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Call for Applications

Scholarships to study at the University of Messina (Italy) in the framework of the European Programme ERASMUS+ KA107 (Project n° 2016-1-IT02-KA107-023382)

Objective

The Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme – for study offers the possibility to spend a period of studies at the **University of Messina** for Master and PhD students from the University of Sfax.

Mobility students will be awarded a scholarship, will attend courses and will use all the facilities of the University of Messina on an equal basis as the enrolled students. A tax waiver policy will be adopted (except the fees due by all enrolled students – urban mobility, labs etc).

For master students, passed exams previously approved in the **Learning Agreement**, will be recognised by the home institution (University of Sfax).

Financing

The Erasmus+ for study scholarships are contributions to support living costs in the hosting country. Scholarships awarded will cover the following costs:

- A fixed contribution by the European Union. It varies according to the European Country of destination and the number of days spent at the hosting institution. The scholarship for Italy (Group 1 Country) is of **€850 per month**.
- A supplementary sum will cover the travel costs on the basis of the distance between the home town and Messina, according to the European distance calculator http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Conditions and procedures

General conditions for admittance

The candidate student must be enrolled in a partner University that signed an Inter Institutional Agreement, within the framework of the Erasmus + Programme, with the University of Messina. Please find the relevant dates for this I Call for applicants awarding period (**2017/18**):

***Enrolment**: September 2017

***Starting of semester**: 15 September 2017

***End of semester**: February 2018

**For PhD Mobilities these dates are not relevant.*

The student must be **preselected** and **nominated** by the Home University.



Application Procedure

Relevant modules and procedures can be found at the following webpage:
<http://www.unime.it/it/international/international-mobility/erasmus-icm-incoming-extra-eu>

- Application Form
- Learning Agreement signed by the home institution/Research Proposal signed by the academic tutors in home and host institutions
- Copy of the Passport
- Knowledge of Italian (B1- Certificate if available)
- Transcript of Records (Master Students)/enrolment at the PhD
- Short CV
- passport photo (jpeg file)
- Motivation letter or short version of the research proposal in case of PhD students (signed by the PhD student and the academic tutor)

Application Form and Learning Agreement must be filled in, signed and submitted, along with the other requested documents, on a single PDF file.

The documents must be sent to the home Institution (International Relations Office) to the following e-mail address fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn. The home Institution will be responsible of selection procedures on the basis of **transparent and fair criteria**.

The deadline for applying for the 1st semester 2017/2018 is fixed at the **30th of April 2017**.

For any specific question or information you can contact Ms Fatma GHORBEL, e-mail fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn at your home institution

N.B.

Traineeships/Internships are not allowed by the Erasmus+ KA107 Programme.

PhD student can apply for one of the researches proposed by the University of Messina or propose themselves a research topic to be jointly agreed among the student, the home academic tutor and an academic tutor at the University of Messina.

Selection Procedure

Selection Criteria

The selection process is under the responsibility of the home Institution that will make every reasonable effort to conduct it in a fair, clear, transparent and equal base. No discriminations based on gender, religion, and social bias will be made. At equal conditions, priority will be given to disadvantaged students. The home Institution will submit a list of selected candidates to the host Institution. Selections will respect the following criteria:



Master Students

- Average mark
- Relevance of proposed activities in the Learning Agreement according to the University studies
- Language skills
- Other relevant experiences included in the application form

PhD Students

- Degree final mark
- Research Proposal signed by home and host institutions
- Language skills
- Other relevant experiences included in the application form

Duties of the University of Messina

After receiving the nominations and relevant dossiers of each student by the home Institution, the University of Messina will send a letter of acceptance. The International Relations Unit will provide support for visa release and housing facilities. A communication will be sent to all accepted students with all relevant information about university life in Messina and the necessary procedures.

After the arrival, the International Relations Unit will organize a welcome meeting in order to provide all relevant information to incoming students.

Each student will have an academic tutor at the respective Department, who will sign the Learning Agreement/Research Proposal.

The University of Messina will pay the **scholarship/travel costs after the arrival of the student and according to the following conditions:**

- 70% of the total amount of the scholarship will be paid, after the signature of the financial agreement, on an Italian bank account
- Air ticket will be reimbursed, against presentation of flight ticket and boarding card, according to the distance calculator
- 30% of the scholarship will be paid at the end of the stay (last month). The International Relations Unit will produce a Transcript of Records or a letter of work accomplishment (for PhD students).

Duties of the Student

The student must send the application form to his/her International Office within the deadline. If selected, the student will receive a communication and will have to return the acceptance letter duly signed.

After the arrival, the selected student will have to sign the financial agreement that will be provided by the University of Messina (an email containing instructions to this effect will be sent to students).

The student must apply for the visa at the Italian Embassy in his/her Country of origin; the University of Messina will send the letter of acceptance in due time for this purpose.



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The student is responsible to make reservations and pay the travel costs and must have **enough funds to cover the costs of the first month of stay in Messina.**

The student must have an Health Insurance before leaving his/her Country. A private liability insurance is highly recommended.

Once in Messina, the student must attend classes or carry out his/her research, as stated in the Learning Agreement/Research plan whether Master or PhD student.

The student must inform the home and host Institutions about an eventual anticipated departure.

The student will have to submit a narrative report to the International relations Unit two months before the end of the mobility in order to receive the further 30% of the scholarship.