TOEFL iBT Internet-based, (Special) Home Edition (SHE), or Paper Edition	92	22
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) / C1 Advanced Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) / C2 Proficiency	180	

Failure to submit one of these certificates to DTU by the above date will result in the automatic cancellation of the seat assignment.

More information about language requirements and how to submit certification is available on the page: [https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/graduate/admission-and-deadlines/application\\_procedure/apply/language-test-requirements](https://www.dtu.dk/english/education/graduate/admission-and-deadlines/application_procedure/apply/language-test-requirements)

## Art. 5 - Selection Criteria

Candidates will be evaluated by a special committee, appointed by the Rector, based on the following criteria:

- weighted average of the grades of the exams taken (max. 60 points);
- motivation of the candidate to participate in the T.I.M.E. Project and curriculum vitae (max. 35 points);
- Language proficiency (English for candidates at DTU, IST, ETSEIB, UCL, YNU; French for candidates at Grandes Écoles).

The minimum score required to enter the ranking list is 60 points.

### ATTENTION

Partner institutions may require specific language certification during registration. Applicants should verify any language requirements that partner institutions may require, as well as when and how they must be certified.

In the event of equal merit, preference will be given to applicants who have not previously taken advantage of student mobility programs and/or study abroad opportunities (e.g. Erasmus+, bilateral exchanges). Students who have had an Erasmus+ mobility during the same cycle of studies will not be able to receive an Erasmus+ grant during their first year of mobility.

Commission evaluations will also be based on selection interviews, the dates of which are:

For DTU: 25/02/2026, at 8.30

For other institutions: 24/03/2026, at 9.00

Information on the interviews will be provided to applicants by e-mail.

Candidates who are not present at the selection will be automatically excluded.

## Art. 6 - Rankings

At the end of the work, the Commission will formulate a ranking list.

The rankings will be published EXCLUSIVELY on the University's website at <https://www.unipd.it/time>. No personal communications will be made, either written or by telephone.

Successful candidates must confirm their acceptance of the position assigned exclusively in Uniweb by 26/02/2026 for the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), and by 25/03/2026 for all other destinations.

In case of non-acceptance by the deadline, the other eligible candidates will take over, according to the order in the ranking.

## Art. 7 - After the selection

Selected students will be required to follow several procedures as instructed by:

- the School of Engineering, responsible for the implementation of the mobility programmes;
- the Mobility Office, for financial and Erasmus+ matters;
- the TIME Committee, for academic matters;
- the partner institution.

Failure to comply with the various procedures within the specified deadlines will result in exclusion from the programme.

### 7.1 Acceptance

After the publication of the ranking list, the winning students must proceed with the enrollment at the host university according to the procedures and within the deadlines established by them.

The partner universities will proceed with their own internal selection.

#### ATTENTION

The admission of the student is therefore subject to acceptance by the host university, which is normally communicated by the month of July.

Students enrolled in a Master's degree program at the University of Padua, winners of an exchange position at one of the French destinations, will attend a course in France that includes a year of Common Core and one year of Spécialisation; admission to the École does not automatically imply admission to the required specialization course.

Although students will be able to express a preference with respect to the specialization they wish to pursue, it is only at the end of the first year of mobility that the bodies of the École will decide and evaluate which specialization course to admit the student to.

### 7.2 Study Plan

In agreement with the teachers of Padua and the host institution, the winning students will have to prepare the study plan to be carried out during the two-year period abroad.

The study plan must generally be prepared in the first three months after departure and approved (by December 31, 2026) by the T.I.M.E. Area Responsible, possibly assisted by the referent of the Council of Course of Studies (CCS) to which the student belongs, in accordance with the requirements for the achievement of the double degree TIME.

In order to obtain the T.I.M.E. double degree, candidates will have to acquire at least 180 ECTS credits (=CFU) in the second cycle, of which 120 at the foreign institution and 60 at the University of Padua.

In any case, the Course must be completed at the University of Padua, with the discussion of the Master thesis.

### 7.3 Documents

Students must prepare before departure the Learning Agreement that states the activities they will take abroad; it must be approved by the competent academic authorities and the foreign university. The Learning Agreement will be filled in via Uniweb,.

For instructions on how to fill in the Learning Agreement, documents to be attached and the procedures for approval of the Learning Agreement by the partner university, please refer to the section "Learning Agreement" on the following page: <http://www.unipd.it/erasmus-studio>.

Before departure, it is also mandatory to digitally sign the Grant Agreement in accordance with the procedures that will be indicated later by the Projects and Mobility Office - Mobility Sector. It is possible to sign the Grant Agreement only if the Learning Agreement is approved in Uniweb and if the student has paid university fees and if at least 48 credits are registered in Uniweb. Students who have to return a grant to the Projects and Mobility Office (or other offices) for previous mobilities cannot leave for a subsequent mobility.

At the beginning and end of your stay, students must upload the Attendance Certificate, stating the start and end dates of their mobility.

At the end of the mobility, it is also necessary to obtain the Transcript of Records, that is the certificate attesting to the examinations that were passed during the mobility; in case the student has also carried out research activities for his thesis, if the activity has not already been included in the Transcript of Records, the "Short evaluation report for thesis work" must also be delivered. The Transcript of Records can be sent in digital format from the partner university to [mobility.out@unipd.it](mailto:mobility.out@unipd.it), sent directly by the student in the presence of a certified digital signature, sent has a hard copy by the partner university to the Projects and Mobility Office or delivered as a hard copy by the student.

The student will also be required to write, at the end of the period spent abroad, a brief report on the activities undertaken.

## Art. 8 - Deadline calendar:

February 20 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 13.00	Deadline for online applications for Technical University of Denmark (DTU)
February 25 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 8.30	Interviews for Technical University of Denmark (DTU)
March 12 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 13.00	Deadline for online applications for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandes Écoles</li> <li>• Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria Industrial de Barcelona (ETSEIB)</li> <li>• Instituto Superior Técnico (IST)</li> <li>• Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)</li> <li>• Yokohama National University (YNU)</li> </ul>
March 24 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 9.00	Interviews for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grandes Écoles</li> <li>• Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria Industrial de Barcelona (ETSEIB)</li> <li>• Instituto Superior Técnico (IST)</li> <li>• Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)</li> <li>• Yokohama National University (YNU)</li> </ul>

## Art. 9 - Contact and information

Only the institutional mailing address, i.e. name.surname@studenti.unipd.it, will be used for all communications addressed to applicants and exchange winners.

This announcement is managed and coordinated by the School of Engineering.  
Via Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padova

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For further information and the full list of T.I.M.E coordinators: <https://www.unipd.it/time>

## Art. 10 - Processing of personal data

The University of Padua processes the personal data of the data subjects in accordance with the principles of fairness, lawfulness, transparency and minimization, 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 (EU Regulation 2016/679, so-called GDPR), the Code on the protection of personal data (Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments) and the subsequent implementing measures adopted by the European authorities and the Guarantor for the protection of personal data ( [www.garanteprivacy.it](http://www.garanteprivacy.it) ).

## Art. 11 - Final dispositions

The Administrative Processor is Dott.ssa Alessandra Gallerano, Director of the Projects & Mobility Office. Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the records of the competition process as provided by the current regulations. The request must be received by the Projects and Mobility Office, University of Padua, Via Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padua, by filling out the appropriate form to be obtained from the Office itself.

Padova, date of registration

The Rector  
Prof.ssa Daniela Mapelli

The administrative process manager	The Executive	The General Director
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