



IRMO EXCHANGE INFO SESSION 2024

Faculty of Law & Criminology



General Introduction



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10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

- ❖ Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
- ❖ Study & learn differently
- ❖ Brush up on your language skills
- ❖ Boost your employment opportunities
- ❖ Gain a global mindset

10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

- ❖ Enhance your intercultural competences
- ❖ Learn about yourself & your culture
- ❖ Boost your self-confidence & independence
- ❖ Be adventurous & explore the world
- ❖ Friends for life from all over the world

VUB EXCHANGE CONTACTS

International Relations Office (IRMO)

- Practical info & support
- Grants

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Exchange Coordinators Faculty

- Application & Selection
- Learning Agreement (Studies & Traineeships)
- Grade conversion
- Credit recognition

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Exchange programme



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BULDING BLOCKS OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Studies or Traineeship

- ▼ Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeship after graduation)
- ▼ English or local language? Make sure to check

Studies: course package at VUB is substituted by course package at partner institution

- You take courses and exams abroad
- Obtained credits abroad are recognised at VUB
- Grade conversion by Faculty (not always a 1:1 conversion)
- Destination depending on existing agreements

Traineeship: as part of your VUB programme that contains an internship (ECTS)

- host organisation selected by student and approved by exchange coordinator

DID YOU KNOW...?

- ▼ Grant – Included? Amount?
- ▼ Nationality is not a criteria, but you should be enrolled fulltime at VUB
- ▼ Tuition Fee Waiver
- ▼ Min – Max Duration
- ▼ Study Level
- ▼ European or non-European destination



EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

Erasmus+
EBelgica



ERASMUS+ KA1



- ▾ Studies & Traineeships (During & After studies)
- ▾ More info per programme & exchange coordinator

Studies:

- ▾ min. 3 months (or time equal to 1 sem.) – max. 12 months

Traineeship:

- ▾ min. 2 months – max. 12 months



ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



Studies: €369 - €419/month

- ▼ + €250/month top up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- ▼ + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

Traineeships: €519 - €569/month

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- ▼ + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

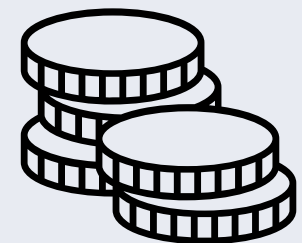
Tabel Travel Costs		
Distance band	Amount per participant	"Green Travel"
Between 10 – 99 km	€28.00	€56.00
Between 100 – 499 km	€211.00	€ 285.00
Between 500 – 1999 km	€309.00	€417.00
Between 2000 – 2999 km	€395.00	€535.00
Between 3000 – 3999 km	€580.00	€785.00
Between 4000 – 7999 km	€1,188.00	€1,188.00
8000 km and more	€1,735.00	€1,735.00

ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



- ▼ Limited funding available: ranking by faculty based on faculty criteria
- ▼ If you receive an Erasmus+ grant → Max. funding of 6 months
 - With exception of students belonging to the fewer opportunities category

Exc. Traineeship after graduation
(apply externally, first-come-first served)



ERASMUS+ KA1 – GRANT TOP-UPS

GREEN TRAVEL

- ▼ If you travel in environmentally friendly way (e.g. train, bus, car pooling)
- ▼ Check greenerasmus.org for tips to make your mobility more sustainable



PARTICIPANTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

= Students with

- ▼ Flemish study allowance (Vlaamse Studietoelage)
- ▼ Almost Flemish study allowance (Bijna-Beursstudenten)
- ▼ Disability recognised by VAPH (=Vlaams Agentschap Voor Personen met een Handicap)
- ▼ Working student : very specific conditions, different definition from VUB working student

INCLUSION SUPPORT

- ▼ Extra inclusion support for students with disabilities
- ▼ VUB can support pre visits to the student mobility destination - upon request (case-by-case)

ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP AFTER GRADUATION

- ▼ Traineeship After studies
- ▼ To apply before graduation
- ▼ Within 1 year after graduation
- ▼ “First Come, First served” principle for grant
- ▼ Traineeship in line with VUB diploma
- ▼ Nomination faculty needed



WHAT ELSE?

SWISS EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAMME (SEMP)

- ▼ Study exchange in Switzerland
- ▼ Specific agreement needed for your programme
- ▼ Grants paid by Swiss host uni
- ▼ +/- 400 CHF/month



EBelgica

- ▼ Study exchange in French-speaking Belgium (e.g. ULB)
- ▼ Min. 8 weeks of scholarship (=between €400 - €1000 depending on situation)
- ▼ Faculty ranking if needed



Scholarship amounts may vary



GET INSPIRED!

ERASMUS+ GENERATION PORTAL

- ▼ Browse inspiring testimonials
- ▼ Grant simulator
- ▼ Info about life in host countries
- ▼ <https://erasmusgeneration.org/>

Inclusive Mobility portal

- ▼ Testimonials of E+ students with disabilities
- ▼ Info about host institutions
- ▼ <https://inclusivemobility.eu/institutions>



NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

Generic Scholarship
Priority Country Programme
Asem WPP

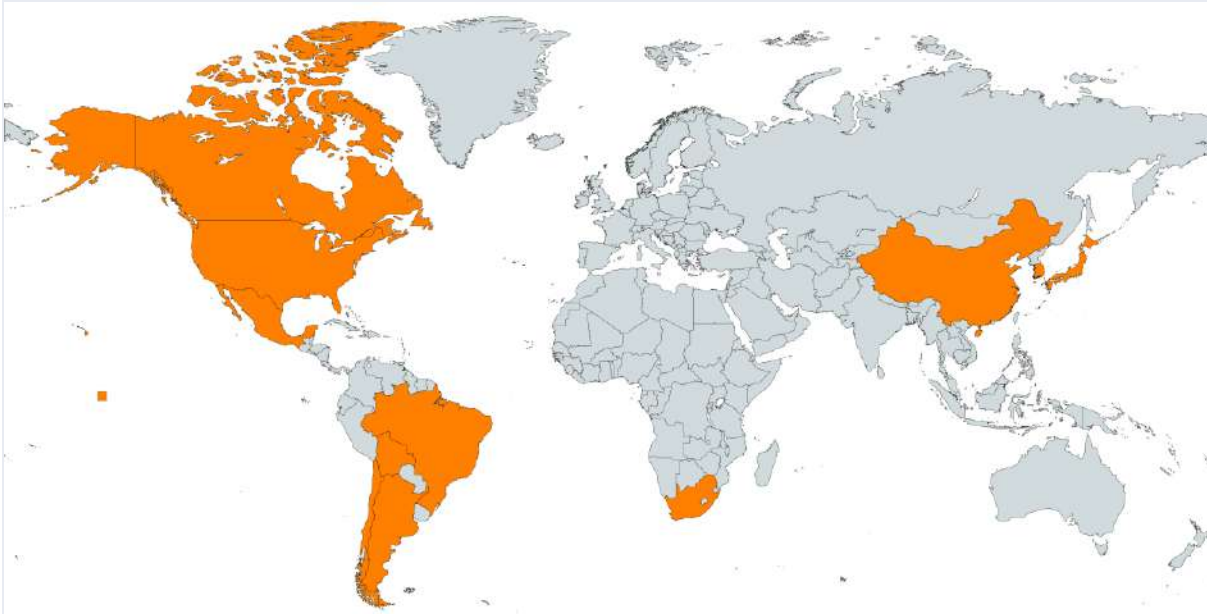


HOW DOES IT WORK?

European exchange	Non-European exchange
Studies: Agreement per programme	Studies: General VUB agreement (more effort)
Traineeship: host organisation to be approved by Exchange Coordinator	
Tuition fee waiver	
Possibility to apply for a grant	
Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)	

NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR STUDY EXCHANGE

- ▼ General VUB exchange agreement
- ▼ [General offer](#) in Africa, Asia, North America and South America



GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER: interesting destinations for programmes within RC

▼ Law

▼ Japan

▼ Kobe University

▼ Mexico

▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico

▼ Universidad Iberoamericano

▼ Morocco

▼ Université Internationale de Rabat

▼ South Africa

▼ University of the Western Cape (Belville)

▼ South Korea

▼ Seoul National University

▼ Korea University

▼ Criminology

▼ Canada

▼ BCI

▼ Windsor University

▼ Mexico







▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)

▼ Universidad Guadalajara

NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR TRAINEESHIP EXCHANGE

- ▼ Host organisation (traineeship non-EU): university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
 - ▼ Find a host organisation yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
 - ▼ Anywhere except the European destinations
 - ▼ Approval Exchange coordinator needed



Non-European grants	Generic Scholarship	Priority Country Programme	Asem WPP	<u>VLIR-UOS travel trants</u>
 What?	Studies & Traineeship	Studies & Traineeship	Traineeship	Work placement/traineeship or thesis
 Where?	All countries that are not eligible for Erasmus+	8 countries (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, USA)	Specific countries in Asia	24 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America
 Duration?	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month - Max. 6 months	Min. 1 month
 Application	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	2 calls during the academic year (will be communicated by faculty) Specific eligibility conditions	Application at VUB (invitation local supervisor & recommendation VUB supervisor), preparatory programme,
 Grant Amount	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students Max. €2800 (4 months grant)	€700/month + travel grant Max. 2 months grant	min. €1500, max. €1750
 Selection	VUB selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades • 25% of selected candidates receive Flemish study allowance 	External selection	Externally, by raffle	Selection by programme coordinators and by the selection committee of the Advisory Council for Development Cooperation



ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID



EXCHANGE GRANT (BUITENLANDTOELAGE)

- ▼ Managed by the study finance department
- ▼ Several conditions
 - ▼ Only for exchanges in which you complete part of your study curriculum
 - ▼ Calculated on the basis of the number of months abroad
 - ▼ Family indexed cadastral income may not exceed € 1.250
 - ▼ Not combinable with rent allowance
 - ▼ Nationality or residency requirements
 - ▼ Grant amount variable – Up to € 270/month
- ▼ Apply before departure
- ▼ More information on [Exchange grant | Vrije Universiteit Brussel \(vub.be\)](https://www.vub.be/en/exchange-grant)



EUTOPIA OPPORTUNITIES



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INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

- ▼ [Student Think Tank](#)
- ▼ [Student Career Ambassadors](#)
- ▼ [BeEUTOPIAn Conference](#)
- ▼ [TeamWork](#)
- ▼ [Certificate of Internationalisation](#)
- ▼ [Summer Schools](#)





APPLICATION PROCEDURE



HOW TO APPLY?



1. Attend Faculty Exchange info session



2. Apply at your faculty

- European destinations: 15 feb
- Non-European destinations: 1 Dec



3. Research and compose study plan

- Individual match for courses
- You will need the approval from your exchange coordinator



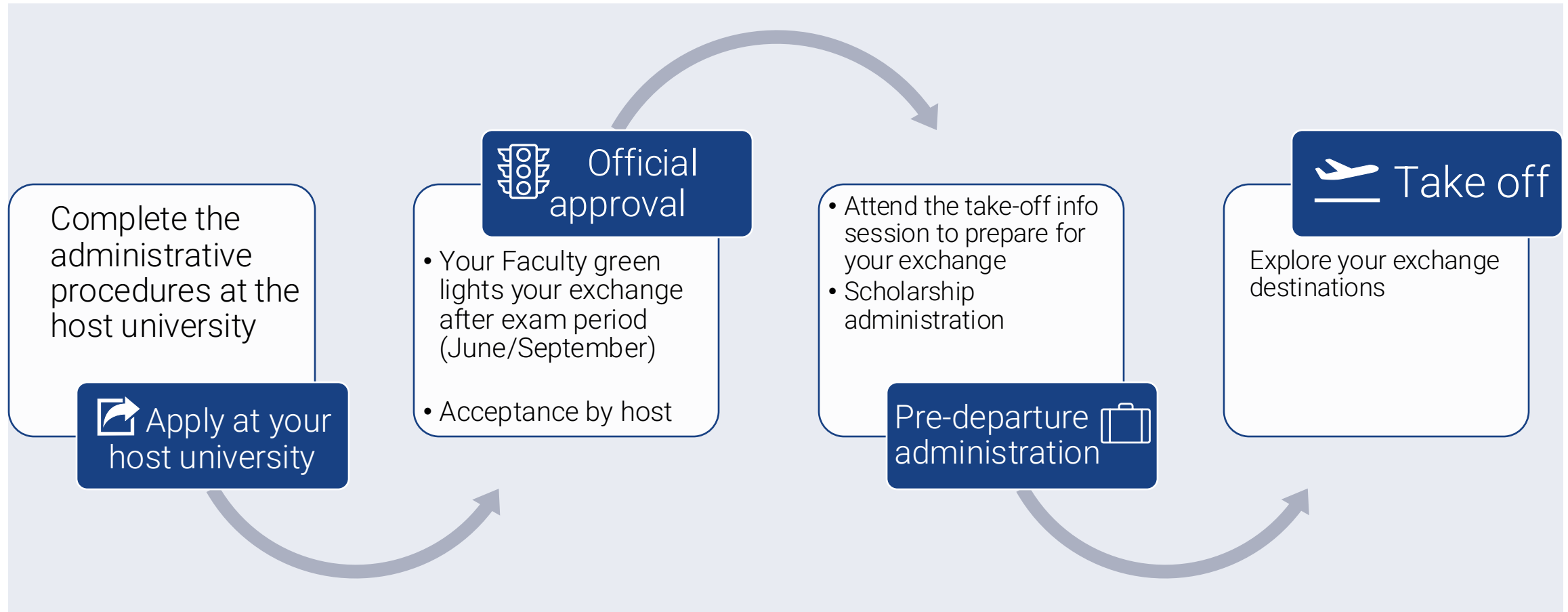
4. Grant application

- Once nominated by your faculty towards IRMO, IRMO will inform you via email on specific deadlines

APPLY FOLLOWING VUB'S EXCHANGE PROCEDURE



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PRACTICALITIES



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- ▼ Choice of host institution
- ▼ Required language knowledge
- ▼ Selection Procedure
- ▼ Registration & tuition fee
- ▼ Courses, exams & resit exams
- ▼ Recognition & credit transfer

PRACTICALITIES

- ▼ Insurance
- ▼ Childcare benefits (“Kindergeld”)
- ▼ Housing
- ▼ Finances
 - ▼ VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Team Studentenstatuut & Studiefinanciering)
<https://www.vub.be/en/studying-vub/practical-info-for-students/how-much-does-studying-cost/financial-support>

HEAR STORIES OF ADVENTURE
GET INSPIRED TO GO ABROAD YOURSELF

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UPCOMING EVENT

▼ Go Abroad Café

- Go Abroad Café: November 19th @ LOUNGE
- Students sharing stories about their exchange
- Get into contact with other students who did an exchange recently

