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Call for Applications
Erasmus+ Partner Countries - KA171 (2022)
Scholarships for Second cycle students (5th year)
Dipartimento di Scienze Veterinarie, Università di Torino &
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural University of Tirana



ART.1 - Objectives and features of students' mobility from Partner Countries to University of Torino (UniTO)

The new EU Erasmus+ Programme (Erasmus Plus) 2021-2027 has introduced significant changes to higher education mobility programmes for students, namely the repeatability of the mobility for study and traineeships and the opening of the programme to third non-European countries, the so-called *Partner Countries*.

Erasmus+ Programme allows university students to spend a study period abroad, in one of the universities involved in the Erasmus+ projects selected and funded at a European level.

The sending and receiving Institutions have to sign an inter-institutional agreement in the frame of Erasmus+ Programme.

Participants will receive a monthly financial support by the Italian National Erasmus+ Agency to cover part of the expenses related to their study period abroad. Moreover, a contribution for travel is also provided. The present Call refers to the joint-project between the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Torino and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural University of Tirana

13 months will be allocated to 3 students (**5th year**) of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural University of Tirana that will spend a mobility period (4 months each / 2 students and 5



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months / 1 student, for study and traineeship activities) between 01/03/2024 and 30/07/2024 at the University of Torino in the framework of the Erasmus+ Partner Countries – KA 107.

According to a commission, a process of selection of candidates will take place after the application period

ART. 2 - Eligibility requirements

To apply for the present call for Erasmus+ mobility, students shall meet the following requirements:

- *being regularly enrolled at the Second Cycle (5th Year) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural University of Tirana*
- *having acquired a minimum of 190 ECTS (or corresponding credit system) ;*
- *A high-grade weighted average (those who will have the highest average will be preferred for selection)*
- *A certificate of a foreign language, B1 level (Italian and/or English) - Italian is the main language of instruction*
- *Priority will be given to students with less opportunities such as: disabilities, health problems (mental and physical), cultural differences, economic obstacles. All the above mentioned should be will be verified with the relevant documentation from the students. Priority will be given to those students that have not attended another Erasmus mobility before*

According to Erasmus+ Programme, every student can carry out more than one Erasmus mobility within their university career, up to a maximum of 12 months for each study cycle, regardless of the number and the typologies of motilities already done. As for one-cycle study programmes, the total amount of months to be carried out shall not exceed 24 months.

Candidates shall have a proper knowledge of the main language of instruction like English or Italian required by the University of Torino, as specified in the Inter-Institutional Agreement signed with the Partner Institution.

The language skills will be evaluated:

- *International language certificate (FCE, IELTS, TOELF, DELF/DALF, etc...) attesting at least a B1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), obtained no more than three years before the selection procedure. :*
- *the level of language competence will be evaluated during the selection procedure through an interview during the selection process*

ART. 3 -Erasmus mobility duration

The minimum duration of the mobility period is 2 months, corresponding to a minimum of 60 days according to Erasmus+ guidelines; shorter periods are not eligible. The mobility period shall be



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carried out without interruptions during the second semester of the fifth grade, between March and July. Period foreseen for the mobility: **2 students/4 months each and 1 student/5 months.**

ART.4 - Eligible and ineligible activities during the mobility period

Eligible activities during the mobility at UniTO include:

- courses attendance and exam sessions;
- additional traineeships activities;
- additional research for final dissertation.

ART. 5 - Financial support and grant restitution

The financial support for the mobility period corresponds to Euro 850, 00 per month. In addition, the participant shall receive a contribution of Euro 275 for travel, according to the EU Commission distance band, in order to cover travel expenses. The travel expenses could increase to €320 in case of a green travel (ecological travel carried out with means of transport that emit less CO₂).

In addition, there is a one-off contribution of € 250, 00 provided by UniTo to cover any administrative expenses related to the mobility. Further financial support will not be provided by the University of Torino.

Payments shall be made to the participant in full (100%), including the contribution for travel, according to the following guidelines:

- any contract received within the 1st working day of the month shall be paid by 25th of the same month;
- any contract received by the 2nd working day of the month shall be paid by 25th of the following month.

The mobility period abroad shall last at least 2 months for traineeship activities, failure to comply will result in the restitution of the entire amount received. Should the participants waive their scholarship, the grant shall be given back.

Participants who end their mobility period before the scheduled date stated in the Grant Agreement will have to return the amount corresponding to the number of days the participant did not spend at Uni TO multiplied per 1/30 of the unit cost per month.

Should the participants not give back, if due, the corresponding amount, UniTO will not issue any Transcript of Records.

Extension of mobility period requests shall be submitted at least one month before the end of the originally planned mobility period. Potential extension periods do not automatically imply an extension of the financial support.

ART. 6 - Recognition of Erasmus mobility



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The study period abroad is a part of the academic curriculum of each participant.

The activities carried out during the mobility shall be agreed before the beginning of the mobility period, by signing the “Learning Agreement for Studies”.

The Agricultural University of Tirana will ensure full recognition for satisfactorily completed activities in terms of credits awarded (ECTS or compatible grading system) as stated in the “Learning Agreement for Studies”.

ART. 7 - Application procedure

Students who wish to apply must submit to the Vice Dean of Science, Dr. Sonila Cocoli and Erasmus Office AUT the following documents:

1. List of grades
2. A foreign language certificate
3. A motivation letter in English or Italian

ART. 8 - Application deadline

Deadline for application is set on November 30, 2023 at h 00:00: failure to comply will result in the exclusion of the candidature from the selection.

ART. 9- Selection procedure

Candidates will be first evaluated by an internal committee on the basis of their applications; shortlisted candidates/all candidates will be further evaluated through a face-to face interview. The first criterion should be academic merit, but with equivalent academic level, preference should be assigned to students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

The Selection Committee adopts the following selection criteria:

- *number of ECTS (120 credits) acquired;*
- *grade weighted average according to each university's grading system;*
- *knowledge of the language spoken in the host country and/or of the main language of instruction at the receiving institution;*
- *motivation to undertake the mobility and its relevance to the candidate's academic career;*
- *year of enrolment: is priority given to students enrolled in the 5th year of their study courses.*

ART. 10-Final ranking of selected candidates and acceptance of Erasmus scholarship



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The final ranking of selected candidates will be published on the website of The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Selected students must accept or waive the grant award within 5 calendar days starting from the day after the publication of the rankings by sending an email to the following address: scocoli@ubt.edu.al, failure to comply will result in the exclusion from the ranking list and the impossibility to carry out the mobility. Selected candidates will be provided with the relevant information in order to complete all of the required administrative procedures for the Erasmus mobility period before their departure.

All the selected students must apply to obtain a study visa at the Italian Embassy or the duration of their permanence.

ART. 11 - Contacts

For any questions related to this Call for application please refer to the Vice Dean for Science office at the following mail address: scocoli@ubt.edu.al; erasmusoffice@ubt.edu.al