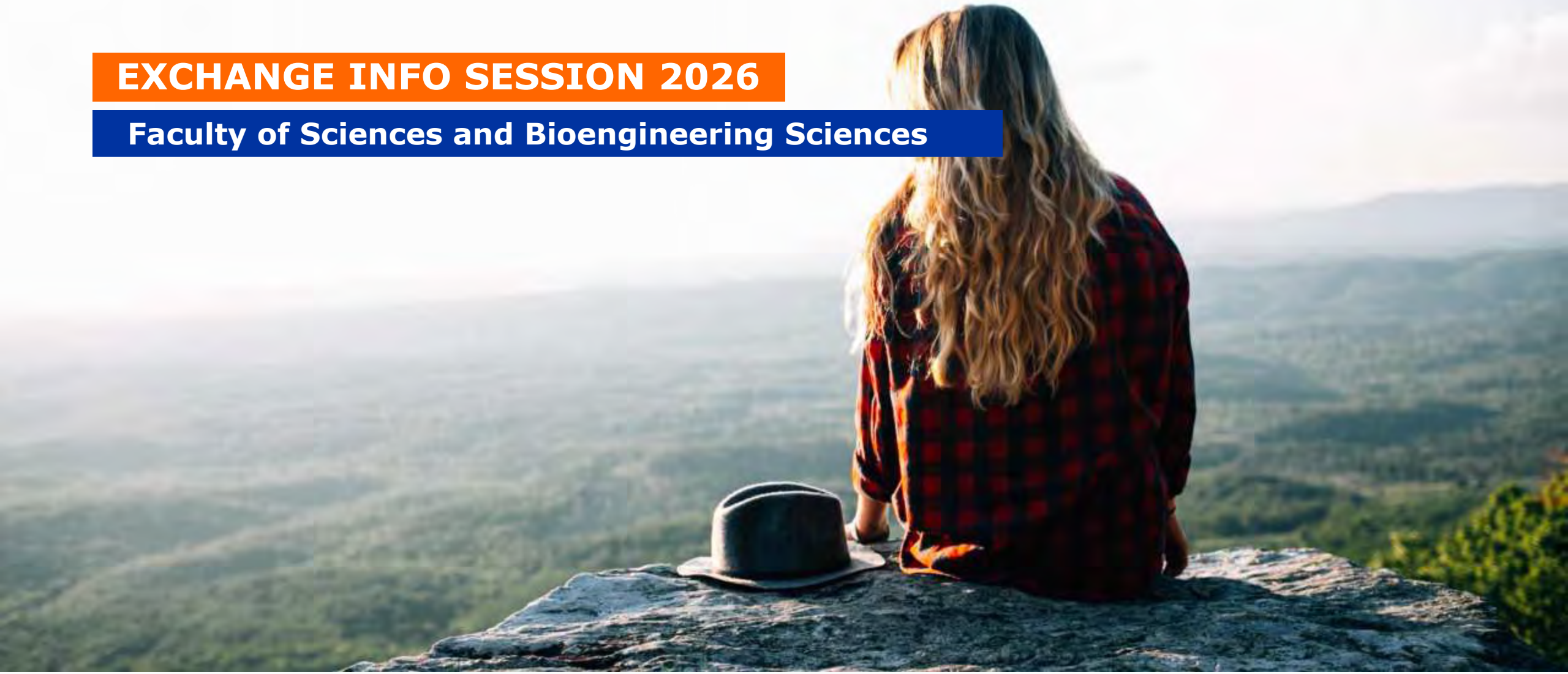
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INTRODUCTION

Presentation will be shared via email:

-> as reference for you afterwards

-> for students who could not attend



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General Introduction

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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

Mobility Unit

- Practical info & support
- Grants

Ms. Louise Debeer
Ms. Paola Mureddu
Ms. Maria Giulia Modena
Ms. Margarida Castro

Student Administration Center (OWSA)

- Exchange administration

Ms. Robin Van der Smissen

Exchange Coordinators Faculty

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

- Contact person: Marjan Maes (mobility.we@vub.be)

DBIT	Stefan Magez
Geography	Matthieu Kervyn
Mathematics	Leandro Vendramin
Computer Science	Beat Signer
Biology	Thomas Merckx
Oceanography	Karolien Van Puyvelde
Chemistry	Yue Gao
Physics	Sophie De Buyl
Urban Studies	Bas Van Heur
Urban design & Spatial Planning (SteR*)	Fabio Vanin

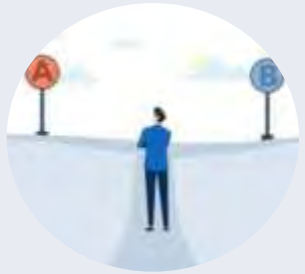
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Go Abroad Page



Exchange programme

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BULDING BLOCKS OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Studies or Traineeship

- Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeshp 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) or for your thesis

- 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)

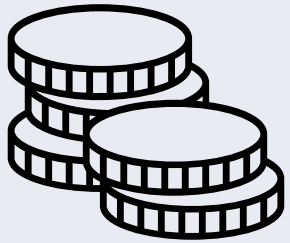
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Distance band	Amount per participant	"Green Travel"
Between 10 – 99 km	€28.00	€56.00
Between 100 – 499 km	€211.00	€ 285.00
Between 500 – 1999 km	€309.00	€417.00
Between 2000 – 2999 km	€395.00	€535.00
Between 3000 – 3999 km	€580.00	€785.00
Between 4000 – 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 4 months (120 days)
  - 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, car poling)
- 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

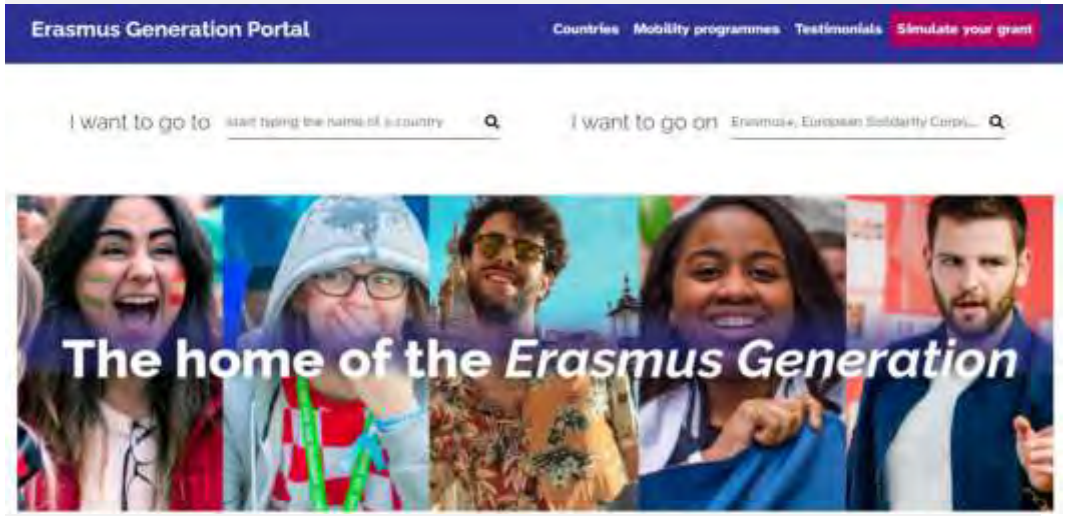
- Extra inclusion support for students with disabilities
- VUB can support pre visits to the student mobility destination - upon request (case-by-case)

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

INCLUSIVE MOBILITY.EU

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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
- Possibility that Switzerland will join Erasmus+ and then SEMP will disappear



EBelgica

- Study exchange in French-speaking Belgium (e.g. ULB)
- No funding

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

Italy	Ca'Foscari University of Venice
Poland	University of Gdansk (MA only)
Portugal	Universidade Nova de Lisboa
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 or spring/summer)
Germany	Technische Universität Dresden		

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 – Faculty of Pharmacy
	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Technische Universität Dresden
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (MA only)
Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa
	Universidade Nova de Lisboa (MA only)
Romania	Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana
Spain	Universitat de Girona
	Universitat de Zaragoza
Sweden	University of Gothenburg
UK	Warwick University (BA – full year or MA - traineeship)

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 Politécnica de Cataluña (UPC)
	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar		Universitat Pompeu Fabra (BA only)
	Universität Konstanz	Sweden	Chalmers University of Technology (MA only)
	Technische Universität Dresden		University of Gothenburg
	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Switzerland	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano
Italy	Ca'Foscari University of Venice	UK	Warwick University (BA only + full year only)
	Politecnico di Milano		

EXCHANGE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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

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

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	Universitá 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 (only BA, full year)

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

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

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NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

Generic Scholarship



HOW DOES IT WORK?

European exchange	Non-European exchange
Studies: Agreement per programme	Studies: General VUB agreement (more effort) *EU back-up destination recommended*
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

- Bioengineering Sciences
  - Bolivia - Universidad Católica Boliviana (UCB)
  - Brazil
    - Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
    - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
  - Canada
    - Windsor University
  - Mexico
    - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
    - Universidad Iberoamericano
    - 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
    - Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) - TBC
    - Windsor University
  - Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)
  - Japan – Kobe University
  - Mexico
    - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
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  - South Korea
    - Seoul National University (SNU)
    - Kyunpook National 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)
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    - Windsor University
  - Japan – Kobe University
  - Mexico
    - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
    - Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
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    - Korea University (KU)
    - Kyungpook National University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER: interesting destinations for programmes within WE

- Computer Science and 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
    - Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) - TBC
    - Windsor University
  - Chile – Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Chile (PUC)
  - China – Hong Kong University of Science and Technology – Guangzhou (HKUST-GZ)
  - 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
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    - Kyungpook National University

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
  - 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)
  - **Canada** - Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) - TBC
  - **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
  - Brazil
    - Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
    - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
    - Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
  - Canada
    - Windsor University
  - 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

- 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
    - Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) - TBC
    - Windsor University
  - 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
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    - Stellenbosch University
  - South Korea
    - Seoul National University (SNU)
    - Korea University (KU)

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER: interesting destinations for programmes within WE

- Urban Design and Spatial Planning
  - Brazil
    - Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
    - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
  - Chile – Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC)
  - Mexico
    - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
    - Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
    - Universidad de Guadalajara
  - South Africa – Stellenbosch University
  - South Korea
    - Seoul National University
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GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER: interesting destinations for programmes within WE

- Urban Studies
  - Brazil
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    - Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
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    - 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



Generic Scholarship



Generic Scholarship

- What?
  - Study/Traineeship exchange to non-EU destination (all countries not eligible for E+)
- Duration
  - Min. 1 month, max. 12 months
- Grant amount
  - €1000/month; €500/half month
  - Max. funding 3 months (90 days) for regular students and max. 5 months (150 days) for students fewer opportunities
- How to apply?
  - Mobility Unit sends application instructions to all nominated students
- VUB Selection
  - Grades
  - 25% selected candidates belong to the fewer opportunities category (see next slide)

Calendar Days	Amount Grant
30 days	€1000
45 days	€1500
60 days	€2000
75 days	€2500
90 days	€3000
105 days	€3500
120 days	€4000
135 days	€4500
150 days	€5000

Generic Scholarship

- Fewer opportunities Generic scholarship
  - Students receiving a Flemish study allowance (*Vlaamse studietoelage*)
  - Students with a disability or special needs:
    - Students with a VAPH accreditation
    - Students with an accreditation from the Federal Government (Federale Overheidsdienst – FOD) Social Security – Directorate General for Persons with Disabilities
    - Students who incur additional costs due to their disability or special needs, as demonstrated and verified by Student Services
  - Working students:
    - Working students on a work placement programme. The student must be an employee or a jobseeker and their course of study must form part of a pathway to employment proposed by the employment service. Furthermore, the student must not yet hold a master's degree or second-cycle degree
    - Students who work at least **80 hours per month or 50% of full-time hours** in employment subject to social security contributions
  - Students who are self-employed as their main occupation
  - Bijna-beursstudenten

REI

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

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- What?
  - Internship, thesis, or research-based assignment
- Where?
  - In one of the **Global Minds partner countries** in **Africa, Latin America, or Asia**.
- Duration
  - REI scholarships are awarded for **mobility periods of at least four full weeks** (28 consecutive days)
- Grant amount
  - Travel grant of min. €1500 and max. €1750 (fewer opportunities)
- How to apply?
  - Internal VUB call is launched, applications via Mobility Online: Online Application for Outgoing Students.
- VUB Selection
  - We screen applications
  - Special commission selects

Recap scholarships



	Erasmus+	Generic Scholarship	REI scholarship
What?	Studies & Traineeship (+ thesis)	Studies & Traineeship (+ thesis)	Field work, internship or thesis research
Where?	EU Countries and third countries associated to the programme	Non-EU countries (everything that is not under Erasmus+)	Countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America (highlighted in yellow on the slide)
Grant amount?	Studies: €369 - €419/month Traineeship: €519 - €569/month *Top-ups for Travel grant, Green Travel and Fewer Opportunities*	€1000/month; €500/half month	Travel grant of min. €1500 and max. €1750 (fewer opportuniteis)
Duration?	Min. duration: • 2 months (traineeship) • 1 semester (studies) Max. duration: 12 months/study cycle Max. funding: • 4 months (120 days) • Exception: fewer opportunities	Min. duration: • 1 month (traineeship) • 1 semester (studies) Max. duration: 12 months Max. funding: • 3 months (90 days) • Exception: fewer opportunities (5 months)	Min. duration: 4 full weeks (28 consecutive days)
Application	Via Mobility Online – instructions are sent after official nomination faculty	Mobility Unit sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	Internal VUB call is launched, applications via Mobility Online: Online Application for Outgoing Students (next deadline 31 March 2027)
Selection	Funding: Faculty ranking Zero grant is possible	VUB selection • Grades • 25% of selected candidates receive Flemish study allowance	Applications are screened and a special commisison selects

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ADDITONAL FINANCIAL AID



VUB SOCIAL ALLOWANCE

- What?
  - Managed by the study finance department
  - Max. allowance of €2500.
  - The request for a social allowance can be done once your VUB registration for academic year 2026-2027 is complete.
  - Apply before departure
- Conditions
  - Next to our general conditions for financial support, also the following specific conditions have to be taken in to account:
    - You have to register for at least 27 credits in the Bachelor, Master, Preparatory Programme or Bridging programme.
    - From your third year of enrollment in higher education onwards, you must have achieved a cumulative study efficiency of at least 60% within your current study programme at VUB to still be entitled to a social allowance.
    - From your third year of enrollment at a higher education institution onwards, you may change your study programme only once during your entire higher education career to remain eligible for the social allowance.

Calculation

- There is a simple calculation possible for students in certain categories
  - Amount social allowance = 2/3 of the study costs – (minus) the received scholarship of the Flemis Government – (minus) any received scholarship for international exchange (if applicable).
- For students outside the certain categories, a separate calculation will be done to determine the precise need of the financial support.
- Calculate your own allowance using our online template.

Questions about the social allowance?

Get in contact with the study finance department

- E-mail
  - studentenstatuut.studiefinanciering@vub.be
- Phone
  - +32 2 629 23 15
  - Tuesday until Friday 9:00 - 12:00
- Online Teams-appointment
- On campus without appointment:
  - Etterbeek building X1 (tuesdays between 9:00 - 12:30 and 13.30 - 16:00)
  - Jette (available every other Wednesday) between 9:00 - 12:30 and 13:30 - 16:00)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE



HOW TO APPLY?



1. Attend Faculty Exchange info session



2. Apply at your faculty

- European destinations: 23 February 2027
- Non-European destinations 12 December 2026



3. Research and compose study plan

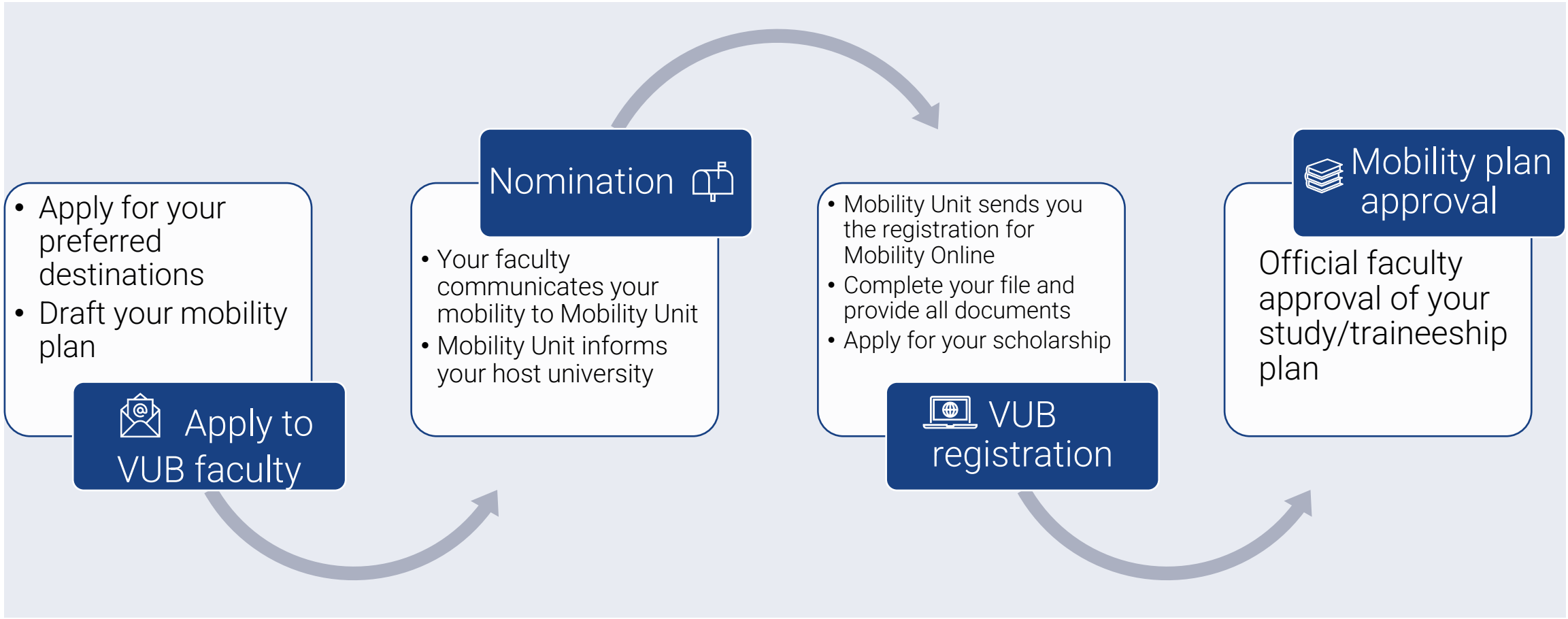
- Individual match for courses
- You will need the approval from your exchange coordinator



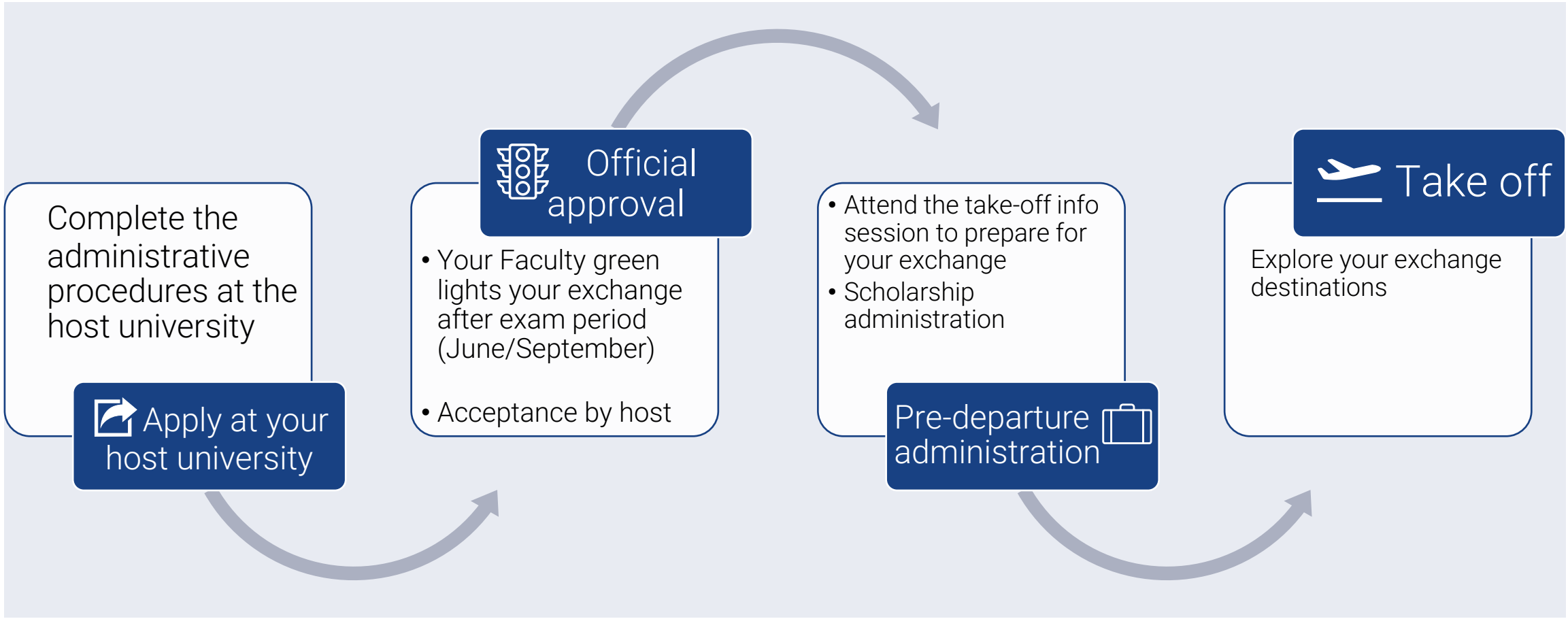
4. Grant application

- Once nominated by your faculty towards the mobility unit, the mobility unit will inform you via email on specific deadlines

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

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- Insurance
- Childcare benefits (“Kindergeld”)
- Housing
- Finances
  - VUB Social allowance (Team Studentenstatuut & Studiefinanciering) https://www.vub.be/en/studying-vub/practical-info-for-students/how-much-does-studying-cost/financial-support

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN SCIENCES AND BIO

To summarise

- Studies or traineeship/thesis abroad
- Counts as part of VUB programme (ECTS)
- Transcript of records, but no certificate/degree from host university
- Grade conversion
- BA3, MA1 or MA2 – check ideal semesters for your programme
- Depending on the possibilities of the host institution and availability (changes!)



WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A DESTINATION? - STUDIES

Exchange for studies / courses

- Only when there is an agreement between universities (non-EU) / relevant departments (EU)
- Look closely at offered courses, teaching language, etc.
- For non-EU: min. GPA, language test required
- Student proposes course list (min. 21 ECTS) - in dialogue with exchange coordinator
- Destination table:
  - EU exchange
  - Non-EU exchange

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A DESTINATION? – TRAINEESHIP / THESIS

Traineeship / Thesis

- Anywhere
- Traineeship agreement between company / organization and VUB – not needed yet for nomination
- We expect confirmation of traineeship and traineeship position by October 8
- Important to follow the guidelines of your programme
- For thesis: supervisor at VUB, co-supervisor at host + defense at VUB
- Sometimes bilateral agreement required (e.g. Swiss and UK HEI)
  - ETH Zürich – all study fields
  - University of Gibraltar – Biology / Oceans & Lakes

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 (first come first served)
- Nomination at VUB and start of application before graduation!
- Bachelor or Master degree is required to start internships after studies (no enrolment allowed!)
- No motivation letter or specific destination needed in nomination phase

All info and FAQ:
https://www.studentsonthemove.be/en/scholarships/erasmusplus-traineeship-after-graduation

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 (at least preferred country for traineeship) + 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 (incl. back-up or top 3) + semester
  - ✓ For traineeship/Thesis you can indicate 'destination to be decided' if needed
  - ✓ Motivation letter in ENG (max. 1 page) – personal and academic motivation
  - ✓ Transcript of records

- **Faculty ranking Erasmus+** (70% grades, 30% motivation + 5% top-up fewer opportunities)
- Final permission for **departure** after deliberation in June/July or September

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES – FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND BIOENGINEERING SCIENCES

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

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Contact and questions

- Feel free to contact us to discuss your plans!
- Faculty coordinator: Marjan Maes, mobility.we@vub.be
- Open office hours at faculty secretariat (F.4.05):
  - ✓ Monday 23/11, 14h-16h
  - ✓ Thursday 26/11, 10h-12h
  - ✓ Tuesday 1/12, 14h-16h
  - ✓ Wednesday 2/12, 14h-16h
  - ✓ Monday 7/12, 14h-16h
  - ✓ Tuesday 10/12, 13h-15h
  - ✓ Again in February

VUB Exchange Team: exchange.outgoing@vub.be




Q&A



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