



ERASMUS+ 2026

**KA131 – INDIVIDUAL MOBILITY FOR STUDY PURPOSES**  
**CALL FOR THE ALLOCATION OF MOBILITY GRANTS A.Y. 2026-2027**  
**FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**  
**ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

**Opening Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10 am**

**Closing date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 at 11.59 pm**

#### **ERASMUS+ PROGRAM**

Within the Erasmus+ Program, students can carry out a mobility period of **2 to 12 months** for study in Europe at a Higher Education Institution belonging to one of the countries participating in the Program. Candidates must be properly enrolled at an Institute of Higher Education holding ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education) and participate in the corresponding Call for Applications. The study period abroad must be an integral part of the candidate's study program. The mobility period must take place at an Institute of Higher Education, also holding ECHE, that has signed an **Inter-institutional Agreement** with IULM University.

**For the academic year 2026-2027, all activities must take place between 1.06.2026 and 31.07.2027; any days before or after these dates cannot be funded in any way, even if included in the academic calendar of the host universities.**

Agreements implemented by IULM University regarding mobility for study purposes are indicated in the “**Destinations**” annexes. All destinations are tendered for 1 (one) "semester" of mobility. Mobility start- and end-dates may vary, depending on the destination countries and the academic calendar of the host universities. Therefore, the "semester" may last from 2 to 6 months depending on the destination, and the semester start/end dates do not necessarily coincide with the IULM academic calendar.

Students intending to submit their application are advised to consult the following documents published on the IULM website, in the section International > Erasmus Program at the link:

<https://www.iulm.it/en/internazionale/mobilita-internazionale/programma-erasmus>

- Call Erasmus+2026
- “Destinations 2026” sheet of the applicant's degree program
- Guide “Getting ready for a study abroad experience 2026”
- “Guide to language requirements 2026”

Students are also invited to register on Blackboard, where all updates will be published, with the following link:

[https://iulm.blackboard.com/ultra/organizations/16544\\_1/outline](https://iulm.blackboard.com/ultra/organizations/16544_1/outline)

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- You must be a first-year student (of any nationality) regularly enrolled in the **current** academic year 2025-2026 at IULM University in the Master's degree in Strategic Communication.
- Students who are citizens of one of the European Union member states participating in the Program (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/it/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries>) and are regularly enrolled at IULM University, may apply to a university in their home country if they are legally resident in Italy.

#### **2. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

- 3. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION** students are not required to present any English language certifications for partner universities requiring B2 level English and can upload the **Declaration of English Language Proficiency for study abroad purposes**.

For other destinations requiring German or French languages, students can present a valid international certification. Please refer to [erasmus@iulm.it](mailto:erasmus@iulm.it) for further information.

#### 4. SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

Warning. The online application is only one for the Erasmus, Exchange and Semester Abroad programs.

It is important to verify:

1. that you meet the requirements for all destinations listed in the application by carefully reading the destination sheets.
2. whether the partner university requires payment of tuition fees (Semester Abroad Program) and which is the required amount.

Students can apply from their personal "[Segreteria Online](#)" (Student online services) webpage, under "Study Abroad - Outgoing" and should:

1. choose up to 5 university destinations from those available in the Erasmus, Exchange and Semester Abroad programs; please carefully verify any restrictions listed in the Destination Sheet (required language level, international language certifications necessary for admission, etc.) in advance.
2. enter your chosen destinations in the Application **by listing them in strict order of preference**.
3. upload the **Declaration of English Language Proficiency for study abroad purposes** in the Application. Be sure to upload the required language certifications for all destinations entered.
4. download the application submission receipt.

After submitting the application, it will not possible to make changes in the destinations, in any cases.

Procedures for submitting the online application will be communicated on the Blackboard at the same time as the application is open.

#### 5. RANKING COMPOSITION AND DESTINATION ASSIGNMENT

The Erasmus+ ranking is based on **merit**; the ranking score is automatically calculated by the application platform based on the data recorded in the career on the date 06.07.2026.

- The score of the candidate is composed by the arithmetic average and the percentage of achievement, i.e., the number of ECTS credits acquired based on the enrollment year.
- After calculating the score of each student, the system automatically awards one of the destinations based on the ranking.
- It is the student's specific responsibility to check his or her career online, report any mismatches to the **IULM Registrar's Office (Segreteria Studenti)**, and, if necessary, request updates by **July 6<sup>th</sup> 2026**. The system automatically calculates the arithmetic average and the number of ECTS, deriving from all exams taken and verbalized. Exams taken but not verbalized, midterm tests and partial exams **do not count in calculating the ranking**.
- Since scoring and destination assignment are fully automated, it will not be possible for any reason to recalculate the ranking manually in case of discrepancies in the updating of the careers detected retrospectively by the student and not reported in time to the Registrar's Office.
- Should two students have the same score, and it is not possible to grant a destination to both, the student with the lower fee bracket will prevail; in case of a further tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

*The destination awarding depends also on the number and the order of preferences indicated by the applicant: the system does not award destinations if the applicant has not listed them among their preferences, even if they are residual. Students are therefore invited to list the maximum number of destinations as possible – consistently with the language requirements they possess - in strict order of preference; at the same time, students are invited NOT to enter destinations that they do not intend to accept if assigned.*

#### 6. ACCEPTING DESTINATIONS

Students will be able to view their assigned destinations by accessing their personal "Segreteria Online" webpage, unless the date changes due to technical reasons and it is communicated on Blackboard, on:

**July 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 –3 p.m**

Students will have to accept or reject the assigned destination strictly by **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 23.59 p.m.**

Please be advised that:

- **NO PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL TO THE ASSIGNEES;**
- **The instructions for the acceptance of the destination will be provided at the same time as the publication of the ranking;**
- missing acceptance by the specified deadline will result in the candidate being automatically considered as having withdrawn, and their destination will be reassigned;
- in case of missing acceptance/withdrawal by the entitled candidate within the specified deadline, the first “eligible non-awarded” candidate in the ranking will automatically be considered.
- in case of late withdrawal (after the acceptance), the withdrawal candidate's destination will be reassigned exclusively to the first “eligible non-awarded” candidate in the ranking. Waived places will not be reassigned to students who have already been allocated other destinations. Reassignments of late withdrawals will be carried out in accordance with the timelines and administrative deadlines of the involved universities.

Applicants should be aware that:

- rejected/unaccepted destinations by the deadline are automatically reassigned by the information system to eligible applicants.
- missing acceptance/withdrawal from the assigned destination by the deadline is **permanent**; it will not be possible to reclaim missed acceptances after the deadline for any reason.

It should be noted that the student's final admission to the host university will be confirmed by the university only after all required procedures have been completed (application) within the deadline that will be communicated to the students by the partner universities.

## **7. VISAS, PERMITS OF STAY, SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE**

Students who are citizens of a non-EU country must research independently and be aware in advance of the legal procedures to be completed to stay in the chosen country (entry visa, permit of stay, and health regulations). Also note that many countries require that extra-EU students provide specific guarantees regarding their economic status, which must be adequate to ensure their livelihood during the mobility period, according to the standards set by the local government, as well as appropriate health policies for those who do not have the European EHIC card. **The Mobility Office is in no way responsible for any withdrawal due to the lack of the requirements or legal documents to be able to stay in the chosen country.**

It should be stressed that students are personally responsible for ensuring their own insurance coverage. They are therefore advised to review the usage guidelines of the European EHIC card on the official TEAM website and to carefully consider the advisability of obtaining supplementary insurance coverage. Furthermore, if the host university requires mandatory additional insurance coverage, students are obliged to obtain an appropriate policy or to subscribe to the one recommended by the host university.

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/cureUE/dettaglioContenutiCureUE.jsp?lingua=english&id=5272&area=healcareUE&menu=vuoto>

## **8. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MOBILITY**

### **ERASMUS GRANTS**

Recipients: Erasmus students selected by universities participating in the program. The monthly amount is determined by the European Commission and depends on the chosen destination country based on the estimated cost of living, according to the following groups. The monthly amount of the student mobility grants is indicated annually by the Erasmus+ National Agency, together with the National Authorities. The following amounts are valid for AY 2026-27:

**GROUP 1 - HIGH COST OF LIVING - € 400 for 30 days of mobility**

**GROUPS 2/3 - MEDIUM COST OF LIVING - € 350 for 30 days of mobility**

<p><b>GROUP 1</b> <b>With higher living costs</b></p>	<p>Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden.</p> <p><u>Third countries not associated to the Programme from Regions 13:</u> Andorra, Principality of Monaco, San Marino, Vatican State.</p> <p><u>Third countries not associated to the Programme from Regions 14:</u> Færøer Islands, United Kingdom, Switzerland.</p>
<p><b>GROUP 2</b> <b>Medium living costs</b></p>	<p>Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.</p>
<p><b>GROUP 3</b> <b>Lower living costs</b></p>	<p>Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Türkiye.</p>

The allocation of the scholarships and their amount will be subject to the overall funding that the University will receive from the European Commission through the Erasmus+ National Agency. If the funds granted are not sufficient to fully fund all the assigned mobility periods, it will be the responsibility of the University to inform the assignees, in due course, of the award criteria and the amounts granted. The assignees who, after accepting their destination, are not awarded the ERASMUS+ grant may withdraw from the program without incurring any further consequences.

## SUPPLEMENTS TO THE MOBILITY GRANT

### Contribution to travel expenses

A unitary contribution is provided according to distance bands for round-trip travel expenses, from the place of origin of the sending institution (Milan) to the location of the host university. The distance band will be determined using the European Commission's distance calculator <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>. Further information will be provided to the assignees in accordance with the forthcoming 2026 National Provisions.

### Contribution to fewer opportunities

The European Erasmus+ 2021-2027 program aims at encouraging and supporting the mobility of students from higher education institutions with fewer opportunities through supplementary contributions. Students with fewer opportunities are defined as those with financial disadvantages supported by ISEE declaration or other forms of disadvantage. The supplementary contribution for students with fewer opportunities for a.y. 2026-27 was €250 per month. The two forms of disadvantages (financial and other) are not cumulative. Following the overall funding received and the 2026 National Provisions, IULM University will inform applicants of the supplementary contributions available and the criteria for their allocation.

## Definitions and Application Procedures

### A) Financial disadvantage

The supplementary contribution for students with fewer opportunities may be granted to assignees with a **financial disadvantage determined by ISEE 2026 declaration with a value of €23,000 or less**; the student must therefore belong to the **I or II contribution band**. To benefit from the supplementary contribution for economic disadvantage, the assignee must complete a specific form, which will be available in Blackboard from 15/09/2026 to 31/10/2026.

### B) Other forms of disadvantage

The supplementary contribution for students with fewer opportunities may be granted to assignees falling within one of the following categories, provided they belong to a contribution bracket not higher than the third (ISEE up to €33,000), subject to verification by the office of the documentation certifying the status declared by the student:

- Students with medical-certified physical, mental, or health conditions;
- Refugees students;
- Students with dependent children;
- Students orphaned by at least one parent;

To be eligible for the supplementary contribution for “other forms of disadvantage”, assignees must notify the Mobility Office of their disadvantaged condition between 15/09/2026 to 31/10/2026, by sending the relevant documentation via email, justifying the need for support for inclusion.

**Students awarded the supplementary contribution for Fewer Opportunities will receive 100% of the funding.**

#### **Fondo sostegno giovani – Source: MUR**

The Ministry of University and Research supports international student mobility (DM 29.12.14 NR 976) with additional funds that are allocated to all Italian universities. To be eligible for these grants, the assignees must fill out an online form (available in Blackboard in September 2026) by inserting their ISEE declaration protocol number by **31/10/2026**. The allocated amounts will be distributed according to the current ministerial dispositions. The ministerial tables are published in the Community.

#### **Borse integrative regionali (Regional Supplementary Grants) – Source: IULM Fees, Contributions, and Right to Study Office**

Students applying for the 2026-27 regional scholarship at the IULM Fees, Contributions, and Right to Study Office may apply concurrently for an additional regional “Supplementary Grant for International Mobility”, which will be managed by the same IULM Office. Therefore, interested students are invited to contact the appropriate office - email: [dirittoallostudio@iulm.it](mailto:dirittoallostudio@iulm.it)

### **9. PAYMENT OF THE GRANT**

The ERASMUS scholarship will be paid exclusively to the bank account associated with the Ateneo + Card; recipients are personally responsible for activating the bank account associated with the Card at the BPER Banca, in due time to ensure receipt of the instalments, in accordance with the timelines established by the programme and by the IULM administrative offices. Under no circumstances will transfers be made to bank accounts other than the one associated with the Card. The calculation of the total amount of the Erasmus contribution will be based on arrival and departure dates and days completed and certified, using the platform by the European Union.

### **10. DURATION AND FUNDING LIMITATIONS**

To be eligible for ERASMUS student status and EU grant, students:

- must not benefit in the same period from any other EU grant awarded for study or work abroad;
- must not exceed the total number of 12 monthly payments per single study cycle, by calculating the mobility previously carried out in the same study cycle.

### **11. STUDENTS WITH CERTIFIED PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS**

- A)** Students with certified physical, mental, or health conditions who are awarded an Erasmus+ 2026 grant must, at the same time as accepting their host destination, notify the Mobility Office by email ([erasmus@iulm.it](mailto:erasmus@iulm.it)) of their disability status.
- B)** Students with certified physical, mental and health problems who have been awarded an Erasmus+ 2026 grant and who, depending on their status, expect to incur additional costs in order to be able to carry out their mobility (such as physiotherapy care, transport or special assistance) will be able to participate in a dedicated call (to be published by July 2026) aimed at obtaining additional EU support to cover their budgeted and demonstrable expenses.

### **12. COMMUNICATIONS**

For the entire duration of the ERASMUS program, email communications between the office and the student should be made exclusively through the following email addresses:

For the Mobility Office: [erasmus@iulm.it](mailto:erasmus@iulm.it)

For the student: the IULM institutional address ([nome.cognome@studenti.iulm.it](mailto:nome.cognome@studenti.iulm.it))

**The use of personal e-mail addresses is not permitted.** All students are required to activate their [@studenti.iulm.it](mailto:@studenti.iulm.it) e-mail address before completing the online application and often check this e-mail box.

**The Mobility Office will not be responsible for any inconveniences or delays in communication if students do not regularly check their [@studenti.iulm.it](mailto:@studenti.iulm.it) e-mail box (including the spam folder) and the Blackboard**

### **13. DATA PROTECTION**

All personal data transmitted by applicants with their application for participation in the Erasmus program are governed by

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of Europe for the protection of individuals and Art. 6 lett. b) of EU Reg. 2016/679 in respect of the processing of personal data by Community institutions and bodies, and the free movement of such data. Personal data must be processed exclusively to implement the Agreement by the home institution, the National Agency, and the European Commission, not affecting the possibility of their transmission to bodies responsible for control and audit following EU legislation (Court of Auditors or European Anti-Fraud Office - OLAF). Upon written request, the Participant may access his or her data and make corrections to inaccurate or incomplete information. He/she is invited to submit any questions regarding the processing of his/her data to his/her home Institute and/or the Italian National ERASMUS Agency.

The Participant may complain to the European Data Protection Supervisor regarding how such data is used by the home university and/or the ERASMUS National Agency; he/she can also complain to the European Data Protection Supervisor regarding how such data is used by the European Commission.

Participation in the Call implies acceptance of the privacy policy; the text of the specific privacy policy for participation in international mobility calls is available on the IULM website at the following link: [link](#)

The Participant is also invited to read the European privacy policy regarding the processing of his/her data within the information systems for the management of Erasmus+ mobility at the following link:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/specific-privacy-statement\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/specific-privacy-statement_en)

#### **14. AMENDMENTS**

These regulations may be subject to changes due to specific instructions from the Italian National Agency or the European Union. The available destinations may also change because of unexpected problems at the partner universities or in the respective countries (substantial changes in the partners' educational offerings, force majeure, security issues, unforeseeable events). Any changes will be communicated and made known through the Blackboard platform or, in specific cases, to those concerned.

#### **15. RESERVATION CLAUSE**

The implementation and financing of the activities provided for in this call for applications are subject to the approval by the National ERASMUS Agency of the application for decentralized activities submitted by IULM University for the academic year 2026-2027, and to the amount of funding granted by the European Union and National Provisions 2026. Therefore, the publication of the present call is to be considered under condition until the signing of the relative financial agreement between the University and the National ERASMUS Agency.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO THE REGULATIONS

### 1. ENROLMENT IN IULM UNIVERSITY DURING THE MOBILITY

Students on Erasmus mobility **must begin and end their period of study abroad as regularly enrolled university students**; students who plan to graduate at the end of the mobility period must return at least one semester before the planned graduation session.

### 2. INFORMATION, LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, AND CHOICE OF DESTINATION

Before applying, each student must carry out independent research to collect information about the various destinations by browsing the web pages of the partner universities to make a reasoned choice regarding the most suitable locations for their language level and their aspirations. In Blackboard, **TUTOR REPORTS** for some of the universities are available, i.e., short reports concerning partner universities, written by former students to describe their experience. Candidates are invited to look at these documents and to contact former students for further information.

When choosing destinations, students must consider the restrictions listed in the specific tables, which are:

- planned year and semester of mobility
- any restrictions on the course choice
- compulsory level of language knowledge required by host universities (local and/or vehicular language)

IULM University cannot intervene in any way to change the admission requirements established by the host universities.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE, ENROLLMENT.

After the finalization of acceptances, the Mobility Office will support the assignees in completing the enrollment procedures at the host universities. Destination assignment does not imply automatic enrollment at the host university; in fact, the student must fill out the application procedures indicated by the host universities correctly and by the deadlines. The finalization of the "Learning Agreement" (study abroad plan) will take place only a few weeks before departure (from May onward); before departure and according to the allocation of funds from the National Agency, the University will issue the Institution-Student Agreement that regulates the financial aspects of the mobility.

### 4. UNIVERSITY FEES

During the mobility period abroad, assignees will acquire the ERASMUS status and will be considered as properly enrolled at the host university. No fees or contributions of any kind will be charged by the host university unless small amounts are required for compulsory membership in student associations or supplementary insurance coverage or administrative expenses. However, students will have to regularly carry out the procedures and meet the deadlines and fulfillments required by IULM University: for example, pay the tuition fees for A.Y. 2026-2027, fill out the Individual Study Plan by entering the elective educational activities, etc.

### 5. ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES DURING THE MOBILITY PERIOD FOR STUDY PURPOSES

Allowable activities during the mobility period are:

- Attending courses and taking corresponding exams, either in face-to-face or blended mode (mixed: on-site from abroad + online from Italy),
- Preparation of the degree dissertation.

The Study Abroad Plan is agreed upon exclusively with the assignees a few weeks before departure and formalized through the Learning Agreement (Erasmus study contract). At the end of the mobility, IULM University guarantees full recognition of the activities agreed in the Learning Agreement and certified upon return by host universities. The Home university can decide not to issue credits or recognize the activities carried out by students only if they do not achieve the minimum profit level required by Host universities or do not meet the agreed conditions.

**Erasmus grant payment depends on the recognition of at least one IULM exam (6 CFUs) for each semester of mobility; any exceptions will be accepted only based on proven reasons.**

If students leave late or return early for international health or personal reasons – if they can be proven – they can continue to attend courses online at the partner university if possible and take the corresponding exams from Italy. In this case, they will remain Erasmus students and be entitled to full recognition of the activities carried out successfully. The total financial contribution will be recalculated for only the period of actual time spent abroad at the host university.

### 6. INSURANCE COVER

Basic health insurance coverage is supplied by the Italian National Health Service also during a stay in another European Union country through the European Health Insurance Card EHIC (conditions and benefits at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=it> ). However, European Health Insurance Card coverage may be insufficient, especially in the event of repatriation and/or medical surgery. Assignee students are therefore invited to take out supplementary private health insurance. The student benefits from civil liability and accident insurance coverage during the stay abroad, limited to the period of academic activities and in compliance with the legal and administrative provisions of the home and host countries. The University has signed Civil Liability insurance with QBE EUROPE SA/NV Company: policy no. 074 0000026 and Accident Insurance with GENERALI Italia Company (formerly INA Assitalia) - policy no. 360029587 – Master Policy 350036808. If additional forms of insurance are needed due to the requirements of the host university, national legislation, or personal needs, students are required to make their arrangements. Participants are directly responsible for taking out any additional insurance coverage.

Students are invited to consult the **University Guidelines for Mobility** published on the IULM website > International > Study abroad > Erasmus program.