



FINANCIAL PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES IN LUBLIN

SMS-STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES

ERASMUS + PROGRAMME

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This document outlines the principles for financing student and doctoral mobility for part-time studies (SMS - *Student Mobility for Studies*) under the Erasmus+ programme in the academic year 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

Students, doctoral students are referred to as students in this document.

University of Life Sciences in Lublin is referred to as ULSL.

International Exchange Office is referred to as IEO.

Scholarship Amount

Every eligible student will receive a scholarship **only for the duration of their physical stay** at the receiving university.

I. Scholarship amount

Students will receive funding for their mobilities that includes:

- Individual support based on monthly/daily rates as specified in Tables 1-3
- A lump sum for travel costs as specified in Table 4
- Funding for travel days

1. The National Agency, based on European Commission directives, has determined the following fixed monthly funding rates of **individual support** for mobility types:

Table 1. Long-Term Mobility for Students (SMS) to Programme Countries and Partner Countries from Regions 13 and 14.

Participating countries	Monthly rate in EUR
<u>Group 1</u> – Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Italy and partner countries from Region 13 and 14	670

Group 2 – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain	670
Group 3 – Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Türkiye	600

Region 13 countries – Andorra, Vatican city, Monaco, San Marino

Region 14 countries – United Kingdom, Switzerland, Faroe Islands

A participant meeting the definition of a "person with fewer opportunities" (see below) will receive an additional amount awarded in EUR.

Students classified as "persons with fewer opportunities" include those in difficult financial situations and students with disabilities.

Table 2. Long-Term Mobility for Students (SMS) to Partner Countries excluding Regions 13 and 14

Monthly rate in EUR	700 EUR / a month
Additional amount awarded in EUR for candidates with fewer opportunities"	250 EUR / a month

Table 3. Short-Term Mobility for Students (SMS) to Programme Countries and Partner Countries.

Length of stay	Daily rate	Additional amount awarded in EUR for 'candidates with fewer opportunities'
From 5th to 14th day	79 EUR / a day	100 EUR / a mobility
From 15th to 30th day	56 EUR / a day	150 EUR / a mobility

When determining the aforementioned rates, the principle will be maintained that the amount of monthly/daily scholarship provided for the mobility to the same countries under the same project will be the same for all students.

NOTE!

By decision of the University, study mobilities to partner countries may only be implemented provided that an interinstitutional agreement is signed with the receiving university. Only long-term mobilities can be carried out to partner countries.

2.Travel allowance – a lump sum for travel costs

Table 4 Travel allowance

Distance (calculated one way according to Erasmus+ Distance Calculator)	Standard travel allowance per participant (for travel both ways)	GREEN TRAVEL allowance per participant (for travel both ways)
from 10 to 99 km:	28 €	56 €
from 100 to 499 km:	211 €	285 €

from 500 to 1 999 km:	309 €	417 €
from 2 000 to 2 999 km:	395 €	535 €
from 3 000 to 3 999 km:	580 €	785 €
from 4 000 to 7 999 km:	1188 €	1188 €
8 000 km and more:	1735 €	1735 €

NOTE!

The amounts; standard travel allowance and GREEN TRAVEL allowance are not cumulative.

"GREEN TRAVEL" – travel using low-emission means of transport, such as bus, train, or carpooling (see below section II).

Erasmus+ Distance Calculator is used to calculate the travel distance:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

As part of the funding granted by the National Agency, ULSL will provide the mobility participant with a lump sum for travel costs. The amount of the lump sum will depend on the distance between the starting point and the destination. To calculate the applicable lump sum for travel both ways, only one-way distance will be considered.

It is assumed that the starting point of the journey will be the University of Life Sciences in Lublin, Lublin.

The amount of the lump sum will also depend on the means of transport. A mobility participant who chooses to travel using low-emission means of transport will receive a lump sum for travel costs as specified in Table 4 under "GREEN TRAVEL allowance." Otherwise, the amounts from the "standard travel allowance" column will apply.

3.Travel days funding

All students undertaking study mobilities are eligible for additional funding for 2 travel days.

For participants traveling using low-emission (sustainable) means of transport and receiving the "GREEN TRAVEL" lump sum, the funding may cover up to 6 travel days (up to 3 days before and up to 3 days after the physical stay at the receiving institution). In the case of such mobilities, the number of travel days granted will depend on the distance between the starting point and the destination. Erasmus+ Distance Calculator will be used to determine the distance: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm):

- Up to 999 km – lump sum for a maximum of 2 travel days.
- 1000-1999 km – lump sum for a maximum of 4 travel days.
- 2000 km or more – lump sum for a maximum of 6 travel days.

At the request of the mobility participant, ULSL may grant funding for fewer travel days than specified in the above ranges. Funding for more than 2 travel days and the "GREEN TRAVEL" lump sum do not apply if the mobility participant decides to extend the journey for tourism purposes. The sustainable (low-emission) means of transport must be used for the journey both ways.

II. The procedure for applying for the "GREEN TRAVEL" lump sum and travel days funding

To apply for the "GREEN TRAVEL" lump sum and travel days funding, the mobility participant submits an application for the "green travel" funding for the Erasmus+ mobility, specifying the chosen low-emission means of transport and the travel dates.

After mobility, the student submits After mobility green travel statement duly signed to confirm the mobility with low-emission means of transport. The documents specifies: the means of transport, travel dates. The participant provides travel evidence (tickets, or proof of ticket purchase, accommodation evidence).

The participant is required to keep travel evidence (tickets, or proof of ticket purchase) and present them to the University upon request.

If the travel did not occur using low-emission means of transport, ULSL IRO will deduct the overpaid amount from the second grant installment or prepare a refund order for the overpaid amount.

It is recommended that mobility participants travel using low-emission means of transport.

III. Mobility participants with fewer opportunities

1. Students "with fewer opportunities," i.e., students in a difficult financial situation and students with disabilities, will receive an additional 250 EUR per month for each long-term mobility from the Erasmus+ programme fund. For short-term mobility, students "with fewer opportunities" will receive an additional amount of 100 EUR or 150 EUR, depending on the duration of their stay (see the tables above).

2. In order to receive the aforementioned additional amount, students:

- with a disability certificate - should provide IEO with a current, valid disability certificate or an equivalent document, which will remain valid for the entire duration of mobility;
- in a difficult financial situation - should provide IEO with a document confirming the University's decision to grant a social scholarship, which they are receiving in the semester preceding the mobility, i.e. the Decision on the Granting of a Social Scholarship or a Certificate confirming the receipt of a social scholarship issued by the Student Scholarship Office.

3. Scholarship holders with a disability certificate may receive additional funding for their mobility due to their disability, equal to the anticipated additional costs directly related to the disability, provided that these expenses exceed the amount mentioned above.

4. The condition for receiving the additional funding referred above is the submission of the original, valid disability certificate or an equivalent document to the IEO, as well as the preparation of the application to the National Agency (NA) for the Erasmus+ Programme, as mentioned below, immediately after being qualified for the mobility, but no later than 5 weeks before the planned start of mobility.

5. The application for funding the anticipated additional costs of the mobility directly related to disability is submitted to the National Agency (NA) through the IEO. The application must be reviewed by the Institutional Coordinator and ULSL Disability Officer. The application should include the additional anticipated costs directly related to the disability (e.g., the cost of a caregiver for the disabled person or the cost of necessary educational assistance during the mobility). The decision on granting additional funding and its amount is made by the NA after reviewing the application. The university will inform the mobility participant applying for disability-related funding about the amount of additional support.

6. A person who has been granted funding by the National Agency (NA) for the anticipated additional costs of the mobility directly related to disability is required to account for the awarded funding after the mobility by submitting proof of the actual additional costs incurred (e.g., receipts, invoices, bills, tickets, etc.) to the IEO.

7. All necessary information and documents related to the guidelines for receiving and settling the funding for "individuals with fewer opportunities" can be found on the Erasmus+ ULSL website, under the tab: "Students with fewer opportunities."

8. Receiving funding for individuals with fewer opportunities is guaranteed from the beginning of the scholarship mobility period until the end of the funding period specified in the Financial Agreement between the university and the mobility participant. In the case of an extension of the student's stay, the university may extend the eligibility for receiving the additional funding depending on available financial resources and the validity of the documents entitling the participant to receive additional support.

IV. Duration of stay and scholarship amount

1. Funding will be provided for one or two semesters of study (in accordance with the official academic calendar of the host university), typically ranging from 4 to 10 months, with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 12 months of physical mobility.

For accounting purposes, the European Commission has established that one month equals 30 days [APPLIES FOR LONG-TERM MOBILITY].

Funding will be provided for a period of 5 to 30 days of physical mobility [APPLIES FOR SHORT-TERM MOBILITY].

2. At the stage of scholarship allocation IEO may determine the planned duration of the study stay based on information provided by the receiving university.

3. If the planned period of stay indicated in the financial agreement exceeds the duration for which funding was granted, the university may:

- a) amend the financial agreement with the student during the mobility period abroad, provided the university has sufficient funds to extend the stay. The student must request an extension of the mobility period no later than one month before the end of the original financial agreement.

or

- b) agree with the student during the mobility period that the extended period will be recognized as a zero-grant period.

3. The allocation of funding to the student (in EUR) will only occur upon their acceptance of all terms and conditions of the financial agreement.

4. The funding will be provided to the student in EUR via transfer to the account specified by the participant. A EUR account is preferred.

5. The scholarship will be disbursed in two installments as follows:

First Installment:

- For long-term mobility: the amount of the scholarship reduced by 1/2 of the monthly rate.
- For short-term mobility: 80% of the total scholarship amount.

Second Installment:

This will be paid after the student returns from the mobility and completes the settlement process as outlined in the financial agreement between the student and the University.

6. The final amount of scholarship will be justified based on the duration of stay. The scholarship will be settled after the student returns from their study mobility, based on a certificate issued by the receiving university, indicating the start and end dates of the study period (Confirmation of Stay) or based on the Transcript of Records document confirming the period of stay.

6. For long-term mobilities, the actual duration of the stay will be settled with accuracy to one day, with a 5-day tolerance margin.

7. If the confirmed duration of the stay is shorter than the period indicated in the financial agreement with the participant, and the difference is greater than 5 days, the student will be required to return part of the granted scholarship proportionally to the actual duration of the stay. In the case of long-term mobility, the refund amount will be calculated by multiplying the number of days by which the stay was shortened by 1/30 of the monthly rate applicable in the host country.

8. No changes will be made to the financial agreement or the system if the actual duration of the student's stay abroad at the receiving university is shorter by 1-5 days (inclusive) compared to the stay period specified in the financial agreement or the Annex to the financial agreement extending the stay.

9. In the case of short-term mobility, the 5-day tolerance margin does not apply, and the duration of the mobility will be exactly as confirmed by the receiving university in the Confirmation of Stay upon return.

10. The scholarship received by the student is intended to cover additional costs, not the full costs, associated with the travel and stay at the receiving university.

11. In the event of a mobility that was finally not carried out, the student will be required to immediately return the full amount of the granted scholarship.

V. Redistribution of freed/additional funds

1. Undistributed funds, as well as additional reserves created during the implementation of mobility, resulting from the release of funds (e.g., sending fewer students than planned, cancellations, unforeseen circumstances, shortening of the stay), or any additional funds received from the National Agency of the Erasmus+ Programme, will form a reserve fund primarily intended for:

- acceptance of individuals from the reserve list, in the order they appear on the list
- additional call for study mobility in the summer semester
- financing of extensions for stays into the summer semester, according to the order of applications
- financing of extensions for the current semester, according to the order of applications

2. Additional funding for extending the stay will be granted upon the individual request of the student, approved by the receiving university, the faculty coordinator, and the home university institutional coordinator.

VI. Study mobility settlement

1. The full administrative and financial settlement of the study mobility will take place after the student submits all the documents specified in the individual financial agreement made between the student and the University:

- ❖ certificate from the receiving university with the start and end dates of the study period (Confirmation of Stay)
- ❖ Transcript of Records (TOR) – a document listing completed courses, passed exams, and grades obtained, issued by the receiving university
- ❖ completed online EU Survey – study mobility
- ❖ PowerPoint presentation and photos
- ❖ report on the mobility in Word file
- ❖ Green Travel statement after mobility, if applicable

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