

International Mobility Grant - Free Mover Program
Department of Economics and Business Studies
Academic Year 2024/2025

Overview and Objectives

The Department of Economics and Business Studies offers students the opportunity to engage in a period of study, training, or internship abroad and receive financial support for this international experience. The program, known as *Free Mover*, is designed for students pursuing activities aligned with their personal academic interests, regardless of the Erasmus+ inter-institutional exchange agreements. Students may choose to conduct their mobility in any country, either within the European Union or outside of Europe.

It is the responsibility of applicants to verify the entry requirements for the destination country, including visas and insurance coverage where necessary.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible candidates must be enrolled in any Bachelor's, Master's, or Single-Cycle Master's Degree program within the Department of Economics and Business Studies at the time of application and throughout the entire duration of their international mobility.

The mobility period must be completed before the candidate obtains their degree, and no later than September 30, 2025. Recent graduates are not eligible to apply.

Language Requirements

Proficiency in the language of the host country and/or the language of instruction required by the host organization is a key requirement for participation in the selection process.

Eligible Activities

The *Free Mover* grants can be awarded for the following types of activities abroad:

- Attending courses and taking exams
- Conducting research and/or collaborating on thesis projects
- Completing a curricular internship
- Participating in Summer/Autumn/Winter/Spring Schools
- Attending conferences or seminars related to the student's field of study

All activities must be recognized in the student's study plan with the award of academic credits (CFU). Only curricular activities will be validated. Non-curricular activities will not be considered, and failure to comply with this requirement will lead to the repayment of the mobility grant. The minimum duration for eligible activities is 10 days.

Financial Support

The grant amount varies depending on the destination and duration of the mobility. Each awarded grant will range from €1,000 to €2,000 (subject to applicable taxes).

The financial support will be provided in two installments:

- 70% in advance before departure (after submitting required documentation)
- 30% as a balance after returning, upon submission of necessary documents

In case of non-compliance with documentation requirements or unsuccessful completion of the mobility activity, the student must return the full amount of the grant.

The *Free Mover* grant is compatible with other scholarships or grants, excluding those funded by European programs like Erasmus+.

Application Process

To apply, students must obtain approval from their academic supervisor and the host organization. Applications must be submitted via a designated Google Form before the deadlines:

- **By August 23, 2024** for mobilities in the first or second semester
- **By January 20, 2025** for mobilities in the second semester

The selection committee will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

1. Academic record (number of CFUs and GPA)
2. Number of CFUs to be earned during the mobility period
3. Relevance of the proposed project (academic, professional, or research-oriented)
4. Proficiency in the foreign language required by the host institution

Insurance Coverage

Students must ensure they are covered by insurance during their stay abroad. This includes civil liability and accident insurance provided by the university, and health insurance such as the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or other policies required by the host country.

Deadline for Applications:

Applications must be submitted by **12:00 PM on the designated deadline**. Late submissions will not be considered.

For additional information, students should visit the Department's official website or contact the international office.