

Exchange Info Session 2023

Faculty of Social Sciences &
Solvay Business School

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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Exchange Programmes

Studies

Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation

Grant

✓ Included?

✓ Amount*

Nationality is not a criterion, but you should be enrolled fulltime at the VUB

Tuition Fee Waiver

Min – max duration

Study level

EU or non-EU host institution

* Amounts are subject to change



EU DESTINATIONS

Erasmus+ KA1



Erasmus+

- Studies
- Studies: € 319 - € 419/month (+ €250/month top-up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities)
- Min. 3 – max. 12 months
- If no sufficient funds : faculty ranking
- If no sufficient funds, faculty ranking
- ✓ Exc. Traineeship after graduation (apply externally, first-come-first-served)
- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses) & Online survey upon return

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 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)



Erasmus+ KA 1 Host institutions

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



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 Belgica

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

* Financial support is variable and under revision

Erasmus+ KA1 - Traineeship

- ❑ **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 VLUHR



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: € 429/month - €529/month

- ✓ + €250/month top-up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- ✓ Depending on the destination

Min. 2 – max. 10 months



NON-EU DESTINATIONS

Non-EU host institutions

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements
 - ✓ Tuition fee waiver
 - ✓ Min. 5- max. 10 months

- 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
Morocco	Université Internationale de Rabat	Rabat
South Africa	Central University of Technology	Bloemfontein
	University of the Western Cape	Belleville

NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

Studies

General VUB exchange agreements

Asia	University	City
China	Fudan University	Shanghai
	Tongji University	Shanghai
	Sichuan University	Sichuan
	Renmin University	Beijing
	North West University	Xi'an
Japan	Kobe University	Kobe
South Korea	Seoul National University	Seoul
	Hanyang University	Seoul
	Korea University	Seoul
	Hankuk University	Seoul

NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

Studies

General VUB exchange agreements

North America	University	City
Canada	All universities that are part of the Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire (BCI) – Programme	Québec

NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

Studies

General VUB exchange agreements

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

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: **15 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](#)

Non-EU host institutions

- □ More information on all these scholarships can be found on our page [on Financial Support](#)



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)

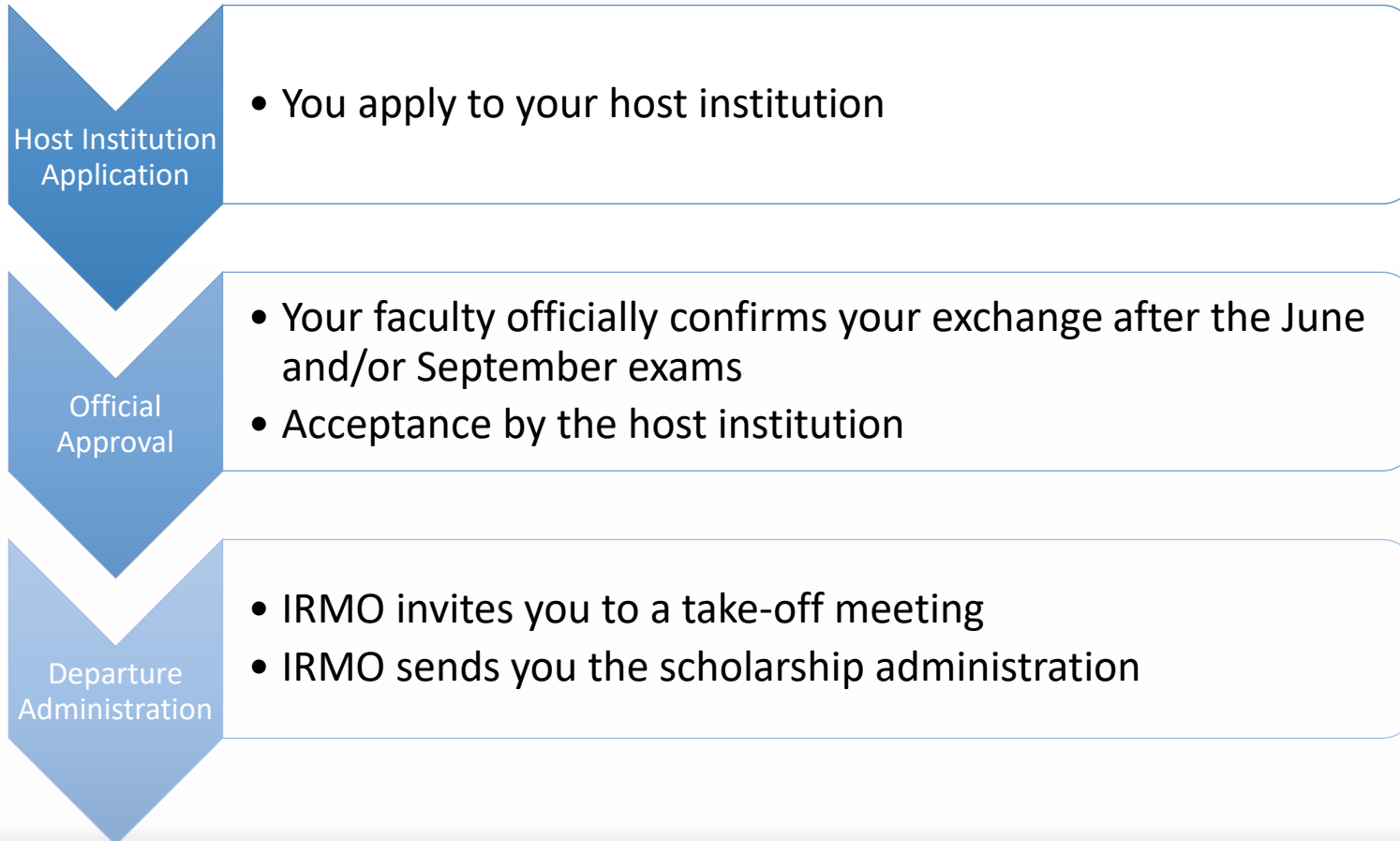
Nomination

- 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



Deadlines

- Erasmus+
- Erasmus Belgica
- All other

Faculty deadline

Unless earlier deadlines apply for grant

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W: [Go abroad](#) >> Erasmus & Exchange

! 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 ([Sharepoint info](#))
- Childcare benefits ('kindergeld')
- Housing
- Finances
- ✓ VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Social 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



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

Local Contact: eutopia.international@vub.be

Faculty specific information

Program specific information – **Economic Sciences**

- Business Economics, TEW, Handelsingenieur, International Business, Business & Technology
- Exchange **3rd Bachelor**
 - 1st and/or 2nd semester
- Exchange **1st Master**
 - 1st and/or 2nd semester
- Exchange **2nd Master**
 - Pending approval

- To get nominated: obtained an average of 60% (12/20)
 - Weight: 50% previous years + 50% first semester of application year
 - Doing well in current semester can vastly improve your average!
- To get selected: in principle no failed or absent courses in the 1st semester of the application year

Program specific information – **Economic Sciences**

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2024

- **EU Destinations**
 - submit [nomination dossier](#) by **February 15, 2024**
 - Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
 - All study results including semester 1 of current academic year
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by **February 15, 2024**
- More information on the [Going Abroad Website](#)
- Contact: mobility.es@vub.be

Program specific information – **Economic Sciences**

DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2023

- **NON-EU Destinations**
 - Submit nomination dossier by **December 15, 2023**
 - All study results up until your last exam session
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by **December 15, 2023**
 - Submit separate dossier for EU backups by **February 15, 2024**
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37 EU Destinations

Country	City	University
Austria	Graz	Universität Graz
Belgium	Liège	Université de Liège
	Brussels (MA)	Université Libre de Bruxelles
Bulgaria	Sofia	University of National and World Economy
Czech Republic	Brno	Masaryk University
	Prague	Prague University of Economics and Business
	Prague	University of Chemistry and Technology
France	Lille	USTL Lille 1
	Montpellier	Université de Montpellier
	Orléans	Université d'Orléans
	Cergy	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin
	Munich	Technical University of Munich
	Wiesbaden	Wiesbaden Business School

37 EU Destinations

Country	City	University
Hungary	Budapest	Eötvös Loránd University
Italy	Bari	Università degli Studi di Bari
	Ferrara	Università di Ferrara
	Rome	Università degli Studi Roma Tre
	Rome	Università di Roma LUMSA
	Genova	University of Genova
Latvia	Riga	Riga Technical University
Poland	Krakow	Krakow University of Economics
	Poznan	Poznan University of Technology
	Torun	Nicolaus Copernicus University
Romania	Bucharest	Romanian – American University
Slovakia	Bratislava	University of Economics Bratislava

37 EU Destinations

Country	City	University
Slovenia	Ljubljana	University of Ljubljana
	Maribor	University of Maribor
Spain	Barcelona (BA)	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	Huelva	Universidad de Huelva
	Madrid	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
	Santander	Universidad de Cantabria
	Pamplona (BA)	Universidad Publica de Navarra
Sweden	Göteborg (BA)	University of Gothenburg
Turkey	Istanbul	Boğaziçi University
	Istanbul	Istanbul Commerce University
United Kingdom	Coventry (BA)	University of Warwick

Program specific information – Social Sciences

- Social Sciences, Sociologie, Politieke wetenschappen, Communicatiewetenschappen
- Exchange **3rd Bachelor**
 - 1st semester: Social Sciences, Communicatiewetenschappen
 - 1st or 2nd semester: Sociologie
 - 1st and/or 2nd semester: Politieke wetenschappen
- Exchange **Master**
 - 1st semester Communicatiewetenschappen, Sociologie
- To get nominated: everyone can submit nomination dossier
- To get selected:
 - Bachelor: passed all courses of Bachelor 1 and 2 after June or September exam session
 - Master: passed all courses of bridging, preparatory or bachelor program after June (preferably) or September (at the latest) exam session

Program specific information – Social Sciences

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2024

- **EU Destinations**
 - **different destinations for communication studies!**
 - submit [nomination dossier](#) by **February 15, 2024**
 - Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
 - All study results up until your last exam session
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by **February 15, 2024**
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Program specific information – Social Sciences

DEADLINE – DECEMBER 15, 2023

- **NON-EU Destinations**
 - submit nomination dossier by **December 15, 2023**
 - All study results up until your last exam session
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
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42 EU Destinations – Social Sciences, Politieke Wetenschappen, Sociology

Country	City	University
Austria	Salzburg	Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
Belgium	Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles
Bulgaria	Blagoevgrad (BA)	American University Bulgaria
	Blagoevgrad	Neofit Rilski
Finland	Helsinki	University of Helsinki
France	Cergy (BA)	CY Cergy Paris Université
	Montpellier (BA)	Université de Montpellier
Germany	Berlin (BA)	Freie Universität Berlin
	Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
	Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden
	Leipzig	Universität Leipzig
Hungary	Budapest (BA)	Corvinus University of Budapest
	Budapest (BA)	Central European University

42 EU Destinations – Social Sciences, Politieke Wetenschappen, Sociology

Country	City	University
Ireland	Cork (BA)	University College Cork
	Dublin (BA)	University College Dublin
	Dublin (BA)	Dublin City University
Italy	Rome	La Sapienza Roma
	Aosta (BA)	Università della Valle d'Aosta
The Netherlands	Amsterdam (BA)	Universiteit Amsterdam
	Maastricht (BA)	Maastricht University
	Nijmegen (BA)	Radboud University Nijmegen
	Rotterdam (BA)	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
	Utrecht (BA)	Universiteit Utrecht
Norway	Bergen	University of Bergen
Poland	Warsaw	University of Warsaw
Portugal	Porto (BA)	Universidade Fernando Pessoa
Romania	Cluj-Napoca (BA)	Universitatea Babes-Bolyai
Slovenia	Ljubljana	University of Ljubljana

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Country	City	University
Spain	Barcelona	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
	Barcelona	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	Madrid (BA)	Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Sweden	Göteborg	University of Gothenburg
	Lund	Lund University
	Stockholm (BA)	Stockholm University
Turkey	Istanbul	Istanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi
	Istanbul (MA)	Istanbul University
	Istanbul	Kadir Has University
	Izmir (BA)	Izmir University of Economics
United Kingdom	Belfast	Queen's University Belfast
	Canterbury (BA)	University of Kent
	Coventry (BA)	University of Warwick
	Exeter	University of Exeter

22 EU Destinations – Communication Studies

Country	City	University
Austria	Salzburg	Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
Belgium	Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles
	Namur (BA)	Université de Namur
Czech Republic	Prague (MA)	Charles University
Estonia	Tartu (MA)	University of Tartu
Finland	Helsinki	University of Helsinki
France	Grenoble	Université Grenoble Alpes
Germany	Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin
	Bremen	Universität Bremen
	Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden
	Eichstätt (BA)	Katholische Universität Eichstätt
Italy	Padua	Università degli Studi di Padova
Lithuania	Kaunas (MA)	Vytautas Magnus University

22 EU Destinations – Communication Studies

Country	City	University
The Netherlands	Nijmegen (BA)	Radboud University Nijmegen
	Rotterdam	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Norway	Bergen	University of Bergen
Poland	Lodz	University of Lodz
Romania	Cluj-Napoca (BA)	Universitatea Babes-Bolyai
Spain	Madrid (BA)	Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Turkey	Istanbul	Kadir Has University
	Izmir	Izmir University of Economics
United Kingdom	Exeter	University of Exeter



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