Year Abroad 2019/20 – Fact sheet

**What is the Erasmus grant?**

- The grant normally consists of two instalments of funding.
- It is intended to assist with the costs incurred through undertaking a study or work placement abroad.
- It does not replace any loans or grants you would usually receive to fund your studies and you should apply for these as normal during your year abroad.

**Am I eligible to receive it?**

- The grant is not means tested and is available to students of all nationalities.
- The minimum duration for work placements is 2 months (60 days).
- The minimum duration for study placements is 3 months (90 days).
- The placement must be part of the individual’s degree.
- Payment is made on the condition that the student passes their time abroad and meets the other terms and conditions set out in their mobility contract. Failure to do so could result in the grant having to be repaid.

**When will I receive it?**

- You will receive your first grant instalment when you have returned your completed and signed Student Mobility Contract, Learning Agreement, completed your first language test and submitted your Certificate of Arrival. The first payment will be your total grant amount minus 200 EUR.
- You will receive your second grant instalment when you have returned your transcript of records or traineeship certificate (section 4 of the Learning Agreement), completed the online report form and the second language assessment. The second instalment will be the remaining 200 EUR, after any necessary adjustments due to changes in placement duration.

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*Erasmus funding is never guaranteed and is dependent on funds being allocated by the British Council. ISO is usually able to confirm funding allocations to participants in the summer (late July).*
How much will I receive?

- This will depend on your placement duration, your host country and whether you are undertaking a work or study placement.
- If your household income is £25,000 or less you will be eligible for an additional 120 EUR per month for study placements or an additional 20 EUR per month for work placements.

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<th>Host Country</th>
<th>Study Placement</th>
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<td><strong>Group 1:</strong> Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Norway</td>
<td>420 EUR</td>
<td>520 EUR</td>
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<td><strong>Group 2:</strong> Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Netherlands, Malta, Portugal &amp; <strong>Group 3:</strong> Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Turkey</td>
<td>370 EUR</td>
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Please note – funding for every month of your placement is not guaranteed

What happens if I change my plans?

- If you change placement type or your destination country, this may impact your funding.
- If you extend your time abroad you are unlikely to receive additional funding. Reduction in the time spent abroad will result in some of the grant having to be repaid.

How is the period abroad recognised?

- For Undergraduates, the Year Abroad will appear on your transcript. The host country and institution/employer will be listed. This is unfortunately not possible to reflect on graduate student transcripts.

Online Linguistic Support (only applies in cases where the language of your host institution is not English)

- You must complete a language assessment for each placement you undertake, even if the destination country is the same. You must complete a test before the start and at the end of all placements.
- You will be asked to enter your mobility dates – please note this is for the placement, not for the whole Year Abroad.
- Free language courses are available should you wish to do some further language preparation.

Tuition fees

- UK/EU undergraduates will pay 15% of the tuition fee whilst on a Year Abroad.
- Overseas undergraduates will pay 50% of the tuition fee whilst on a Year Abroad.
- Graduate students will pay the full fee whilst on a period abroad.
- You will still be entitled to a tuition fee loan and you will not be charged fees by the host university.

Insurance

- Undergraduates: You are covered by the University’s public liability insurance. You must organise your own travel and health insurance.
- Graduate students: The University offers comprehensive travel insurance to graduate students travelling outside of the UK as part of their degree for a maximum of 12 months. You should ensure that your Department and Student Registry have agreed to the trip and a risk assessment is in place.

Visas

- Visas are not needed for students from inside the EEA.
- International Students will need to arrange their own visas for their exchange. The International Student Office can provide guidance on the Tier 4 student visa.

For further information please consult our webpage: [https://www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/erasmus-plus](https://www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/erasmus-plus)
You can also contact us by email: [exchanges@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:exchanges@admin.cam.ac.uk)