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ERASMUS+ 2024 KA131 PROJECT SHORT-TERM DOCTORAL TRAINEESHIP MOBILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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- To effectively respond to the learning and educational needs of doctoral candidates and recent graduates, while also ensuring equal opportunities, this program offers short-term physical internship mobility opportunities abroad for doctoral candidates and new graduates (post-docs). The program aims to enable young researchers to gain international experience, enhance their knowledge and skills, expand their networks, and provide opportunities to work in environments with cultural diversity.
- The short-term student mobility primarily targets students unable to participate in long-term physical mobility. Students can conduct internship activities abroad at a company, research institute, laboratory, organization, or other relevant workplaces. Internships abroad are supported for studies at every educational level and for recent graduates.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying for Erasmus+ student mobility for studies must meet the following conditions during the application process:
 - Be a full-time student enrolled in a department/program at associate, undergraduate and graduate levels.
 - Graduate students who do not have a cumulative GPA in the program they are enrolled in at the time of application can apply with their previous undergraduate or graduate graduation GPA, provided that they submit documents.
 - For the application, the current GPA must be at least **2.50/4.00** at the graduate level.
- The application for post-graduation traineeship mobility must be made **before the student graduates** and the mobility must be completed **within 12 months** from the date of graduation.
- Research assistants must have **written approval** from the relevant unit head at the time of application.
- Students on registration freeze **cannot** undertake study mobility during the frozen registration period. However, they are allowed to apply for mobility during the registration freeze.
- For master's and doctorate students with thesis who have not completed their credit or non-credit course load in graduate programs to benefit from Erasmus + exchange programs, the student's thesis advisor and the head of the relevant department, and the **decision of the graduate school board of directors** is required.
- Within the same educational level (bachelor's, master's, doctoral), if applicable, the total duration of Erasmus Mundus scholarship or the student mobility period conducted in the 2014-2020 Erasmus+ period and the new Erasmus+ period (2021-2027) cannot exceed 12 months. Even if no grant is



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provided, the total duration of student mobility activities (study/internship) within the same educational level cannot exceed 12 months. For programs that combine two levels (such as integrated doctorate) or in higher education programs where two levels are completed within a single level (such as medical education), the total duration is a maximum of 24 months.

- **A maximum of two courses** to be taken by doctoral program students within the scope of Erasmus + exchange program can be from undergraduate or graduate levels, **as long as they have not been taken at undergraduate level before.**
- Doctoral programs cannot benefit from Erasmus+ exchange programs at the following stages:
 - In the last semester before the doctoral qualification exam for students who have not taken the doctoral qualification exam.
 - In the last semester before the defense of the thesis proposal.
 - In the last semester of the program's maximum duration.

APPLICATION AND MOBILITY CALENDAR

- Applications will be accepted from January 26 to February 10, 2025, through the <https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr>
- The online application system will close on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 23:59.
- All processes during the application and mobility period will be carried out according to the calendar provided below.

Date	Event
January 6 th , 2025	Announcement of Application
January 26 th , 2025 at: 00.00	Opening of the Online Application System
February 10 th , 2025 at: 23.59	Closing of the Online Application System
February 11 th , 2025	Announcement of Candidates Taking the Erasmus+ English Language Exam
February 12 th , 2025	Erasmus+ English Language Exam
February 17 th , 2025	Announcement of the Pre-Placement List
February 18-20 th , 2025	Appeal Process
February 24 th , 2025	Announcement of the Final Placement List

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Before applying, it is **mandatory** to obtain approval from the department/program coordinator regarding the company/institution where the traineeship will take place, as well as the topic, scope, and other related aspects of the traineeship. Applications that are not approved by the department/program coordinator will **not be accepted**.
- The duration of the traineeship mobility must be at least **5 days**, and a maximum of **30 days** will be funded.
- Carefully read the **announcement** and the **Erasmus+ Exchange Programs Directive** before applying.



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- All documents to be uploaded to the application system must be in **PDF** format.
- The transcript to be uploaded to the application system **must** be a verifiable, QR-coded transcript obtained within the application period.
- Mobility activities within the scope of this announcement are limited to the duration of the *2023-1-TR01-KA131-HED-000119862* project and the mobility activities **must be completed by 31.07.2025**.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- To apply, you must have an e-devlet password. Applications will be submitted through the e-devlet identity verification on the website <https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/>.
- The requested information in the online application system must be fully completed, and the following documents must be uploaded to the system. Applications with missing and/or incorrect documents will not be considered.
 - **Acceptance Letter:** Students must find their own traineeship place, communicate with the institution, and obtain an acceptance letter. The letter must contain the following information:
 - It must clearly state that it is part of the *Erasmus+ Short Term Doctorate Mobility for Traineeship*.
 - The *traineeship dates* (make sure to research how long the visa preparation process will take before setting these dates).
 - The *traineeship topic or position*.
 - *Information about the institution* where the traineeship will take place.
 - *Name, position, and contact details* of the person providing acceptance.
 - **Transcript:** It **must** be a verifiable, QR-coded transcript obtained during the application period. Master's and doctoral students who have recently enrolled and do not yet have a GPA must upload their latest transcript showing their 2024-2025 fall semester enrollment (even if it does not include a GPA) as well as the transcript from the last department/program they graduated from.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINDING AN TRAINEESHIP PLACEMENT:

- You can search for institutions by talking to experts in your field and searching online using the names of institutions you've encountered in courses, combined with the country/city you plan to visit.
- Prepare and send one or several versions of an application email, including your CV and motivation for applying to the selected institution, and try to obtain an acceptance letter.
- If you receive multiple acceptances, be sure to inform the institutions about the opportunities you will not pursue.
- You can benefit from the following networks, which provide traineeship listings and useful information to help guide you during the planning process:
 - erasmusintern.org
 - praxisnetwork.eu
 - eures.europa.eu/index_en
 - leo-net.org
 - globalplacement.com
 - trainingexperience.org



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighted Score
Academic Success	50% (out of total 100)
Language proficiency	50% (out of total 100)
Presenting an acceptance letter from an internship place at the time of application	+10 points
For children of martyrs and veterans	+15 points*
For disabled students (subject to documentation of disability)	+10 points**
For students under protection, care, or shelter decisions pursuant to Law No. 2828 and Law No. 5395	+10 points***
For those receiving aid from AFAD (themselves or first-degree relatives)	+10 points
Priority for internships aimed at developing digital skills (DOTs)	+5 points****
Previous participation within the same project type (with or without funding).	-10 points
Participating in mobility in their country of citizenship	-10 points
Failing to participate in mobility without timely notice of withdrawal, despite being selected	-10 points
Applying for two types of mobility simultaneously (reduction applied to the preferred type)	-10 points
For selected students: Not attending meetings/training sessions held by the institution related to mobility, without a valid excuse (applies if the student reapplies for Erasmus)	-5 points
Declaring participation in the language exam but failing to attend without an excuse (applies if the student reapplies for Erasmus)	-5 points

*Priority is given to the spouses and children of combat veterans, as well as the spouses and children of martyrs, along with individuals covered by Article 21 of the Anti-Terror Law No. 3713 dated 12/4/1991, who were injured, disabled, or died as a result of terrorist acts while performing their duties domestically or abroad as public servants or after the removal of their status, and the spouses and children of those who lost their lives or were killed. Additionally, priority is given to the spouses and children of civilians who became disabled or lost their lives due to the coup attempt and terrorist acts that took place on July 15, 2016, and the continuation of these acts, as per Article 7 of Decree Law No. 667 dated July 23, 2016, for applications to the Erasmus+ student mobility program.

**For prioritization, the student must present the Disability Health Board report specified in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults," published in the Official Gazette dated February 20, 2019, and numbered 30692.

***For prioritization, the student must present a letter from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies indicating that they have a protection, care, or accommodation decision according to Law No. 2828.

****Internships related to digital skills development (e.g., social media management, web analytics, digital graphics, mechanical and architectural design, application, software, or website development; installation, maintenance, and management of IT systems and networks, cybersecurity, data analytics, data mining, and visualization; programming, robotics, and artificial intelligence training) are given priority. General customer service, demand generation, data entry, or routine office tasks are not considered under this category.



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GRANT AMOUNTS

- Students benefiting from student mobility for traineeship will be provided grant support for a maximum of 30 days.
- Students may opt-out of financial support if they wish.
- The total quota number is 2.
- **IMPORTANT!** Due to the earthquake disaster that occurred on February 6, 2023, in Erasmus+ KA131 student mobility applications; students whose families, relatives, relatives or themselves reside in 11 provinces and 1 district (Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye Şanlıurfa and Elazığ provinces and Gürün district of Sivas) affected by the earthquake will be prioritized with +10 points. In addition, FBU students whose first-degree relatives or themselves reside in the above-mentioned 11 provinces and 1 district, whose first-degree relatives receive disaster victim assistance from AFAD, will be given additional grant support (disadvantage grant) if they are selected for Erasmus+ mobility with a grant.
- The table below shows the individual support grant amounts to be applied when sending students to countries associated with the program:

Faaliyetin Süresi	Hibe Miktarı
Faaliyetin 14'üncü gününe kadar	Günlük 79 Euro
Faaliyetin 15'inci gününden 30'uncu gününe kadar	Günlük 56 Euro

**Individual support grant can be awarded for one travel day before the activity and one travel day following the activity*

ADDITIONAL GRANT SUPPORT

- Additional Grant Support will be provided to participants with limited means in addition to the grant they deserve. To be eligible for this grant, participants with limited means are defined as individuals who are economically and socially disadvantaged and fall into the following subcategories:
 - Those covered by Law No. 2828 (those who have protection, care, or accommodation decisions according to Law No. 2828, as determined by the Ministry of Family and Social Services)
 - Students for whom protection, care, or accommodation decisions have been made under the Child Protection Law No. 5395
 - Those receiving orphan's/death pension without other parental income
 - Children of martyrs/veterans
 - Individuals receiving livelihood allowance for themselves or their families (a document proving that the student, his/her parents, or guardian received financial support from municipalities, public institutions, and organizations (Ministries, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, Foundations General Directorate, KIZILAY, AFAD, etc.) at the time of applying for Erasmus is



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sufficient.)

- Individuals with disabilities*
- Students receiving disability or livelihood allowance under Law No. 2022 dated 01.07.1976 regarding the Granting of Monthly Payments to Disabled and Needy Turkish Citizens Aged 65 and Older, as well as Disabled and Needy Turkish Citizens**
- Those who themselves or their first-degree relatives have received disaster aid from AFAD.

*Individuals with a documented disability rate of at least 50%, as evidenced by the Disability Health Board report specified in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults," published in the Official Gazette dated February 20, 2019, and numbered 30692.

** <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/MevzuatMetin/1.5.2022.pdf>

Note: Scholarships from the Kredi ve Yurtlar Kurumu (KYK) and similar scholarships, other grants, aids, and scholarships of a similar nature, one-time assistance are not considered within the scope of this financial support.

Upon request and upon documenting their situations, additional grant support is provided to students who fall within the above-mentioned scope, depending on the type of mobility, in the following amounts:

Type of Mobility	Additional Grant Support
Student mobility between 2 and 12 months.	250 € Monthly

GREEN TRAVEL SUPPORT

- Students/graduates may receive a one-time additional grant of 50 Euros if they choose eco-friendly travel.

INCLUSION SUPPORT

- The Erasmus+ Program encourages the participation of individuals with special needs. A person with special needs is a potential participant whose personal physical, mental, or health condition, if not for additional financial support, would prevent their participation in the project/mobility activity. To request additional grants for students requiring inclusion support, the University needs to apply to the National Agency.

Further information: <https://www.fbu.edu.tr/en/student/accessible-erasmus-inclusion-support>

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