



ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS MOBILITY

Call for Applications for Student mobility for studies

Spring Semester of the Academic year 2017-2018

Art. 1 Purpose of the call and general regulations

1. This call regulates the application procedure for student mobility in the framework of the **Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project** between **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**, Italy and **Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University**, Georgia.

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport covering the period 2014-2020. It offers a wide range of opportunities for students and staff to study and train abroad and obtain credits which are then recognised by the sending institution.

2. The present Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project between **Ca' Foscari University of Venice** and **Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University** lasts 26 months, from June 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018.

Art. 2 Mobility types and available places

Under this call for applications the following places are available for prospective candidates from the University of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University:

- a. MASTER (2nd cycle): 1 place (5 months duration each)

The present call for applications provides mobility grant for the Spring Semester of the Academic Year 2017-2018.

Art. 3 Admission requirements

3.1 In order to apply prospective candidates must be enrolled/employed at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University at the moment of application and for the whole duration of the mobility.

3.2 Language proficiency

Applicants are required to be proficient in English at level B2 and/or Italian at level B2 of the CEFR respectively, and to provide certification of the required level (TSU Institutional Language test result).

3.3 In/compatibility

- The same student may participate in Erasmus+ mobility periods totaling up to 12 months maximum per each cycle of study (Bachelor or equivalent, Master or equivalent, Doctoral level), independently from the number and type of mobility activities. Previous Erasmus + and Erasmus Mundus experiences must be taken into account for calculation purposes;
- Selected beneficiaries will not be allowed to benefit from any other grant provided by the European Commission for mobility for study / for teaching /training for the same period;
- Beneficiaries must carry out their mobility activities in a country different from the country of residence;

- Candidates with a double nationality must specify the nationality under which they submit their scholarship application.

3.4 Ineligibility

- If, at any stage in the application procedure, it is established that the information provided by the applicant has been knowingly falsified, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection process.
- Students who receive an Erasmus+ grant will fully or partially reimburse the EU grant if they do not comply with the terms of the grant agreement and/or if they fail to complete and submit the final online report, unless they are prevented from completing their planned activities abroad due to a case of force majeure.

Art. 4 Activities

Mobility for studies:

Erasmus+ grants for study are awarded for full time study activities, including thesis preparation, at first, second and third study cycles. The studies in which the beneficiaries are enrolled must be leading to a recognized degree or another recognized tertiary level qualification.

Art. 5 Grants

5.1 Grantees will receive a grant as a contribution to their costs for travel and individual support during their mobility.

They are specified in the table below:

INDIVIDUAL GRANT	INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT	
Students	850€ per month	
TRAVEL		
Students	between 2000-2999 (Georgia, Israel, Russian Federation, Jordan, Palestine)	360 € per participant

5.2 Erasmus+ selected students will continue to pay fees to their sending university but will benefit from tuition waiver from their host university.

5.3 The mobility period must be carried out continuously and it must not be split into different periods.

5.4 Selected candidates accepting the scholarship will sign a scholarship contract listing their duties and responsibilities. They will be required to comply with the local admission requirements and registration procedures at the Host University.

5.5 Special needs support

Extra financial support may be available for beneficiaries with special needs. A person with special needs is a potential participant whose individual physical, mental or health-related situation is such that his/her participation in the project would not be possible without extra financial support. The contribution will be awarded to beneficiaries with special needs upon request by the Coordinating institution and approval from the Erasmus+ Italian National Agency.

Art. 6 Admission procedure

6.1 Application

- Prospective applicants should submit their application form and required documents (6.2) via e-mail to the address: erasmusplus@tsu.ge from **October 4th 2017 to October 18th 2017**. Any application received after the deadline will not be accepted;
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent after the application has successfully been submitted;
- The official language of the application is English and/or Italian. At the time of application diplomas, transcripts and other official documents may be submitted in original language but they must be accompanied by an official certified/notarized English translation.

6.2 Required Documentation

1. **Students** must provide the following documents:

- Application form dully filled in and signed
- Copy of a valid passport
- Copy of a valid ID
- Copy of a proof of registration at a Bachelor/Master/PhD programme
- Copy of university diplomas (if available);
- Copy of the transcript of records (with indication of university grades/marks and GPA)
- Copy of official language certifications (TSU Language Test result)
- Proposed Learning Agreement in English signed by the applicant, the Erasmus+ Administrative Coordinator (Mrs. Tea Gergedava) and Faculty Coordinator
- Europass CV (max 2 pages) in English including extracurricular activities (courses, seminars, conferences, published research, etc.) and professional experience related to the fields of knowledge of the course;
- Motivation letter (max 2 pages) explaining the background of the candidate and the reasons for applying to the programme
- One Recommendation letter and other supportive documents in English, e.g. honours, awards, internship/work certificates, proof of disability if relevant
- Proof of socio-economic disadvantaged background (in case it is available);

Art. 7 Selection process

7.1 The Selection process includes the following steps:

- Eligibility check and evaluation/interview by Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- Eligibility check, formal acceptance and Scholarships awarding by Ca' Foscari University

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University will review the submitted applications and evaluate the technical components (eligibility requirements, full documentation, completeness and authenticity of documents attached) to identify the eligible candidates via interview, according with the following criteria, which have been jointly agreed by the partner university and the coordinating university:

Type of Mobility/Criteria	Academic merit	Motivation	Correspondence between the proposed Learning Agreement and the receiving institution course catalogue (for 1st and 2nd cycle students) or evaluation of the Proposed workplan (for 3rd cycle students)	Previous mobility and international collaborations experiences (more points will be assigned to candidates with more international experiences)	Language skills
MA Students	0-30	0-30	0-20	0-5	0-15

7.2 In the framework of Erasmus+ regulations the first criterion for selecting students must be academic merit, but with equivalent academic level, preference should be assigned to students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

7.3 The final selection decision will consider also cross-cutting evaluation criteria such as gender balance, equal opportunities and participation of disadvantaged groups (disabled students, economically disadvantaged students) providing a more equal and fair selection process.

7.4 Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University Committee may decide to invite the candidates whose average score is above the threshold for a structured interview, either face-to-face or via Skype.

7.5 At the end of the selection procedure Tbilisi State University Selection Committee will draft a ranking list of qualified candidates. A reserve lists will also be defined and will include the names of eligible candidates that may be awarded a grant in case of withdrawals/drop-out of selected students or in the case of additional funding.

7.6 All applicants will be informed by e-mail of the selection results as soon as the evaluation procedure has been concluded. The final list will be also published on the TSU website for transparency reasons.

7.7 Selected candidates will receive a scholarship offer and are required to accept or reject it in written no later than 7 days after announcing the final results. For every selected candidate who will renounce or not accept within the deadline, Tbilisi State University will nominate a candidate from the reserve list.

7.8 Appeal Procedure

- Rejected applicants who feel that a mistake has been made in the process or that their application has not been

fairly evaluated can file a complaint to home university not later than 3 days after announcing the results, explaining their reasons.

- Complaints from applicants who have failed to satisfy all of the eligibility criteria (e.g. who have not produced the required documentation, or have applied for a scholarship but do not meet the requirements, etc.), or have failed to satisfy them within the established timeframes, will not be taken into consideration.
- The appeal procedure can only come into play if a candidate feels that the Selection Committees have not handled his/her own application in line with the principles and procedures described in the call. In other words, the appeal cannot concern the decision itself, but only an alleged error made in the process.

Art. 8 Data protection

Information relating to individuals (personal data) is collected and used in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on "the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data".