



**FACULTY OF SCIENCES &
BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES**

EXCHANGE INFO SESSION 2025

INTRODUCTION

The slides and recording will be shared:

- > available as reference for you afterwards
- > available for students who could not attend



AGENDA

12:00 Welcome

12:10 General introduction and
European destinations

12:30 Student testimonial

12:50 Non-European destinations

13:00 Student testimonial

13:15 Faculty info

13:30 Q&A

14:00 End of session



GENERAL INTRODUCTION



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

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- Learning Agreement
(Studies & Traineeships)
- Grade conversion
- Credit recognition

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
BIOENGINEERING / MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTER SCIENCE
GEOGRAPHY
MATHEMATICS
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EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



BUILDING BLOCKS OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Studies or Traineeship

- Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeship after graduation)
- English or local language? Make sure to check

Studies: course package at VUB is substituted by course package at partner institution

- You take courses and exams abroad
- Obtained credits abroad are recognised at VUB
- Grade conversion by Faculty (not always a 1:1 conversion)
- Destination depending on existing agreements

Traineeship: as part of your VUB programme that contains an internship (ECTS)

- host organisation selected by student and approved by exchange coordinator

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Grant – Included? Amount?
- Nationality is not a criteria, but you should be enrolled fulltime at VUB
- Tuition Fee Waiver
- Min – Max Duration
- Study Level
- European or non-European destination

EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+

EBELGICA

SEMP



ERASMUS+ KA1



- ▼ Studies & Traineeships (During & After studies)
- ▼ More info per programme & exchange coordinator

Studies:

- ▼ min. 3 months (or time equal to 1 sem.) – max. 12 months

Traineeship:

- ▼ min. 2 months – max. 12 months



ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



Studies: €369 - €419/month

- ▼ + €250/month top up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- ▼ + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

Traineeships: €519 - €569/month

- ▼ + €250/month top up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- ▼ + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

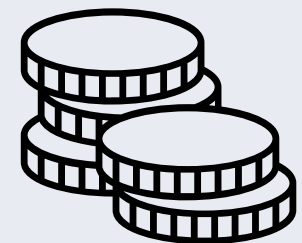
Tabel Travel Costs		
Distance band	Amount per participant	"Green Travel"
Between 10 – 99 km	€28.00	€56.00
Between 100 – 499 km	€211.00	€ 285.00
Between 500 – 1999 km	€309.00	€417.00
Between 2000 – 2999 km	€395.00	€535.00
Between 3000 – 3999 km	€580.00	€785.00
Between 4000 – 7999 km	€1,188.00	€1,188.00
8000 km and more	€1,735.00	€1,735.00

ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



- ▼ Limited funding available: ranking by faculty based on faculty criteria
- ▼ If you receive an Erasmus+ grant → Max. funding of 6 months
 - With exception of students belonging to the fewer opportunities category

Exc. Traineeship after graduation
(apply externally, first-come-first served)



ERASMUS+ KA1 – GRANT TOP-UPS

GREEN TRAVEL

- ✦ If you travel in environmentally friendly way (e.g. train, bus, carpooling)
- ✦ Check greenerasmus.org for tips to make your mobility more sustainable

PARTICIPANTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

= 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

INCLUSION SUPPORT

- ✦ Extra inclusion support for students with disabilities
- ✦ VUB can support pre visits to the student mobility destination - upon request (case-by-case)



ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP AFTER GRADUATION

- ▼ Traineeship After studies
- ▼ To apply before graduation
- ▼ Within 1 year after graduation
- ▼ “First Come, First served” principle for grant
- ▼ Traineeship in line with VUB diploma
- ▼ Nomination faculty needed





GET INSPIRED!

ERASMUS+ GENERATION PORTAL

- ▼ Browse inspiring testimonials
- ▼ Grant simulator
- ▼ Info about life in host countries
- ▼ <https://erasmusgeneration.org/>

Inclusive Mobility portal

- ▼ Testimonials of E+ students with disabilities
- ▼ Info about host institutions
- ▼ <https://inclusivemobility.eu/institutions>

WHAT ELSE?

SWISS EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAMME (SEMP)

- ▼ Study exchange in Switzerland
- ▼ Specific agreement needed for your programme
- ▼ Grants paid by Swiss host uni
- ▼ +/- 400 CHF/month



EBelgica

- ▼ Study exchange in French-speaking Belgium (e.g. ULB)
- ▼ Min. 8 weeks of scholarship (=between €400 - €1000 depending on situation)
- ▼ Faculty ranking if needed



Scholarship amounts may vary

EXCHANGE IN BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Bioengineering Sciences:

- ✓ Bachelor: 3rd year 2nd semester
- ✓ Master:
 - ✓ traineeship in summer between MA year 1 and 2
 - ✓ Study exchange in 1st semester of year 1 or 2

Molecular Biology:

- ✓ In Master year 2: 1st semester for courses or 2nd semester for thesis

France	CY Cergy Paris Université
Hungary	ELTE Budapest
Italy	Ca'Foscari University of Venice
Poland	University of Gdansk (MA only)
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universidad de Alcalá
	Universitat de Barcelona
	Universidad de Murcia
UK	University of Warwick (BA only)

EXCHANGE IN BIOLOGY

- ✓ **Bachelor year 3** - 1st semester
- ✓ **Master year 1** - 1st or 2nd semester, or a full year
- ✓ **Master year 2** - 1st semester
- ✓ An internship abroad is possible in summer between Master year 1 and 2, or during Master year 2

Austria	Universität Wien (MA only)	Italy	Università degli Studi di Firenze
	Universität für Bodenkultur Wien	Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa
France +	Sorbonne Université (MA only)	Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MA only)	Spain	Universidad de Oviedo
	Université des Antilles (MA only)		Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (BA only)
	Université de Guyane	Sweden	University of Gothenburg
	CY Cergy Paris Université	UK	Warwick University (BA only + full year only)
Germany	TU Dresden (MA only)		

EXCHANGE IN CHEMISTRY

- ✓ **Bachelor year 3** - 2nd semester
- ✓ **Master year 1** - 2nd semester for course exchange
- ✓ **Master year 2** - 2nd semester for internship

France	Sorbonne Université
	Université de Montpellier I
	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Technische Universität Dresden
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (MA only)
Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa
Romania	Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universitat de Girona
	Universitat de Zaragoza
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
UK	Warwick University (BA only)

EXCHANGE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

You can go on exchange in **Bachelor year 3** or in either of your **Master years**. Preferred period:

- ✓ 1st semester of Bachelor year 3
- ✓ 1st semester of Master year 2.

France	CY Cergy Paris Université	Romania	Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj
Germany	Technische Universität München	Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
	University of Potsdam	Spain	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)
	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Sweden	Chalmers University of Technology (MA only)
	Universität Konstanz		University of Gothenburg
	Technische Universität Dresden	Switzerland	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano
	Technische Universität Darmstadt	UK	Warwick University (BA only + full year only)
Italy	Ca'Foscari University of Venice		

EXCHANGE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

✓ You can go on exchange in the first semester of **Bachelor year 3**.

France	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Technische Universität München
	University of Potsdam
	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
	Universität Konstanz
	Technische Universität Dresden
	Technische Universität Darmstadt
Italy	Ca'Foscari University of Venice
Romania	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
Switzerland	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano

EXCHANGE IN MATHEMATICS

- ✓ You can go on exchange in **Bachelor year 3** or in either of your Master years, with a preference for **Master year 1**.

France	CY Cergy Paris Université
Italy	Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
Poland	University of Warsaw (MA only)
Romania	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universidad de Granada (BA only)
	Universidad de Murcia
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
UK	Warwick University (BA only + full year only)

EXCHANGE IN OCEANS & LAKES

- ✓ You can go on exchange during the 1st semester of **Master year 2**.
- ✓ An internship abroad is possible during **summer** between Master year 1 and 2, **or during Master year 2**.

France	Université de Bretagne Occidentale
Spain	Universidad de Oviedo
	Universidad de Vigo
Sweden	University of Gothenburg

EXCHANGE IN PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

You can go on exchange in **Bachelor year 3** or in **either of your Master years**. The preferred period is:

- ✓ 2nd semester of Bachelor year 3
- ✓ 2nd semester of Master year 1.

It is also possible to do (part of) your thesis abroad during your 2nd Master year.

France	Université de Strasbourg
	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Technische Universität Dresden
Netherlands	Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universitat de Illes Balears – Palma
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
UK	Warwick University (BA only)

EXCHANGE IN GEOGRAPHY

You can go on exchange in **Bachelor year 3** or in either of your Master years. The preferred periods are:

- ✓ In Bachelor year 3 - 2nd semester
- ✓ In Master year 2 - 1st semester

Master students in Geography can also use the specific agreements for Urban Studies, though Urban Studies students have priority.

Belgium (Erasmus Belgica)	Université Libre de Bruxelles
Austria	Universität Wien
France	Université Sorbonne (Paris Panthéon) CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt Technische Universität Dresden (MA only)
Netherlands	Universiteit Utrecht
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana (MA only)
Sweden	Stockholm University University of Gothenburg
	Lund University, Faculty of Engineering (LTH)
Switzerland (SEMP)	Université de Lausanne

EXCHANGE IN URBAN STUDIES / STER*

- ✓ Urban Studies: exchange for studies or traineeship in 1st semester of Master year 2
- ✓ SteR*: preferred period is 1st semester of Master year 2

Austria	Universität Wien (MUS only)	Luxembourg	Université de Luxembourg
Czech Republic	Charles University Prague	Netherlands	Universiteit Utrecht
Estonia	University of Tartu		Universiteit van Amsterdam
France	Université Sorbonne (Paris Panthéon)	Norway	University of Oslo
	Université de Lille		NTNU Trondheim
Germany	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Poland	Gdansk University of Technology
	RWTH Aachen	Sweden	Malmö University
	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt		KTH Stockholm
	TU Dortmund		Lund University, LTH (SteR* only)
Hungary	ELTE, Budapest	Switzerland	Université de Lausanne
Ireland	University College Dublin		Universität Bern
Italy	Politecnico di Torino		
	Università degli Studi di Palermo		

NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

GENERIC SCHOLARSHIP

PRIORITY COUNTRY PROGRAMME

ASEM WPP



HOW DOES IT WORK?

European exchange	Non-European exchange
Studies: Agreement per programme	Studies: General VUB agreement (more effort)
Traineeship: host organisation to be approved by Exchange Coordinator	
Tuition fee waiver	
Possibility to apply for a grant	
Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)	

NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR STUDY EXCHANGE

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



GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Bio-Engineering Sciences

▼ **Bolivia** - Universidad Católica Boliviana (UCB)

▼ **Brazil**

▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)

▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

▼ **Canada**

▼ Windsor University

▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ **Mexico**

▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

▼ Universidad Iberoamericana

▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)

▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ **Peru**

▼ Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima

▼ **South Africa**

▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)

▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ **South Korea**

▼ Seoul National University (SNU)

▼ Hanyang University

▼ Korea University (KU)

▼ Kyungpook National University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Biology

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

▼ Canada

- ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)

▼ Colombia – Universidad de Los Andes

▼ Japan – Kobe University

▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad Iberoamericano
- ▼ Universidad Autónoma de Peubla (BUAP)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ Peru

- ▼ Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima

▼ South Africa

- ▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

- ▼ Seoul National University (SNU)
- ▼ Kyunpook National University
- Hanyang University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Chemistry

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

▼ Canada

- ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ Japan – Kobe University

▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ Peru- Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima

▼ South Africa

- ▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

- ▼ Seoul National University (SNU)
- ▼ Hanyang University
- ▼ Korea University (KU)
- ▼ Kyungpook National University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence

Brazil

- Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)
- Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

Canada

- Windsor University
- Université Laval, Quebec City

Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)

China – Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Guangzhou (HKUST Guangzhou)

Colombia – Universidad de Los Andes

Japan – Kobe University

Mexico

- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- Universidad de Guadalajara
- Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)

Morocco – Université Internationale de Rabat (UIR)

South Africa

- University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- Stellenbosch University

South Korea

- Seoul National University (SNU)
- Hanyang University
- Korea University
- Kyungpook National University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Geography

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

▼ Canada

- ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)

▼ China – Northwest University (NWU)

▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara
- ▼ Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)

▼ South Africa

- ▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

- ▼ Seoul National University (SNU)
- ▼ Korea University (KU)

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Mathematics

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

▼ Canada

- ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)

▼ Japan – Kobe University

▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ South Africa

- ▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

- ▼ Seoul National University (SNU)

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Oceans & Lakes

- ▼ Brazil - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Japan – Kobe University
- ▼ Mexico - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Peru - Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima
- ▼ South Africa - University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ South Korea – Kyungpook National University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Physics and Astronomy

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)

▼ Canada

- ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ Chile – Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC)

▼ Japan – Kobe University

▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ South Africa

- ▼ University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- ▼ Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

- ▼ Seoul National University (SNU)
- ▼ Hanyang University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Urban Design and Spatial Planning (SteR*)

▼ Brazil

▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)

▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

▼ **Canada** – Université Laval, Quebec City

▼ **Chile** – Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)

▼ Mexico

▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)

▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

▼ **South Africa** – Stellenbosch University

▼ South Korea

▼ Seoul National University

▼ Hanyang University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within WE

▼ Urban Studies

▼ Brazil

- ▼ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)

▼ Canada – Université Laval, Quebec City







▼ Mexico

- ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- ▼ Universidad Iberoamericana
- ▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
- ▼ Universidad de Guadalajara

NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR TRAINEESHIP EXCHANGE

- ▼ Host organisation (traineeship non-EU): university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
 - ▼ Find a host organisation yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
 - ▼ Anywhere except the European destinations
 - ▼ Approval Exchange coordinator needed



Non-European grants	Generic Scholarship	Priority Country Programme	Asem WPP	VLIR-UOS travel grants
 What?	Studies & Traineeship	Studies & Traineeship	Traineeship	Work placement/traineeship or thesis
 Where?	All countries that are not eligible for Erasmus+	8 countries (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, USA)	Specific countries in Asia	24 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America
 Duration?	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month - Max. 6 months	Min. 1 month
 Application	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	2 calls during the academic year (will be communicated by faculty) Specific eligibility conditions	Application at VUB (invitation local supervisor & recommendation VUB supervisor), preparatory programme,
 Grant Amount	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students Max. 6 months	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students Max. 4 months grant	€700/month + travel grant Max. 2 months grant	min. €1500, max. €1750
 Selection	VUB selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades • 25% of selected candidates receive Flemish study allowance 	External selection	Externally, by raffle	Selection by programme coordinators and by the selection committee of the Advisory Council for Development Cooperation

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID



EXCHANGE GRANT (BUITENLANDTOELAGE)

- ▼ Managed by the study finance department
- ▼ Several conditions
 - ▼ 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/month
- ▼ Apply before departure
- ▼ More information on [Exchange grant | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](https://vub.be/exchange-grant)



EUTOPIA OPPORTUNITIES

INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

- Student Think Tank
- Student Career Ambassadors
- BeEUTOPIAn Conference
- TeamWork
- Certificate of Internationalisation
- Summer Schools



APPLICATION PROCEDURE



HOW TO APPLY?

01

**Attend Faculty
Exchange info
session**

02

**Apply at your
faculty**

European destinations:
23 February

Non-European destinations
12 December

03

**Research and
compose study plan**

Individual match for
courses

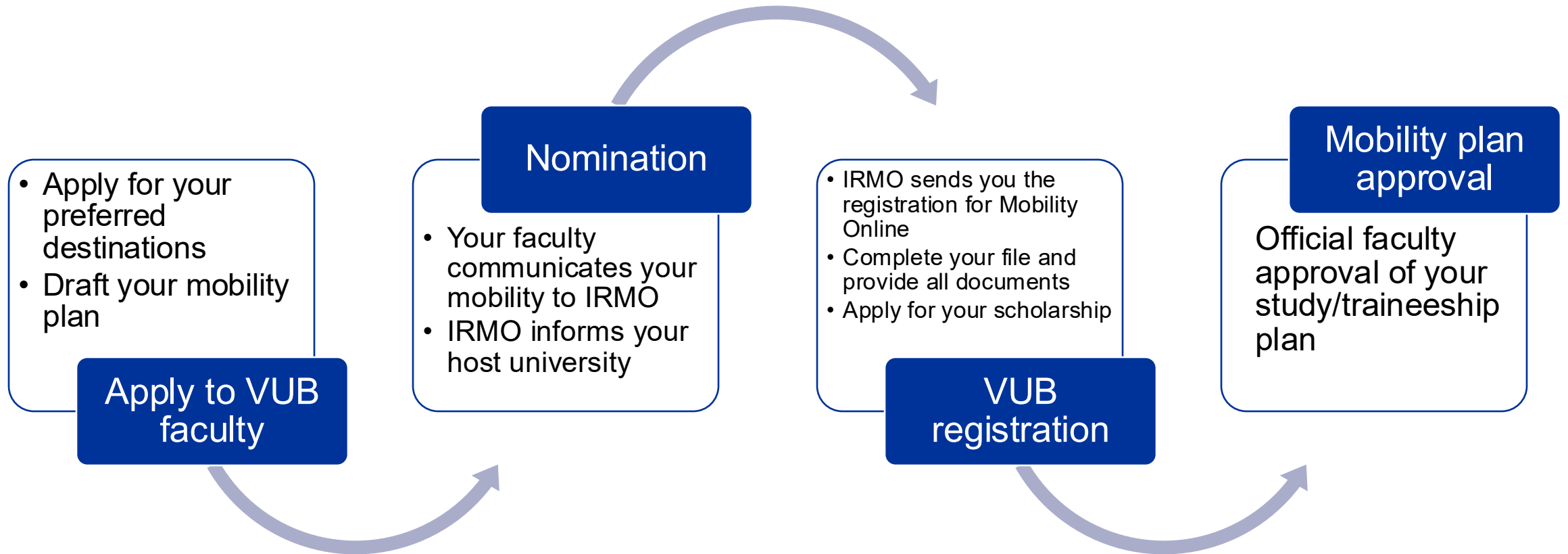
You will need the approval
from your exchange
coordinator

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Grant application

Once nominated by
your faculty towards
IRMO, IRMO will
inform you via email on
specific deadlines

APPLY FOLLOWING VUB'S EXCHANGE PROCEDURE



APPLY FOLLOWING VUB'S EXCHANGE PROCEDURE



PRACTICALITIES



PRACTICALITIES

- ▼ Choice of host institution
- ▼ Required language knowledge
- ▼ Selection Procedure
- ▼ Registration & tuition fee
- ▼ Courses, exams & resit exams
- ▼ Recognition & credit transfer

PRACTICALITIES

- ▼ Insurance: [INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS GOING ABROAD](#)
- ▼ Childcare benefits (“Kindergeld”)
- ▼ Housing
- ▼ Finances
 - ▼ VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Team Studentenstatuut & Studiefinanciering)
<https://www.vub.be/en/studying-vub/practical-info-for-students/how-much-does-studying-cost/financial-support>

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES – FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

Choices to be made:

- Studies and/or traineeship
- Europe or beyond



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES

– FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

STUDIES

- BA3, MA1 or MA2 – check ideal semesters for your programme
- Student proposes course list (min. 21 ECTS), but always in dialogue with exchange coordinator
- Depending on the possibilities of the host institution and availability (changes!)

TRAINEESHIP

- During MA1/MA2 or first year after MA studies
- Internship or thesis
- Master degree is required for internships after studies
- Not limited to partner list

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES – FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

Exchange during studies

- Studies or traineeship abroad
- counts as part of VUB programme
- transcript of records, but no certificate/degree from host university
- grade conversion
- thesis is exception – you still defend at VUB + final grade given by VUB / co-promotor at host



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What to take into account when choosing a destination?

Studies:

- Only when there is an agreement between universities / relevant departments
- Look closely at offered courses, teaching language, etc.
- Non-EU: min. GPA, language test required, etc.

Traineeship:

- Anywhere
- Traineeship agreement needed between company / organization and VUB
- Important to follow the guidelines of your programme
- Sometimes bilateral agreement required (e.g. Swiss and UK HEI)
 - ETH Zürich – all study fields
 - University of Gibraltar – Biology / Oceans & Lakes

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Traineeship after studies

- There must be a direct link with your current studies
- Can be either to an EU or non-EU country. Funding for non-EU traineeships is limited
- Nomination at VUB and start of application before graduation!
- No motivation letter or specific destination needed in nomination phase

All info and FAQ's:

<https://www.studentsonthemove.be/en/scholarships/erasmusplus-traineeship-after-graduation>

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What are the next steps?

- Individual contact with exchange coordinator of your programme
- **12 December:** deadline non-EU exchange application to exchange coordinator
 - ✓ Studies or Traineeship/Thesis
 - ✓ Destination + semester
 - ✓ Motivation letter in ENG (max. 1 page) – personal and academic motivation
 - ✓ Transcript of records
- **23 February:** deadline EU (E+/SEMP) exchange application to exchange coordinator
 - ✓ Studies or Traineeship/Thesis
 - ✓ Destination + semester
 - ✓ For traineeship you can indicate ‘to be decided’
 - ✓ Motivation letter in ENG (max. 1 page) – personal and academic motivation
 - ✓ Transcript of records
- **Faculty ranking** (70% grades, 30% motivation + 5% bonus for fewer opportunities)
- Final permission for **departure** after deliberation in June or September

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

PROF. BEAT SIGNER

BIOENGINEERING / MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

PROF. STEFAN MAGEZ

BIOLOGY

PROF. THOMAS MERCKX

CHEMISTRY

PROF. YUE GAO

COMPUTER SCIENCE

PROF. BEAT SIGNER

GEOGRAPHY

PROF. MATTHIEU KERVYN

MATHEMATICS

PROF. LEANDRO VENDRAMIN

OCEANS AND LAKES

DR. KAROLIEN VAN PUYVELDE

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

PROF. SOPHIE DE BUYL

SteR*

PROF. FABIO VANIN

URBAN STUDIES

PROF. BAS VAN HEUR

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES – FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

Contact and questions

Feel free to contact us to discuss your plans!

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- ✓ Thursday 13/11, 13h-16h
- ✓ Monday 17/11, 9h-12h
- ✓ Monday 24/11, 10h-13h
- ✓ Thursday 4/12, 13h-16h
- ✓ Tuesday 9/12, 13h-16h

Again in February

VUB Exchange Team: exchange.outgoing@vub.be





Q&A



THANK YOU