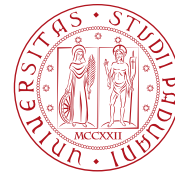




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NICE ERASMUS+ BIP

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE
ERASMUS+ BLENDED INTENSIVE
PROGRAMME “NICE - INTERCULTURAL
COMPETENCE TO FACILITATE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP”**

A.A. 2022/2023

Application Submission Deadline:
Thursday 23rd February 2023, at 1 pm (Italian time)

WEB PAGES

Applying for NICE: <https://forms.gle/QHuLMDbFvLGWbWZb6>

The NICE Programme at UNIPD: <https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-nice-programme>

The NICE Programme website: <https://www.nice-eu.org/>

Virtual Exchange at UNIPD: <https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-students>

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes:

https://www.erasmusplus.it/istruzione_superiore/mobilita/blended-intensive-programmes/

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Preface

The University of Padua, within the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme “NICE - Intercultural Competence to Facilitate Entrepreneurship” realised in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom), University College Dublin (Ireland), the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands), the University of Toronto (Canada), and the Kiev National University (Ukraine), announces a call for 30 places for virtual exchange from 15th March to 30th June 2023.

Art.1 – General information

1.1. Purpose

Erasmus+ is the programme from the European Union for education, training, youth and sport, in effect between 2021 and 2027.¹

The present Call regulates the activities of the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) “NICE - Intercultural Competence to Facilitate Entrepreneurship”, which allows university students enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies to participate in a virtual exchange programme, followed by a face-to-face experience together with students of the other higher education institutions participating in the BIP.

For a.y. 2022/23, the NICE BIP is coordinated by the University of Padua and therefore, consistently with the Erasmus+ BIP features, students from the University of Padua are not entitled to receive any funding from their home institution, as they will not spend any period of study at another higher education institution in one of the Erasmus+ programme countries.

1.2. Eligible activities

Places are allocated for the following activities:

1. **Virtual Exchange**², which is the compulsory activity for all selected candidates. Virtual exchange is broken down into 7 educational modules which aim at providing intercultural and entrepreneurial skills to solve an operative task (Global Challenge) through individual and group activities. Students will be divided into heterogeneous groups with 6 members each: every group will consist of students from different educational backgrounds and from different partner universities. This is to encourage the interdisciplinary and multicultural aspect of the project. For the NICE virtual exchange, students will gain 3 ECTS³ credits from the University of Padua as other activities, once the course unit ‘Intercultural Competence to Facilitate Entrepreneurship’ has been added to the student’s study plan;
2. **Summer School**, which is the optional activity and which will be held from 2nd to 9th July 2023 at the University of Padua. The aim of this activity is to capitalize on learning outcomes of the virtual exchange, other than to have the opportunity to showcase the Global Challenge solution to a wider audience. There are 10 places

¹ The Erasmus+ Programme was established by Decision no. 2021/817 by Parliament and the EU Council, the Regulation was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 20/05/2021.

² Further information on Virtual Exchange are available at: <https://www.unipd.it/virtual-exchange>

³ The addition of the activity ‘Intercultural Competence to facilitate Entrepreneurship’ to the educational programmes and courses of the Master's degree programme in European and Global Studies for the a.y. 2022/23 depends on the approval of the Council of the Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies (due to be held in February 2023)

available for students of the University of Padua. Therefore, during the virtual exchange period, the 10 candidates will be selected through an interview aimed at verifying the student's motivation, by a Committee set up within the University candidates belong to.

The aim of the project is to encourage the development of cross-skills like entrepreneurial and intercultural competence skills, interpersonal skills and ability to cooperate, team working skills, problem-solving skills in order to promote professional growth and students' entry into the labour market.

Information on the Global Challenges and on the educational experience is available at: <https://www.nice-eu.org/students>.

1.3. Duration

The duration of the NICE Blended Intensive Programme is predetermined and is scheduled as follows:

- Virtual exchange: 15 March - 30 June 2023 (mandatory activity)
- Summer School: 2 - 9 July 2023 (optional activity, limited number of places available)

1.4. Students with disabilities and learning difficulties

Students with disabilities and learning difficulties (DSA) who intend to participate in the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme can highlight this during the application submission process. Their situation will then be taken care by the Projects and Mobility Office together with the Student Service Office, if they are selected to participate in the NICE Programme.

The selection criteria are the same for all students

Art.2 - Admission Pre-Requisites and Application Procedure

2.1 Admission Pre-Requisites

Students are admitted to participate in the program if, upon applying and within the deadline of the call, they are in the following conditions:

1. Students must be registered at the University of Padua in a degree course (ex DM 509/99 or 270/2004), bachelor's course, master's course, single-cycle master's course, for the duration of the entire programme, and until the end of the Summer School for those who intend participate also to that part;
2. Students must not be registered in the first year of a Bachelor's degree programme (first-cycle degree) for the a.y. 2022/23;

3. Students registered in single course units and incoming exchange students to the University of Padua are not entitled to apply for the NICE programme;
4. Non-EU citizens must also be in possession of a residency permit, if currently living in Italy, and if they intend to apply also for the NICE Summer School;
5. Students must prove their proficiency in English through a certificate attesting a minimum B2 level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or they must be enrolled in a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Single-cycle degree programme delivered in English or have successfully completed it.

Art.3 - Contributions and financial benefits

There are no fees to participate in the programme, as the virtual exchange is held fully online and the Summer School will be held in Padua.

Art. 4 – Applying for the NICE BIP

Students that want to apply for the NICE Blended Intensive Programme must submit their application exclusively via the dedicated Google Form (<https://forms.gle/ZPqQNTapMgZPygMn8>) **NO LATER THAN 1.00 PM (Italian time) ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2023.**

With the application one must attach, in PDF form, the following documents:

1. copy of the language certificate or another document attesting the applicant's language level;
2. copy of the Bachelor Transcript of Records or Diploma Supplement for students registered in the first year of a Master's degree programme;
3. motivation letter written in English (up to 2000 characters, spaces included);
4. for non-EU citizens: copy of a valid residence permit;
5. any additional qualifications which may be relevant to the analysis by the Committee (e.g. curriculum vitae, other certificates, etc).

Art. 5 – Selection criteria

Students will be ranked in accordance with selection criteria regarding their proficiency in English, their merit coefficient, their motivation letter and additional qualifications.

In case of candidates with equal assessment, precedence will be given to the student who has not already benefited from funding for international mobility, in line with the aims of the project. In case of further equal scores, precedence will be given to the student enrolled in

a Master's degree programme and, should the equal scores still subsist, to the younger student.

Should the number of applications received be higher than 100, the Committee reserves the right to run a pre-selection considering the merit coefficient only. Then, only the first 100 applications will be assessed against the other criteria.

Art. 6 – List of successful students

6.1 Lists of successful students and accepting the place

A Committee appointed by the Rector will analyse the applications and will select students. Should the Committee deem it necessary, a face-to-face or online interview may be arranged: if this is the case, candidates will be notified of the time and place of the interview. Failing to attend the interview will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection.

Once the Committee has finalised its task, the list of successful candidates will be published from Friday 3rd March 2023 on the webpage: <https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-nice-programme>. Successful candidates will also be informed via email.

Successful candidates must declare that they are accepting their place confirming via email to virtual.exchange@unipd.it before the date that will be communicated. In the event that the place is not accepted within the outlined dates, the students will automatically be considered 'renouncing'.

6.2 Reserve places

Places that are not accepted by successful candidates will be assigned to those next in line on the list. Due information will be given via email. In the event that the place is not accepted within the deadlines given, the student will be considered 'renouncing' and the place will be assigned to the next student in line on the list or remain unassigned.

Art. 7 – Procedures for successful students

The detailed procedures for successful students will be communicated via email to the selected candidates after the conclusion of the selection process.

Art. 8 – Recognition of activities

Only for selected students, NICE (i.e. 'Intercultural Competence to Facilitate Entrepreneurship') can be added to their study plan as a 3 credit-bearing activity. This

requires approval by the President and the Student Office of the student's degree course
Details will be communicated via email to the selected candidates.

Art. 9 – Deadlines calendar

For all deadlines, refer to the calendar published on the page: <https://www.unipd.it/nice>

Art. 10 - Contacts e information

For all communications addressed to candidates and winners of exchange places, only the institutional email address will be used, i.e. name.surname@studenti.unipd.it.

This call is managed and coordinated by the Projects and Mobility Office, Lungargine del Piovego 1 - 35129 Padova

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Art 11 – Processing of personal data

The University of Padua processes the personal data of the interested parties in compliance with the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency and minimization, for the protection of privacy and all the rights of the interested parties, according to the provisions of the European Regulation on the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 2016/679, so-called GDPR), by the Code regarding the protection of personal data (legislative decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments) and by the consequent implementing measures adopted by the European authorities and by the Guarantor for the protection of personal data (www.garanteprivacy.it).

Art. 12 – Final Provisions

The person in charge of the Administrative Procedure is Ms. Alessandra Gallerano, Head of the Projects & Mobility Office.

Candidates can exercise their right of access to the records of the competition proceedings as provided for by current law. The 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 to be requested to the Office itself.

Padova,

The Rector Daniela Mapelli

digitally signed in accordance with legislative decree 82/2005

Il Responsabile del procedimento amministrativo <i>Dott.ssa Alessandra Gallerano</i>	La Dirigente <i>Dott.ssa Dora Maria Cornelia Longoni</i>	Il Direttore Generale <i>Ing. Alberto Scuttari</i>
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