

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA107-2015**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT MOBILITY FROM PARTNER COUNTRIES**  
**(Mobilities during the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, always before 30 May 2017)**

The Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission promotes the mobility of students and lecturers. The action KA107 of this program provides funding for exchange mobility with partner countries. The **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)** has been awarded with scholarships under the action KA107 therefore students and staff from our partner universities have the opportunity to fund their exchanges to our institution.

**GUIDELINES**

**1. Purpose of the Call**

Student and teaching mobility is one of the key activities within the framework of the European Commission's Erasmus+ Programme in the field of Education, Youth and Sport.

The present Call is based on the funding awarded to **UAB** for mobility projects with EU-partner countries under Key Action 107 of the Erasmus+ Programme. As a consequence, exchanges will be implemented, preferably, during the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, always before 30 May 2017.

The main purposes of this call are:

- To offer training, research and study development opportunities to students, young researchers and lecturers from partner country universities.
- To achieve sustained improvements in knowledge, teaching and research skills.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between **UAB** and our partner universities, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.
- To improve participants' language and cultural skills, promoting mutual enrichment and understanding.

In the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, all mobility activities are conditional upon the signature of an interinstitutional agreement between the sending and the receiving universities before the start of the mobility.

**2. Requisites for applicants**

To be eligible, applicants must fulfil the following general condition:

- Assume responsibility for performing the mobility, preferably between the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, always before 30 May 2017.

Specific requisites for **students (undergraduate and master's)**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Those nominated within *UAB Exchange Programme* by one of the partner universities will have priority (the exchange has to take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the academic year 2015/16 or the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2016/17).
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies.
- Submit a **Learning Agreement Proposal** for students accepted by the sending and the receiving institution.
- In order to be admitted to a Master's programme at the UAB as an exchange student, prior written approval from the coordinator of this Master is compulsory. Incoming students willing to be accepted at Master Level have to prove they have already completed 180 ECTS credits at UG level.
- Not have been previously on an Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 7 months, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme.

Specific requisites for **PhD students**:

- Be enrolled at one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Be nominated for mobility by one of the partner universities (according to the list provided in section 3 of this call).
- Submit a **Mobility Agreement Proposal** for PhD students accepted by the sending and the receiving institutions.
- In order to be admitted to a PhD programme at the UAB as an exchange student, prior written approval from the coordinator of this PhD is compulsory.
- Not have been previously on an Erasmus+ exchange stay exceeding 9 months, as a student can do a maximum of 12 months exchange per study level within the Erasmus+ programme.

### 3. Universities and Scholarships

There is a total of 17 scholarships, distributed as follows:

| ORIGIN       | NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS |                 |          | TOTAL     |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
|              | Undergraduate's degree | Master's degree | PhDs     |           |
| China        | 2                      | 1               | -        | 3         |
| Taiwan       | 2                      | -               | -        | 2         |
| Israel       | 2                      | -               | -        | 2         |
| Indonesia    | 1                      | 1               | -        | 2         |
| Lebanon      | 1                      | 1               | -        | 2         |
| Palestine    | 1                      | 1               | -        | 2         |
| Thailand     | 2                      | 1               | -        | 3         |
| Egypt        | -                      | -               | 1        | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>11</b>              | <b>5</b>        | <b>1</b> | <b>17</b> |

| Level of Studies       | Country                     | Number of Scholarships                              | Sending Institutions  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Undergraduate's degree | China                       | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Renmin University of China                                      |
|                        |                             | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Zhejiang University   |
|                        | Taiwan                      | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | National Taiwan University                                      |
|                        |                             | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Providence University   |
|                        | Israel                      | 2<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Bezalel Academy of Arts&Design Jerusalem                        |
|                        | Indonesia                   | 1<br>(5 months scholarship)                         | University of Gadjah Mada                                       |
|                        | Lebanon                     | 1<br>(6 months scholarship)                         | Université de Saint Joseph (USJ)                                |
|                        | Palestine                   | 1<br>(6 months scholarship)                         | An-Najah National University                                    |
| Thailand               | 2<br>(3 months scholarship) | Asian Institute of Technology<br>Mahidol University |   |
| Master's degree        | China                       | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Renmin University of China                                      |
|                        | Indonesia                   | 1<br>(5 months scholarship)                         | University of Gadjah Mada                                       |
|                        | Lebanon                     | 1<br>(5 months scholarship)                         | Université de Saint Joseph (USJ)                                |
|                        | Palestine                   | 1<br>(5 months scholarship)                         | An-Najah National University                                    |
|                        | Thailand                    | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | Asian Institute of Technology<br>Mahidol University             |
| PhD                    | Egypt                       | 1<br>(3 months scholarship)                         | The Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport |

#### 4. Scholarship amount

Scholarships consist of a travel allowance and a monthly amount according to the flat rates stated by the Erasmus+ Programme:

| Country   | Subsistence<br>(amount/Month) | Travel Allowance |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| China     | 800€                          | 1100€            |
| Egypt     | 800€                          | 360€             |
| Indonesia | 800€                          | 1100€            |
| Israel    | 800€                          | 530€             |
| Lebanon   | 800€                          | 530€             |
| Palestine | 800€                          | 530€             |
| Taiwan    | 800€                          | 1100€            |
| Thailand  | 800€                          | 1100€            |

Scholarships will be paid to the beneficiaries by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, according to real arrival and departure dates. The payment of these scholarships is subject to the regulations of the UAB and the law.

## **5. Compatibility.**

Scholarships under the Erasmus+ Partner Countries (KA107) program are not compatible with any other Erasmus+ scholarships granted for the same exchange mobility.

## **6. Criteria for evaluation**

The selection process will evaluate the applicants and will prioritize candidates according to the established criteria and budgetary availability. The selection process will be based on the principles of equity, fairness and transparency.

Evaluation criteria for **Students (undergraduate and master's degree):**

- Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in the students Transcripts of Records
- Master's students who do not have master qualifications should provide the Transcripts of Records from their undergraduate studies.

Evaluation criteria for **PhD students:**

- Mobility Agreement Proposal feasibility and contribution to common academic interests between the sending and receiving partner institutions.
- Relevance to institutional relations between the sending and receiving partner institutions.

## **7. Application process**

The application period will be open from **25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 until 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016** for the first round.

The application period will be open from **18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 until 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016** for the second round.

In case some scholarships are not covered after the second round a third round will be announced.

Applicants must complete the online application on the UAB website and send the required documents by email to [Erasmus.KA107@uab.cat](mailto:Erasmus.KA107@uab.cat)

| Level         | Documents  | How to send it |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| Undergraduate | Application form online  | online         |
|               | Transcript of Records  | e-mail         |
|               | Nomination certificate   | e-mail         |
|               | Learning Agreement Proposal for students                         | e-mail         |
| Master's      | Application form online  | online         |
|               | Transcript of Records  | e-mail         |
|               | Nomination certificate   | e-mail         |
|               | Learning Agreement Proposal for students                         | e-mail         |
|               | Written approval from the coordinator of the UAB Master's degree | e-mail         |
| PhD           | Application form online  | online         |
|               | Mobility Agreement Proposal according to the profile             | e-mail         |

## 8. Call decision

A decision for the first round will be published on the UAB website on **5<sup>th</sup> February 2016** and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

A decision for the second round will be published on the UAB website on **14<sup>th</sup> April 2016** and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

## 9. Calendar

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Period of Application | From 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 until 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Call decision         | 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2016  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period of Application | From 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 until 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2016      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call decision         | 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2016  |

#### **10. Rights of the beneficiary**

- To perform the entire mobility period awarded without the possibility of extending the scholarship.
- To receive the scholarship according to the amounts set out in the Erasmus+ Programme guidelines. The expenses not covered by the scholarship will be borne by the beneficiary.
- To benefit from tuition fee waiver as an exchange student, notwithstanding other fees for the use of certain services or activities that might be applicable.
- To receive information and advice on the application procedure, as well as pre-departure and on-site guidance.
- To have the study period abroad recognized by the sending university.

#### **11. Obligations of the beneficiary**

- To take out and prove to be in possession of adequate insurance throughout the mobility period according to Erasmus+ programme rules.
- To obtain the Visa for the stay in the receiving country
- To carry out the mobility stay according to the proposal and dates committed, during the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, always before 30 May 2017.
- To complete all procedures and fill in the required documents as required by the Erasmus+ Programme, before, during and after the mobility period, meeting the deadlines established by **UAB**:
  - i. Before mobility:
    - Signature of the Grant Agreement
    - Signature of the Learning/Mobility Agreement Proposal
  - ii. After mobility:
    - Submission of the Mobility Certificate
    - online mobility final assessment survey
- Any other obligation inherent to the Erasmus+ Programme and the internal regulations of the sending and receiving institutions.

#### **12. Information:**

All of the information regarding this call will be available on the UAB website.

For any questions concerning this call, the e-mail contact is: [Erasmus.KA107@uab.cat](mailto:Erasmus.KA107@uab.cat)