Erasmus+ Outgoing Student Mobility for Traineeships (KA-171)

Student Mobility with Third Countries Not Associated with the Programme (International Credit Mobility)

Definition of the Activity

This mobility activity enables a student registered at a higher education institution to carry out a traineeship related to their academic field of study at an enterprise abroad, a research institute, a laboratory, or an institution or organization. Following courses at a higher education institution is not considered a traineeship activity.

The traineeship is expected to be a complementary part of the student's curriculum. Traineeships may be carried out at associate degree, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

Duration of the Activity

Activities are carried out in accordance with the minimum and maximum durations determined by the European Commission. In traineeship mobility, the minimum duration is 2 full months (60 days) and the maximum duration is 12 full months. For each study cycle separately, the activity duration may be between 2 and 12 months, corresponding to 1, 2 or, in some country systems, 3 terms.

KA171, or International Credit Mobility, supports student mobility between higher education institutions in programme countries and countries associated with the Programme and the third countries not associated with the Programme listed below.

Planned Host University

In order for student mobility to be carried out, there must be a valid mobility agreement with universities cooperating under the KA171 International Credit Mobility project. The inter-institutional agreements with these countries may be reviewed on the Istanbul Atlas University Erasmus website at https://www.atlas.edu.tr/tr/erasmus/.

Each student who wishes to carry out mobility through the Erasmus+ programme must first apply online through the National Agency application platform and upload the required documents to the application system after obtaining the necessary signatures in order to be evaluated according to the Erasmus+ programme selection criteria. The student gains main candidate status only after the objection period following the evaluation has ended and the students on the final list are nominated to the host

institution. The student's name appearing on the preliminary announcement list does not constitute an acquired right.

Who Can Participate?

Students enrolled in formal education at higher education institutions may participate in traineeship mobility under international credit mobility. Students enrolled in open education or similar distance-learning programmes cannot benefit from the activity. Accordingly, students applying to the programme must be full-time students registered at Istanbul Atlas University at associate degree, bachelor's, master's or doctoral level, excluding undergraduate language preparatory students.

Minimum Requirements for Participation

Students must first meet the following minimum requirements:

1. The student must be a registered, full-time student at any formal education cycle (first, second or third cycle) within the higher education institution.
2. a) The cumulative GPA must be at least 2.20/4.00 for first-cycle students.
   b) For students who do not yet have a transcript at the application stage, the associate degree graduation grade must be at least 2.20/4.00 for students transferring from associate degree programmes, and the high-school graduation grade must be at least 75/100 for first-year students.
   c)The cumulative GPA of second- and third-cycle students must be at least 2.50/4.00.
3. If the student has previously benefited from higher education mobility activities under the 2014-2020 and/or 2021-2027 Erasmus+ periods within the current study cycle, the total duration including the new activity must not exceed 12 months.

Students who freeze registration cannot carry out compulsory traineeships during the semester in which their registration is frozen. For optional traineeships, whether a student who has frozen registration may benefit from mobility is at the discretion of the higher education institution. Applications for traineeship mobility may be submitted during the frozen-registration period.

Selection Criteria

The general criteria used to evaluate mobility applications are determined by the Turkish National Agency and explained in the Implementation Handbook. The relevant table contains the general criteria determined by the National Agency. Istanbul Atlas University updates its criteria in each contract period and announces them in the calls.

Evaluation criteria and weighted scores to be used in the assessment of Erasmus+ Student traineeship mobility applications	
Criterion	**Weighted Scores**
Academic achievement level (CGPA)	50% of a total of 100 points
Foreign language score	50% of a total of 100 points
Children of martyrs and veterans[1]	+15 points
Students with disabilities[2]	+10 points
Students for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued under Law No. 2828 on Social Services[3]	+10 points
Students who themselves or whose first-degree relatives receive disaster-victim assistance from AFAD	+10 points
Submitting an acceptance letter from the host institution	+10 points
Traineeships for the improvement of digital skills are prioritized[4]	+5 points
For each previously used mobility activity (with or without a grant)	-10 points
Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship	-10 points
Failure to notify withdrawal within the required period after being selected for mobility	-10 points
Applying to two types of mobility at the same time: points (applied to the mobility type preferred by the student)	-10 points
For selected students: failure to attend meetings/trainings organized by the higher education institution about mobility without an excuse (if the student applies for Erasmus+ again)	-5 points
Declaring that one will take the language exam but not taking it without an excuse, if the student applies for Erasmus+ again	-5 points

[1]Veterans, spouses and children of veterans, spouses and children of war martyrs, and certain persons covered by Law No. 3713 and Decree-Law No. 667 are prioritized; +15 points are applied if the scanned Martyr/Veteran Family Card issued by the Ministry of Family and Social Policies is submitted.

[2]Students with disabilities receive +10 points if they document their status with a Disability Health Board Report issued by a fully equipped public hospital authorized by the Ministry of Health.

[3]For prioritization under Law No. 2828, the student must submit a letter from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies indicating that a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued for them.

Grant Support

Students receive grant support to contribute to part of the expenses arising from being abroad during their activity period. Grants are not intended to cover all activity-related expenses; they are only a contribution. The monthly grant support is indicated in the relevant table.

Sending Country	Receiving Country	Monthly Grant Amount (Euro)
Türkiye	Third Country Not Associated with the Programme Located in Regions 1 and 12	700
Third Country Not Associated with the Programme Located in Regions 1 and 12	Türkiye	800

Travel Support

Students are also provided with travel support within traineeship mobility. Travel expenses must be calculated using the Distance Calculator: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm.

Travel Distance	Standard Travel Grant Amount (Euro)	Green Travel Grant Amount (Euro)
Between 10 and 99 km	28	56
Between 100 and 499 km	211	285
Between 500 and 1,999 km	309	417
Between 2,000 and 2,999 km	395	535
Between 3,000 and 3,999 km	580	785
Between 4,000 and 7,999 km	1,188	1,188
8,000 km or more	1,735	1,735

Additional Grant Support in Student Mobility

Additional Grant Support may be provided to disadvantaged participants in addition to the grant to which they are entitled. In order to receive this grant, the disadvantaged participant is defined as a person with economic and social disadvantages who falls under one of the following subcategories:

1. Persons subject to Law No. 2828 (those for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued by the Ministry of Family and Social Services under Law No. 2828)
2. Students for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued under Child Protection Law No. 5395
3. Persons receiving an orphan's pension
4. Spouses and children of martyrs/veterans (only for participants who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye)
5. Students or their families receiving a neediness allowance. It is sufficient to submit a document proving that the student, parent or guardian was receiving financial support from municipalities, public institutions and organizations, ministries, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, the General Directorate of Foundations, the Red Crescent, AFAD, etc. at the time of the Erasmus application.

Credit and Dormitories Institution scholarships and similar scholarships, other grants, aids and scholarships in the nature of merit scholarships, and one-time aids are not accepted as financial aid under this scope.

Academic Recognition

Istanbul Atlas University is obliged to provide full recognition for the traineeship period spent abroad. If the traineeship is compulsory, it is entered in the transcript. Non-compulsory traineeships are shown as a footnote in the transcript. The traineeship programme successfully completed at the host institution and included in the student's traineeship agreement must appear in the Diploma Supplement, and the footnotes must clearly state that the student benefited from mobility under Erasmus+.

Third Countries Not Associated with the Programme by Region

Region 1 - Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro.

Region 2 - Eastern Partnership: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.

Region 3 - Southern Mediterranean Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.

Region 4 - Russia: Russia.

Region 5 - Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, North Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam.

Region 6 - Central Asia: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Region 7 - Middle East: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Region 8 - Pacific: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

Region 9 - Sub-Saharan Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Region 10 - Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Region 11 - Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

Region 12 - USA and Canada: United States of America, Canada.

Application

Details regarding applications for the relevant period are announced on our website.

Applications are submitted through the National Agency Application Portal (Turna Portal). The user guide for the portal application system can be accessed through the relevant link provided on the website.

For detailed information, please contact the Erasmus Office at: erasmus@atlas.edu.tr.