

# Exchange Info Session 2023

Faculty of Law & Criminology



# 10 reasons to study abroad

- ❖ Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
- ❖ Study & learn differently
- ❖ Brush up on your language skills
- ❖ Boost your employment opportunities
- ❖ Gain a global mindset

# 10 reasons to study abroad

- ❖ Enhance your intercultural competences
- ❖ Learn about yourself & your culture
- ❖ Boost your self-confidence & independence
- ❖ Be adventurous & explore the world
- ❖ Friends for life from all over the world

# VUB Exchange Contacts

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# Exchange Programmes

## Studies or Traineeship

- ✓ Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeships after graduation)

## Grant

- ✓ Included?
- ✓ Amount\*

## Tuition Fee Waiver

## Min – max duration

## Study level

## EU or non-EU host institution

\* Amounts are subject to change



# EU DESTINATIONS

## Erasmus+ KA 1 Host institutions

- General: all 27 EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme
- Traineeship: Approval Exchange Coordinator
  
- More info per programme & exchange coordinator



# Erasmus+ KA1



Erasmus+

- Studies
- € 319 - €419/month (+ €250/month top-up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities)
- Up to 12 months
- If no sufficient funds : faculty ranking
- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses) & Online survey upon return



# Erasmus+ KA1 - Traineeship

- During** your studies
  - ✓ As part of your VUB programme that contains an internship (n° ECTS)
  - ✓ Traineeship in the framework of thesis work
  - ✓ You carry out an internship abroad
  - ✓ Evaluation from your host organisation is recognised (in ECTS and a grade) by the VUB
  
- After** your studies/ graduation
  - ✓ Not part of your VUB programme
  - ✓ In line with your obtained degree
  - ✓ Within 1 year after graduation
  - ✓ Apply before graduating, following the VUB rules & deadlines, to the VUB and Flanders Knowledge Area

# Erasmus+ KA1 Traineeship

- Host organisation: university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
  - ✓ Find a host organisation yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
  - ✓ In any EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
  - ✓ Approval Exchange Coordinator
  - ✓ Online database: <https://erasmusintern.org/>
  
- Grant: € 469/month - €569/month (+ €250/month top-up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities)
  - ✓ Depending on the destination
  
- Min. 2** – max. 12 months

# Erasmus+ KA 1 - GRANT TOP-UPS

## GREEN TRAVEL - 50 EUR

If you travel in environmentally friendly way (e.g. train, bus, car pooling): green travel

- Indicate your intention to travel green
- Check [greenerasmus.org](https://greenerasmus.org) for tips to make your mobility more sustainable

## PARTICIPANTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES\* - 250 EUR/MONTH

= Students with

- Flemish study allowance (Vlaamse Studietoelage)
- Almost Flemish study allowance (Bijna-Beursstudenten)
- Disability recognised by VAPH (=Vlaams Agentschap Voor Personen met een Handicap)
- Working student : very specific conditions, different definition from VUB working student

### *Extra inclusion support for students with disabilities*

- VUB can support pre visits to the student mobility destination - upon request (case-by-case)



## UK?

- Still possible to go to UK with an Erasmus+ grant
- Agreement needed for an exchange for studies
- = International mobility
- Limited budget available (only a smaller % of the total budget for Erasmus+ for UK)
- Same deadlines as EU applications



Erasmus+

# Erasmus Belgica

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme
- €100 (1x)\*
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- Master
- Sufficient funds (if not, Faculty ranking)

\*Budget under evaluation for academic year 2024-2025

# Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP)

- Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP)
  - Switzerland
  - Grants paid by Swiss host institution
  - +/- 440 CHF/month



# NON-EU DESTINATIONS

## Non-EU host institutions

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements
  - ✓ Tuition fee waiver
- Traineeship: host organisation approved Exchange Coordinator
- No grant guaranteed, therefore **EU back-up** destination allowed
- Higher competition for grants and available places
- Preparing for a non-EU exchange application: more effort
- Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)



# Non-EU host institutions

## Studies

- General VUB exchange agreements:
- [General offer](#) in Africa, Asia, North America and South America

Africa	University	City
<b>Morocco</b>	<a href="#">Université Internationale de Rabat</a>	Rabat
<b>South Africa</b>	<a href="#">Central University of Technology</a>	Bloemfontein
	<a href="#">University of the Western Cape</a>	Belleville

# Non-EU host institutions

## Studies

### General VUB exchange agreements

Asia	University	City
China	<a href="#">Fudan University</a>	Shanghai
	<a href="#">Tongji University</a>	Shanghai
	<a href="#">Sichuan University</a>	Sichuan
	<a href="#">Renmin University</a>	Beijing
	<a href="#">North West University</a>	Xi'an
Japan	<a href="#">Kobe University</a>	Kobe
South Korea	<a href="#">Seoul National University</a>	Seoul
	<a href="#">Hanyang University</a>	Seoul
	<a href="#">Korea University</a>	Seoul
	<a href="#">Hankuk University</a>	Seoul

# Non-EU host institutions

## Studies

### General VUB exchange agreements

North America	University	City
Canada	All universities that are part of the <a href="#">Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire (BCI)</a> – Programme	Québec

# Non-EU host institutions

## Studies

### General VUB exchange agreements

South America	University	City
<b>Bolivia</b>	<a href="#">Universidad Católica Boliviana</a>	La Paz
<b>Brazil</b>	<a href="#">Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro</a>	Rio de Janeiro
	<a href="#">Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina</a>	Santa Catarina
	<a href="#">Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Unicamp</a>	Sao Paolo
	<a href="#">UFSM – Universidade Federal de Santa Maria</a>	Santa Maria
<b>Chile</b>	<a href="#">Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile</a>	Santiago
<b>Mexico</b>	<a href="#">Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, UNAM</a>	Mexico City
	<a href="#">Universidad Iberoamericana, IBERO</a>	Mexico City
	<a href="#">Universidad de Guadalajara</a>	Guadalajara
	<a href="#">Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, BUAP</a>	Puebla

## Non-EU Traineeship

- Host organisation: university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
  - ✓ Find a host organisation yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
  - ✓ Anywhere except any EU member state, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
  - ✓ Approval Exchange Coordinator
  
- Min. 1 - max. 10 months
  
- No grant guaranteed

## Non-EU host institutions

- ❑ Contact your faculty for more info on how to apply for a non-EU destination.  
Deadline to be nominated by your faculty towards IRMO: **1 December 2023**
  
- ❑ Look up the offered programs online and compose a draft study plan
  - ⇒ Individual match for courses
  - ⇒ You will need approval from your exchange coordinator
  
- ❑ Apply for a grant, if applicable
  - ✓ Grant from the Flemish government (€700 - €900/month + return flight)
  - ✓ Studies & Traineeships
    - ✓ **Generieke Beurzen** (i.e. generic scholarships)
    - ✓ **Priority Country Programme** (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South-Africa, Turkey, USA)

## Non-EU host institutions

- ❑ VLIR-UOS Reisbeurzen (i.e. **travel grants**)
- ✓ Work placement/ internship or thesis
- ✓ 37 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America
- ✓ Application at VUB (invitation local supervisor & recommendation VUB supervisor), preparatory programme, min. 1,500 EUR – max. 1750

→ More information on all these scholarships can be found on our page [REI Scholarships for VUB students | Vrije Universiteit Brussel](#)

# Exchange grant

## ❑ Additional financial support

- ✓ Only for exchanges in which you complete part of your study curriculum
  - ✓ Calculated on the basis of the number of months abroad
  - ✓ Family indexed cadastral income may not exceed € 1.250
  - ✓ Not combinable with rent allowance
  - ✓ Nationality or residency requirements
  - ✓ Grant amount variable – Up to € 270
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- ✓ Apply before departure

→ More information on [Exchange grant | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](https://www.vub.be/exchange-grant)





# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

# Application Procedure

## Application at Faculty

- Application file (host institution, scholarship programme)
- You compose a first study or training plan, viz. a Learning Agreement (LA)

## Nomination

- Your faculty nominates you officially to IRMO
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

## VUB Application

- IRMO sends you the VUB procedure, SOP Mobility-Online
- You compose a final LA
- Your faculty approves your LA

# Application Procedure

## Host Institution Application

- You apply to your host institution or make arrangements with host organisation

## Official Approval

- Your faculty officially confirms your exchange after the June and/or September exams
- Acceptance by the host institution

## Departure Administration

- IRMO invites you to a take-off meeting
- IRMO sends you the scholarship administration

# Deadlines

- Erasmus+
- Erasmus Belgica
- All other

## Faculty deadline

Unless earlier deadlines apply for grant



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**! LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**



**PRACTICALITIES**

# Practicalities

- Choice of Host Institution
- Required language knowledge
- Selection procedure
- Registration & tuition fee
- Courses, exams & resit exams
- Recognition & credit transfer

# Practicalities

- Insurance (extra travel insurance recommended) - [Sharepoint info](#)
- Childcare benefits ('kindergeld')
- Housing
- Finances
- ✓ VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Sociale Dienst Studenten)
- ✓ [Social Legal and Financial Support | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ Go Abroad Café: **November 29th @ LOUNGE**
- ❑ Students sharing stories about their exchange
- ❑ Get into contact with other students who are currently on exchange







# EUTOPIA OPPORTUNITIES

# TEAMWORK

EUTOPIA TeamWork is a **virtual international experience programme** taking place during Summer for four weeks, 10h/ week.

- Teams of students from EUTOPIA universities
- Real-life challenge projects
- Inter-disciplinary approach
- Boosting international & intercultural experiences
- Virtual skills to enhance your employability

**Application period:** February-March

**Local Contact:** [eutopia.international@vub.be](mailto:eutopia.international@vub.be)



# EUTOPIA CERTIFICATE OF INTERNATIONALISATION (EUCI)

- A space to discuss and reflect upon international experiences with peers from across the alliance
- Recognition and reward for students' international learning
- Take a look at [previous editions](#)

**Application period:** more info coming soon

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