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PROGRAMMA ERASMUS+

CONVENZIONE N. 586247-EPP-1-2017-1-IT-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

CALL FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF 4 ERASMUS+ SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS PROGRAMMES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TAURUS CBHE PROJECT

**Training Capacities in Agriculture and Urban-RUral interaction
for sustainable development of megacities**

1. WHAT IS AN ERASMUS+ CBHE PROJECT

The Erasmus+ Programme, approved by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union in December 2013, gathers different European Union (EU) programmes in the field of education, training, youth and sport. In this frame, the **Capacity-Building** projects in the field of **Higher Education (CBHE)** support the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education. The CBHE projects aim to encourage cooperation between the EU and Partner Countries improving the quality of higher education, developing new and innovative education programmes, modernising higher education systems through reform policies as well as fostering cooperation across different regions of the world, through joint initiatives.

2. STUDENT INTERNSHIPS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TAURUS CBHE ERASMUS+ PROJECT

According to the objectives of the **TAURUS** CBHE project (*Training capacities in Agriculture and Urban-RUral interactions for Sustainable development of megacities – 586247-EPP-1-2017-1-IT-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP*), internships provide the chance to enter into contact with targeted work environment, allowing post graduate students to adapt to the national and international labour market, improving their competences in the sphere of urban-rural interactions and sustainable urban development.

Before and during the internship mobility, Master’s level students will be trained on the specific topics / methodologies related to the internship programme by “short intensive courses”, organised by the hosting Universities, and online courses provided by the TAURUS University consortium.

Hosting organisations are enterprises, research and training centres, or NGOs selected by the partner Universities. During the internship period abroad, students are obliged to adhere to the regulations of the host organisation.

Selected students will receive a financial support from their University, thanks to the EU Taurus Project, as specified at art 7 and with the limitations reported at art 3. The internship activities must be agreed by all parties and identified in the Learning Agreement. If applicable, the activities undertaken and successfully completed during the internship will be recognised as ECTS by the Sending University.

3. INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Available Internship positions and scholarships are reported in the following table (internship programmes are available at the following link <https://www.taurus-erasmus.eu/internships/>).

Number of positions	City of Destination	Number of days (per participant)	Total amount of the scholarship (EUR) ¹
1	Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia / Russian Timiryazev State Agrarian University Mosca - <i>Federazione Russa</i>	15	1'170.00
1	Voronezh State University Voronezh - <i>Federazione Russa</i>	15	1'170.00

¹ For the whole duration of the mobility, including travel and costs of stay as specified at point 7 of this call.

1	Nanjing Forestry University Nanjing - Repubblica Popolare Cinese	15	1'910.00
1	Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University Fuzhou - Repubblica Popolare Cinese	15	1'910.00

4. DURATION AND CONDITIONS

The financial support will cover the mobility for a maximum 15 days, as reported in the table at art. 3. The Internship programme must be completed by 31.12.2019.

Candidates can indicate in order of preference among five different hosting universities.

Students who are recipients of an ERASMUS+ grant cannot benefit at the same time of any other grants funded by the European Union.

5. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the conditions above specified only students in possession of the following requirements can apply:

- the candidate must be regularly enrolled in a Master's degree programme LM73 or LM69 of this University for the academic year 2018/19.

Candidates who graduate after having been selected can carry out their internship within 6 months from graduation, and in any case within 30th December 2019. The enrolment condition must be fulfilled for the whole internship period (with the only exception of candidates who undertake their internship period after graduation).

- Candidates must be proficient in English at B2 level.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

Candidates must fill in and submit their application form at the following link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerFvAPrAsq80UInJO2rJWMIUz8_R6NufapxFTnkjHsZU51mQ/viewform?usp=sf_link within.

The application form must be completed with the following documents to be attached in pdf:

- CV European format duly signed (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>) - please insert here your international experience and any other possible qualification coherent with the proposed internship;
- Complete list the exams undertaken and their scores in the current career (download available on Gomp);
- any certificate obtained in the last three years proving the language level;
- personal motivation letter;
- personal ranking of the five different internship programmes available on the Taurus project website;
- copy of an Identification document;

The deadline to submit the application form is June 30th at 11 p.m.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Public selection of the candidates will be carried out by an evaluation Committee set up for the purpose and it will foresee a selection interview.

Selection criteria are set as follows:

Academic career (score 1-10):

the cumulative score obtained summing the multiplication products of credits and score obtained during the MSc career, updated at the date of the call deadline, will be converted in the final score using as divisor the product of the multiplication between the max number of credits of the study plan according to the year of enrolment (excluding credits for the thesis and the internships) and the maximum score for the evaluation.

The final score obtained will be multiplied for the weight reported in the following table.

International experience:

2 points for each month of study or training spent in another country in the frame of an International agreement for learning at University level.

The final score obtained will be multiplied for the weight reported in the following table.

Language competences:

Applicants must be proficient in English at level B2 of the CEFR (*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*). A score will be assigned according to the certified level (B2=5, C1=8, C2=10)

Personal motivation:

The evaluation committee will score from 1 to 10 the motivation provided by the candidate, using as general criteria: clearness of the text, coherence of the objectives with the educational path, valorisation of the experience in a professional perspective.

The final scores obtained for each criterion, will be multiplied for the weight reported in the table.

Criteria	Weight (%)	Min. score required	Score (1-10)
Academic career	60	5	
International experiences	15	5	
Personal motivation	15	5	
Language competences	10	5	

The final ranking will be based on the sum of the final scores obtained for the three criteria.

Note: According to the ranking position and the interests of the student (programmes ranking), the sending University will transmit the list of candidates and their CV to the relevant hosting Universities. The hosting Universities, with the support of the hosting Organisation, will inform the candidates and the sending Universities about the acceptance (not later than 2 weeks). The hosting University/organisation

could contact the candidate for an on-line interview to evaluate, if is the case, different programme options.

Final results of selection will be published on the project's website.

8. SCOLARSHIPS

Beneficiary students will receive financial support for travel costs and costs of stay funded by the TAURUS project; the project contributions are intended to assist with the costs of the mobility, such as travel expenses and costs of living in the host country and are not intended to cover the entire cost of the internship abroad. These costs contribute to the subsistence, accommodation, local and public transport such as bus and taxi, personal or optional health insurance, VISA fees. The payment arrangements will be defined in the grant agreement.

The individual support from Erasmus+ EU funds for the mobility period is of EUR 55,00 per day up to the 14th day of activity and EUR 40,00 per day for additional days.

The amount for travel costs is based on the distance calculated using the distance calculator tool supported by the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm); it refers to the distance of a one-way travel between the sending University and the hosting Institution/University.

9. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A pre-financing payment representing 100% of the due amount will be made no later than the start date of the mobility period, upon receipt of the following documents:

- - passport copy;
- - visa and health insurance;
- - bank account details;
- - a complete signed copy of the Grant Agreement and Learning Agreement.

It is mandatory to send the above documents as soon as possible and at least 1 month before the departure to receive the payment in time.

10. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679, the University will treat information provided by candidates as confidential: all data provided will be processed exclusively for the purposes of the competition and to establish and manage the relationship with the host University/organisation.

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Signed

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