

GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

+ CALL FOR ERASMUS mobility between partner countries and the University of Huelva (UHU) Key Action 1 (KA 171)

PREAMBLE

The University of Huelva (UHU) approves the publication of this call for the realization of study periods in the UHU during autumn or spring semester of the 2023/2024 academic year. This program is developed by the European Commission with financial support organized by the Spanish Service for Internationalization of Education (SEPIE) within the Erasmus + Program, approved by the European Parliament in the financial framework 2021-2027. The new Erasmus Programme prioritizes inclusion (persons with special needs and persons from disadvantaged backgrounds), the environment, digitalization and European values).

The purpose of this call is to grant study periods of 5 months duration in UHU for 3 students from Birzeit University.

RULES OF THE CALL

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The number of available places in this call corresponds to funding granted by the European Commission to the University of Huelva, and is based on interinstitutional agreements signed between UHU and Birzeit University .
2. The mobility will take place for a 5 month period from either September 2023 to January 2024 or January 2024 to June 2024.
- 3 Candidates should send applications and supporting documents to Birzeit University **by filling the application form on Ritaj.**
4. **Financial assistance** is assigned to help cover maintenance and travel costs during the period of mobility, as specified in paragraph 7.
5. Birzeit University will be responsible for selecting and nominating the selected participants as well as organizing preparation for, and recognition of the mobility period.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS

To participate in this call for Erasmus mobility, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Being enrolled in an official study programme** at Birzeit University at the time of applying and during the entire period of the mobility. The mobility must not take place in the country of residence of the participant nor where pursuing studies nor working.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

Candidates should **apply on Ritaj** and submit the following documents

- Motivation letter
- Transcript of records
- Certificate confirmation of Spanish and/or English language level
- Document which shows that the candidate is enrolled in an official study programme at Birzeit University at the time of applying.
- **Learning agreement.**
- Official documentation showing degree and nature of special needs/disadvantaged economic background (if applicable).

Link to application form and procedures <https://www.birzeit.edu/en/about/external-relations/erasmus/how-apply-erasmus>

Deadline for applications: **March 1st, 2023**

4. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

The process of selecting participants in Birzeit University guarantees the principles of transparency, competition and equal competitive opportunities for all participants. The criteria for selecting participants are described below:

- a) Average grade of university level studies and the learning agreement (60 points)
- b) certified level of second language (20 points)
- c) Motivation letter (10 points)
- d) Any other information specified by the candidate (additional skills or skills, specific academic interest, vulnerable socio-economic situation, etc.) (10 points)

5. OBLIGATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES.

Selected applicants who accept + ERASMUS mobility shall comply with the following obligations:

1. **Acceptance:** The participant should inform Birzeit University acceptance of the mobility place **by email to external.relations@birzeit.edu**
2. **Commitment:** The recipient of Erasmus + grant shall comply with the following obligations:
 1. Sign **Grant Agreement** between the participant and the University of Huelva and any later amendments. The International Office staff of the University of Huelva will provide the Grant Agreement before the start of the mobility period.

2. Sign the corresponding **Learning Agreement** before departure. These agreements contain learning objectives and the rights and obligations of the parties. The UHU International Office will send this document to the selected participant for completion.

3. Remain at UHU **the time indicated in the Agreement**. The participant must join the University of Huelva with full respect for its internal rules. Such residence shall be accredited by Birzeit University on their return by filing **Certificate of attendance** completed by the University of Huelva. The minimum **period** of stay is 5 months. Non completion of the established period may result in the loss of the right to receive the grant and, subsequent reclaiming of payments made, if applicable.

4. The selected participant **should contact Juan José Gómez Boullosa drinter02@sc.uhu.es (after selection)** before departure.

5. Students will study courses belonging to an official study programme at UHU. The grades and credits, included and approved by both universities in the Learning Agreement, obtained during the mobility period at UHU will be transferred to the official studies at Birzeit University.

6. All participants must complete the online **Final report** which will be requested by the University of Huelva, at the request of the European Commission, within a maximum period of **thirty days following the mobility period**.

7. It is the responsibility of the participant to procure the **health insurance coverage** for the purposes of sickness, accidents, occupational accidents and repatriation and civil responsibility, effective from arrival at the University of Huelva. Before departure, the students and staff participants should **send evidence of** this to the Office of International Relations at the University of Huelva.

8. The selected participants must apply and formalize the corresponding **visa** in their country of origin. The University of Huelva will issue a letter of acceptance for this purpose.

9. Participants must organize and pay for travel in advance.

10. In order to receive the funds, participants must follow the instructions sent by the UHU International Office.

11. Participants will be responsible for finding **accommodation** in Huelva. UHU will provide support.

12. In the case of participants, nominated by Birzeit University as special needs participants/ participants from disadvantaged backgrounds, and who have provided all documents required by UHU International Office within the deadlines, UHU may organize and pay for travel to UHU in advance. The costs incurred would be deducted from the total amount of the Erasmus funding allocated the mobility place.

3. Cancellations: Participants should inform Birzeit University and UHU of cancellations as soon as possible, so that the Erasmus mobility might be offered to the first candidate on a waiting list.

6. OBLIGATIONS University of Huelva

1. The University of Huelva **shall send a letter of acceptance** and the corresponding informative documentation to selected participants resolved following the final selection.
2. After completion of mobility, UHU will provide participants with a Certificate of Attendance, and Transcript of Records.

7. PAYMENT AND ALLOCATION OF AID

The aid granted to the participants of the mobility program Erasmus + is designed to partially cover the expenses incurred by them during their stay abroad.

Aid funds from the European Union under this call include:

1. An aid to cover **subsistence expenses**: This amount is set according to the country of destination and length of stay. The aid is divided by groups of countries, according to the approximate cost of living. Spain is included in Group 2 and mobilities contribution to this country is **850 EUR a month for students**.

2. **an aid to help cover travel expenses**. The amount is calculated as a function of distance bands.

The distance should be calculated between the city of origin and University City University of destination, using the distance calculator European Union (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm). In the case of Birzeit University, the allocated travel fund per participant is 530 €.

The **maximum funding period** for each type of mobility will be **5 months**.

80 % of the total funding will be paid by bank transfer to the students' bank account in Spain. Students are advised to open a bank account in Huelva as soon as possible after arrival in order to minimize the possibility of delay in payment due to bank related issues.

Students should arrive in Huelva with sufficient funds to cover accommodation and living costs for a 4 week period.

The remaining 20% of the funding will be transferred during the last month of the mobility period, before departure, if participants have stayed the full 5 month period and complied with the obligations listed in this Call.

Provisions for Participants with special needs/disadvantaged backgrounds:

Participants who can provide official documentation showing special needs/disadvantaged backgrounds should declare this fact and include the corresponding documents when submitting their applications. If successful in obtaining an Erasmus mobility place in this Call, they should contact the International Office of the UHU as early as possible so that extra funding can be applied for on their behalf and so as to inform of the UHU might best facilitate their needs during the mobility period.

8. COMMUNICATION.

All communications by the candidates must be made to its home International Relations office. Once selected, beneficiaries may contact the University of Huelva through the addresses:

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