

## FREE MOVER Programme

### MOBILITY'S CALL FOR APPLICATION 2021-2022

Period for presenting application form:  
At least 1 month before the deadline set by the chosen University

#### WHAT IS THE FREE MOVER PROGRAMME

The Free Mover Programme is created in order to promote students' mobility as the means adopted not only to discover countries, ideas, languages and different cultures, but also to improve the student's academic and professional career. Students enrolled at IULM University may attend a period of study abroad that lasts from 3 to 12 months (1 or 2 academic semesters), during academic lecture period only and at legally recognised foreign Universities only.

This stay takes place outside the Erasmus +, Exchange and Semester Abroad programmes and therefore does not benefit from any kind of subsidy.

#### ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

##### 1) Language Proficiency:

Candidates will have to verify the linguistic requirements together with the chosen University; if the host University provides courses in a language different from the national one, it will be necessary to prove a good knowledge of the language in which courses are held (e.g. English in order to attend English courses in Scandinavian countries).

The student will have to prove that he/she has adequate knowledge of the required foreign language.

Additional language proficiency tests will be carried out only if coinciding with those carried out for Erasmus+ and Exchange programmes.

No ad hoc language proficiency test will be carried out.

##### 2) How to sign-up:

- Students regularly enrolled in **BA programmes** can apply. For students attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> year or subsequent years of coursework, administrative procedures must be verified with the Study Abroad Office.
- For students enrolled in **MA programmes**, an ad hoc analysis related to the courses that have to be attended at the host University is needed.

NB: Applicants must be regularly enrolled – as non-final year student – both in the academic year during which they apply and in the academic year during which the mobility takes place. Exams taken abroad will not be recognized in absence of a regular enrolment in subsequent years of coursework.

Students who have already benefitted from an Erasmus+ scholarship may apply too. By participating in the Free Mover Program, it will **not** be possible to join other mobility programmes at the same time.

#### TIMELINE

- The Free Mover Programme allows students to spend from 3 to 12 months abroad, that is one semester or term or the entire academic year;
- This call for applications never expires; deadlines are settled by the University chosen by the student. However, students must consider the technical time needed in order to have the courses approved in IULM. Therefore, no application will be accepted if the destinations' call deadlines are in less than a month.

## DESTINATIONS

The application will be referred to one destination University only.

For technical reasons related to the kind of Erasmus agreements, it is likely that the Erasmus partner Universities will NOT be able to accept a higher number of students than that already agreed in the Erasmus programme. It is recommended that students who would like to take exams choose Universities with which no Erasmus agreements have been signed.

Students will also be able to apply for non-European Universities that are not IULM partners. The application for non-European partner Universities is subject to the specific calls for applications *Exchange Programme* or *Semester Abroad*.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted to the Study Abroad Office using the form (available online or at the Study Abroad Office) and attaching:

- information material concerning the chosen University, in particular the study plans of the courses that students wish to attend. **Students are requested to search the material by themselves;**
- language proficiency certifications (see language proficiency).

## BEFORE LEAVING

Before leaving, the candidate eligible for the programme must:

- 1) contact the foreign University and obtain a letter of acceptance from the host University, which must be presented to the Study Abroad Office within a month before the departure. In the event that there is no agreement with IULM University, it will be up to the student to check the availability of the host University to accept him/her for the desired period and to produce the relevant acceptance letter. If the chosen University is a IULM partner, the student will have to define together with the Study Abroad Office the procedure to contact the correct person in charge.

The student must verify the presence of English taught courses, if he/she chooses a destination in English area different from Great Britain, North America and Australia.

The list of Erasmus partner Universities is available online: [www.iulm.it](http://www.iulm.it) > *risorse e servizi* > *mobilità internazionale*

- 2) check with the host University the terms and conditions of application and complete the relevant formalities.
- 3) formalize the *Learning Agreement*: a study contract agreed upon in advance between student, home University and destination University that regulates the criteria for the recognition of activities carried out abroad. The full recognition of all activities carried out abroad is guaranteed, provided that they are previously agreed and included in the Learning Agreement. The student cannot anticipate exams included in subsequent years. E.g. students enrolled in the second year cannot take third-year exams abroad. It will be the student's responsibility to verify his/her study plan. The Study Abroad Office cannot - under any circumstances - intervene to make changes to the student individual study plan.  
Credits that can be acquired abroad can't exceed 1/3 of the compulsory credits of the course of study overall, except for elective credits. Credits acquired abroad through other mobility programmes will be counted too.
- 4) Post-graduate students are allowed to attend only master or post-graduate courses, unless otherwise approved by the academic commission.

- 5) IC students must follow the rule of propaedeutic exams for mediation laboratories: e.g. a student can't take linguistic mediation laboratory III abroad if he/she has not passed linguistic mediation laboratory II yet.
- 6) Students will have to bear travel, board and accommodation expenses during their stay abroad. The Study Abroad Office will not provide information for that matter: logistic organization will be entirely managed by the student himself/herself. Furthermore, it is at the complete discretion of the host University whether to offer support to find an accommodation or not.

The departing student is advised to provide for health insurance coverage for his/her period abroad. IULM University has signed an agreement with AON: [www.aonstudentassurance.com](http://www.aonstudentassurance.com).

- 7) Students are required to inquire in advance and independently on legal formalities to be completed in order to stay in the chosen country (entry visa, any required vaccinations and medical examinations). Moreover, many countries require precise guarantees from students regarding their economic condition, which must be such as to ensure livelihood during their stay, in compliance with the standards settled by the local government.

### **ONCE BACK**

At the end of the study abroad period, students will be required to present the documentation needed for the recognition (Certificate of Arrival/Departure, Learning Agreement and original documents concerning subsequent changes signed by the partner University, Transcript of Records or other official certificates of exams taken abroad). The Study Abroad Office, after a proper examination with the partners of the documentation presented, establishes the recognition procedure which, upon acceptance by the student, will be subsequently ratified by the Faculty Council. The marks of exams taken abroad are converted through an evaluation scale out of thirty, according to the tables ratified by the Academic Senate. It will be up to the student to refuse the recognition of an exam taken abroad; the waiver of an activity recognition that has been carried out abroad has a definitive and permanent value. Each student will benefit from a single session of the recognition procedure; partial or incomplete recognition procedures will not be carried out under no circumstances.

### **Further information at the Study Abroad Office**

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