

ERASMUS+ Additional Funding

Top-up amount for students with fewer opportunities (Top-Up)

In order to give more students equal access to the ERASMUS+ programme, participants with fewer opportunities can apply for additional monthly financial support of EUR 250. The individual target groups are defined below and the criteria for receiving the additional funding are explained.

Employed students

The income for living expenses is lost due to the stay abroad, as gainful employment cannot be continued in the country of posting.

Criteria:

- Employment period of at least 6 consecutive months before the application deadline and before the start of the stay abroad
- During the minimum period of employment prior to the application, monthly earnings must be above EUR 450 and below EUR 850 (total net earnings from all activities per month)
- The activity in the sending country is not continued during the stay abroad. This also includes mobile working, online working or paid holidays
- The employment relationship in the sending country does not have to be terminated specifically for the stay abroad in order to receive the top-up. The employment contract can also be paused
- Activities carried out on a self-employed basis and dual/part-time study programmes with a fixed salary are excluded from funding

Evidence:

- Fully completed and signed declaration of honour for additional funding
- Proof of income (e.g. employment contract, employer's certificate with monthly earnings)

First-time academics (students from a non-academic family)

Students whose parents or guardians do not have a degree from a university or university of applied sciences.

Criteria:

- A degree from a university-like vocational academy is considered an academic degree
- A master craftsman's certificate is not equivalent to an academic degree
- Degree courses completed abroad are regarded as academic qualifications, even if they are not recognised in Germany. In this case, there is no entitlement to the top-up amount

Evidence:

- Fully completed and signed declaration of honour for additional funding
- Additional declaration of honour from the person with custody of no university degree obtained

Students with child(ren) ¹

Students who wish to study abroad with child(ren).

Criteria:

- At least one child (up to the age of 18) will be taken along during the entire stay
- The top-up amount is only granted once per student, regardless of the number of children travelling with them
- The application is also possible if the partner is travelling with the student; double funding of the child is excluded
- If both parents are subsidised when taking at least two children with them, both parents can receive the subsidy for taking one child with them

Evidence:

- Fully completed and signed declaration of honour for additional funding
- Birth certificate, travel documents of the child (round-trip ticket), proof of the child's attendance at kindergarten or school abroad

Students with chronic illness ¹

Criteria:

- Students with a chronic illness (chronic physical or mental illness) that leads to additional financial requirements for the stay abroad

Evidence:

- Fully completed and signed declaration of honour for additional funding
- Medical certificate confirming that there is an additional financial need due to the existing chronic illness (type of illness and amount/scope of the additional need do not have to be mentioned)

Students with a disability ¹

Criteria:

- Students with a degree of disability (GdB) of 20 or more
- or students with a proven disability due to which there is an additional financial need

Evidence:

- Fully completed and signed declaration of honour for additional funding
- Disability certificate
- Individual agreement/coordination on the type of evidence

¹ Application for real costs

If the stay abroad results in particularly high additional costs, students can submit an application for real costs, which will cover up to EUR 15,000 per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person or additional travel costs. A grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. The real costs application requires a preparation period of at least 2 months and students are requested to seek advice at an early stage. If an application for real costs is approved, the additional costs must be documented with original receipts.

Top-up amount for Green Travel

If lower-emission means of transport such as train, bus or carpooling are used for the majority of the journey (more than 50% of the outward and return journey), participants can apply for additional financial support for 'Green Travel'. If this results in additional time for the entire journey, students can receive an additional grant for up to 6 days of travelling.

Travel Distance	Standard Trip	Green Travel
10 – 99 km	23 – 28 EUR	up to 56 EUR
100 – 499 km	180 – 211 EUR	210 - 285 EUR
500 – 1999 km	275 – 309 EUR	320 – 417 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	360 – 395 EUR	410 – 535 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	530 – 580 EUR	610 - 785 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	820 – 1.188 EUR	820 – 1.188 EUR
> 8000 km	1,500 – 1,735 EUR	1,500 – 1,735 EUR

Evidence:

- Copy of travel tickets for outward and return journey (e.g. ticket, boarding pass, booking confirmation)

Combinability of the additional subsidy:

The top-up amounts for students with fewer opportunities and Green Travel can be combined. However, the additional monthly subsidy of EUR 250 (top-up) can only be granted once, even if several criteria apply. The top-up subsidy and real costs can be combined if

- 1) there are different criteria for receiving the top-up amount and real costs (e.g. top-up for employed students and additional real costs for students with a disability)
- 2) if only one feature is present, it can be ruled out that the same costs are covered by the top-up or real costs application