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Call for applications for the assignment of no. 4 short-term mobility grants for participation in the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) entitled “EuroLeague of Life Science Summer School - Fruit Crop Adaptation to Climate Change (FRUIT ADAPT)”

Agreement no. 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000196723

**Deadline for online application submission:
12:00 on 6 March 2026**

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PREAMBLE - THE ERASMUS PROGRAMME 2021-2027

The Erasmus+ Programme contributes to the development of the European Education Area, to the development of transnational and transdisciplinary study programmes, and to innovative learning and teaching methods. It promotes employability, social inclusion, innovation and environmental sustainability in Europe and beyond, offering all students the opportunity to study or train abroad.

Through Erasmus+ mobility, students and recent graduates can, on the one hand, improve their learning performance, strengthen their employability and enhance their career prospects, and, on the other hand, increase empowerment, self-confidence and more active participation in society, as well as improve awareness of the European project and EU values.

Art. 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION - BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIP)

Developed by groups of higher education institutions with an innovative pedagogical approach, BIPs provide short periods of physical mobility combined with online learning and cooperation activities, in which joint groups of students, teaching staff and administrative staff from different countries can participate to collaborate on specific tasks collectively and simultaneously.

In a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP), the virtual component is mandatory, and the use of digital technologies allows the institutions involved both to improve their capacity to implement innovative teaching and learning methods and to reach a larger number of learners, also involving students from disciplinary areas with limited mobility opportunities.

A Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) may originate from an existing programme that is renewed in its delivery methods or may be entirely new, focusing on specific topics not taught elsewhere. The innovative format of blended intensive programmes is designed for the development of transnational and transdisciplinary curricula, innovative teaching and learning methods, including online collaboration, as well as to stimulate research-based learning through a “challenge-based” approach strongly connected to the current context.

Blended Intensive Programmes must award at least 3 ECTS credits to students.

Art. 2 - COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

It is possible to carry out a BIP mobility period at a partner university located in the following countries participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:

- Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Hungary;
- Countries of the European Economic Area: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway;

- Candidate countries for accession: Turkey, North Macedonia.

Art. 2.1 - Mobility to the Country of Origin

Students with citizenship of one of the countries participating in ERASMUS+ and enrolled at the University of Tuscia are eligible for mobility to a university in their country of origin, provided that they are not already resident in that country; in any case, during the selection process, they will not be given priority. They must also obtain, before confirming acceptance of the exchange place, the authorization from the host university.

Art. 3 - COMPARATIVE EVALUATION PROCEDURE

A comparative evaluation procedure is announced for the awarding of no. 4 short-term mobility grants for students regularly enrolled in master's degree programmes or doctoral schools of the University, financed by the Erasmus+ Programme, Agreement no. 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000196723, for participation in the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) entitled "EuroLeague of Life Science Summer School - Fruit crop adaptation to climate change (FRUIT ADAPT)" (BIP ID: 2024-1-FR01-KA131-HED-000212655-2).

The BIP is coordinated by Institut Agro Montpellier (France), with a physical mobility period scheduled from 22 to 26 June 2026; the deadline to confirm participation is 1 April 2026.

Art. 4 - IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

The selected candidates will be required to participate both in the in-person training at Institut Agro Montpellier (France) and online on the following dates:

- **In person:** 22-26 June 2026 at Institut Agro Montpellier (France)
- **Online:** mid-May 2026 / mid-June 2026

Such participation will entitle students to the acquisition of CFU/ECTS credits recognizable in study plans according to the regulations of each degree programme.

Art. 5 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students may participate who are:

- regularly enrolled in bachelor's degree programmes, master's degree programmes or doctoral schools of the University consistent with the themes of the summer school;
- in possession of a self-certification/certification of English language proficiency at B2 level or higher.

Art. 5.1 - Incompatibilities

Students applying for this Erasmus+ Call:

- may obtain an Erasmus grant for each study cycle (bachelor's, master's and doctorate) for a total period not exceeding 12 months per cycle; in the case of single-cycle degrees the maximum number of months is 24;

- may not be recipients of other funding for stays abroad financed by European Union funds (including grants to attend Joint Master Degree programmes - former Erasmus Mundus Action 1) that overlap, even partially, with the Erasmus+ traineeship period (to be declared at the time of acceptance of the grant);
- any incoming international students benefiting from Erasmus Mundus Action 2 grants enrolled in bachelor's or master's degree programmes may not simultaneously receive the Erasmus Mundus Action 3 grant and the Erasmus contribution. For EMA2 projects that allow it, students may suspend the relevant grant if they are selected as winners of the Erasmus contribution, after having previously and mandatorily informed and obtained approval from the project coordinator.

Art. 6 - SELECTION CRITERIA

The ranking list will be drawn up on the basis of the following criteria:

Students enrolled in Bachelor's Degree Programmes

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic career - max 30 points

a) **Credits acquired** (as of the call closing date) - max 18 points

Score = (Credits acquired / Credits required for the year of enrolment) × 18

b) **Weighted grade average** (out of thirty) - max 12 points

Score = (average / 30) × 12

2. Consistency and quality of the mobility project - max 15 points

Evaluation by the Selection Committee based on the candidate's proposal:

- consistency with the study plan and the courses planned abroad
- contribution to academic and/or professional training
- clarity of educational objectives
- feasibility of the study programme

3. Previous mobility experiences - max 5 points

- No international mobility experience: 5 points
- One short mobility experience (< 3 months): 3 points
- One or more long mobility experiences (≥ 3 months): 1 point
- Recipients of other mobility grants for the same period: 0 points

Students enrolled in Master's Degree Programmes

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic career - max 25 points

a) **Credits acquired** (as of the call closing date) - max 15 points

Score = (Credits acquired / Credits required) × 15

b) **Weighted grade average** (out of thirty) - max 10 points

Score = (average / 30) × 10

2. Consistency and quality of the mobility project - max 15 points

Evaluation by the Selection Committee based on the candidate's proposal:

- consistency with the study pathway
- usefulness for thesis, internship or specialization
- quality and feasibility of the programme

3. Previous mobility experiences - max 10 points

- No mobility experience during the current study cycle: **10 points**
- One short mobility experience (< 3 months): **6 points**
- One or more long mobility experiences (\geq 3 months): **3 points**
- Recipients of other mobility grants for the same period: **0 points**

Students enrolled in Doctoral Schools

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic curriculum - max 30 points

a) **Master's Degree final grade** - max 20 points

Final Grade Points

110 with honours 20

110 19

108-109 18

105-107 17

<105 16

b) **Relevance of the master's thesis** - max 10 points

Evaluation by the Committee based on:

- relevance to the doctoral programme
- methodological level

- any publications/outcomes
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2. Doctoral research activity - max 10 points

Evaluation based on:

- consistency between mobility and research project
- state of progress of the research
- publications, posters, participation in conferences
- active international collaborations
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3. Previous mobility experiences - max 10 points

- No mobility experience during the current study cycle: **10 points**
- One short mobility experience (< 3 months): **6 points**
- One or more long mobility experiences (\geq 3 months): **3 points**
- Recipients of other mobility grants for the same period: **0 points**

PRIORITY CRITERIA IN CASE OF A TIE

In case of equal total score, priority will be determined by:

1. higher score in the criterion "Mobility / Research Project"
2. higher score in academic career
3. lower number of previous mobility experiences
4. younger age

Art. 7 - APPLICATION

The application (Annex A), drawn up on plain paper and signed in original by the candidate, must be sent by email to the following address: protocollo@pec.unitus.it no later than **6 March 2026**, under penalty of exclusion from the comparative procedure, specifying in the subject line: **Application for participation BIP 2026 - Institut Agro Montpellier (France)**.

In addition, it is necessary to complete the Google Form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/BYZFfmKqqEqNouwW6> (for bachelor's and master's students) and at this link <https://forms.gle/xr4oGdW1QXKF2pfz5> (for doctoral students), uploading the following documents:

- Copy of a valid identity document;
- Copy of tax code;
- Curriculum vitae in European format;
- For students enrolled in bachelor's or master's degree programmes - transcript of passed exams (downloadable from the UNITUS student portal - CERTIFICATES AND FORMS); in the case of a university other than UNITUS, attach a transcript issued by the registry office of the university of origin;

- For students enrolled in doctoral schools - master's degree certificate, abstract of the master's thesis, abstract of the doctoral research project;
- Self-certification or certification attesting knowledge of the foreign language at B2 level, as per Art. 5;
- Residence permit valid for the entire mobility period (ONLY for international students).

The absence of the above documents, as well as the lack of truthfulness of self-certified or declared information, will constitute grounds for exclusion.

The absence of one of the required documents will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the continuation of the selection. Candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of the prescribed requirements. The University of Tuscia may order, at any time, with a reasoned decision, exclusion from the selection due to lack of admission requirements prescribed by this call.

Art. 8 - SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee, composed of no. 3 members, shall draw up the merit ranking list according to the descending order of the scores awarded to the candidates. The ranking list will be published on the following webpage: <https://www.unitus.it/internazionale/studiare-all-estero/erasmus/>

Art. 9 - EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTION GRANTED TO STUDENTS IN BIP MOBILITY

European funding for students participating in Erasmus+ study mobility for participation in a BIP is to be considered as a contribution to the additional expenses related to the stay abroad.

Students participating in a Blended Intensive Programme benefit from an **Individual Support Contribution (Erasmus+ grant)** for **five (5) days of in-person activities** at the partner university.

Students are granted **two (2) additional days** as a **Travel Contribution**.

Art. 9.1 - Individual Support Contribution

The Individual Support Contribution (Erasmus+ grant) for short-term mobility ("Short term") is calculated as shown in the following table:

Duration of physical mobility	Daily contribution for short-term mobility (EU and non-EU countries)
Up to the 14th day	€ 79
From the 15th to the 30th day of activity	€ 56

Candidates with fewer opportunities in short-term physical mobility receive a **one-off additional contribution for fewer opportunities**, in addition to the Erasmus+ individual contribution, as indicated in the following table:

Destination countries	Monthly integration for fewer opportunities (short-term mobility)
GROUP 1	€ 100 for short-term mobility for a period between 5 and 14 days
	€ 150 for short-term mobility for a period between 15 and 30 days
GROUP 2	€ 100 for short-term mobility for a period between 5 and 14 days
	€ 150 for short-term mobility for a period between 15 and 30 days
GROUP 3	€ 100 for short-term mobility for a period between 5 and 14 days
	€ 150 for short-term mobility for a period between 15 and 30 days

Students with fewer opportunities are defined as participants in one or more of the following conditions:

- with disadvantaged socio-economic conditions;
- with needs related to physical, mental or health conditions.

Students and recent graduates with disadvantaged socio-economic conditions are identified by **Director's Decree no. 180 of 28 February 2025**, which identifies for the academic year 2025/2026 students and recent graduates with disadvantaged socio-economic conditions and links economic disadvantage to an **Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator (ISEE)** equal to or lower than **€ 27,948.60**.

For the identification of students entitled to the additional individual contribution, the **ISEE and/or ISEEUP** submitted at the time of enrolment/registration for the academic year 2025/2026 will be considered.

The data must be available on the **GOMP portal** before the deadline of this Call. Otherwise, the additional contribution cannot be awarded.

For candidates with needs related to physical, mental or health conditions, a **special funding** allocated by the European Union based on **actual costs effectively incurred** is also available.

For further information, please contact the Office for Mobility and International Cooperation: **erasmus@unitus.it**

Art. 9.2 - Travel Contribution and GREEN Travel

The maximum travel contribution, as provided for by the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, will be calculated on the basis of unit cost scales by distance bands, as shown in the following table:

Distance bands	Green Travel - Amount	Non-Green Travel - Amount
Between 10 and 99 km	€ 56 per participant	€ 28 per participant
Between 100 and 499 km	€ 285 per participant	€ 211 per participant
Between 500 and 1999 km	€ 417 per participant	€ 309 per participant
Between 2000 and 2999 km	€ 535 per participant	€ 395 per participant
Between 3000 and 3999 km	€ 785 per participant	€ 580 per participant
Between 4000 and 7999 km	€ 1188 per participant	€ 1188 per participant
8000 km or more	€ 1735 per participant	€ 1735 per participant

Please note: “distance band” means the distance between the place of origin and the destination, while the “amount” covers the travel contribution both to and from the destination.

The distance must be verified exclusively using the calculation tool provided by the European Commission, available at the following web address: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm indicating the place of origin, where the University of Tuscia is located, and the place of destination, where the host organisation is located.

Within **Action 1** provided for by the Erasmus+ Programme 2021/2027, the use of **green means of transport** is encouraged, i.e. travel modes with a low level of CO₂ emissions, in order to make international mobility more inclusive and sustainable.

A “**Green Travel Grant**” will therefore be awarded to those who use sustainable means of transport (such as train, car sharing, bus) to reach their destination.

The contribution will be awarded at the end of the Erasmus mobility period and will be paid following the submission of supporting documents proving the actual green travel.

Participants undertaking sustainable travel will be granted:

- a **one-off TOP UP contribution** equal to **€ 50.00**;

- a **daily allowance** corresponding to the daily amount of the monthly grant. The allowance will be granted for each green travel day (both outward and return) necessary to reach the destination, for a maximum of **4 days**.

Eligible travel days

- 2 days
- 4 days if green travel

Art. 10 - DISBURSEMENT OF THE GRANT

The Erasmus+ grant will be disbursed in a **single instalment**, including both the **Individual Support Contribution** and the **Travel Contribution**.

The methods of disbursement of the grant and the minimum clauses defined by the European Commission to obtain the contribution are set out in the **Financial Agreement for Erasmus+ Mobility**, which each student signs with the University of Tuscany.

Art. 11 - TAX TREATMENT OF THE ERASMUS+ CONTRIBUTION

Pursuant to **Art. 1, paragraph 50, of Law no. 208 of 28 December 2015**, scholarships for international mobility are subject to the exemptions provided for in **Article 1, paragraph 3, of Decree-Law no. 105 of 9 May 2003**, converted, with amendments, by **Law no. 170 of 11 July 2003**, subject to further legislative amendments.

Art. 12 - DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

By **1 April 2026**, students must:

- confirm acceptance of the short-term mobility grant by sending an email to **erasmus@unitus.it**, indicating in the subject line: **“Acceptance Erasmus+ Programme BIP 2025 - Institut Agro Montpellier (France)”**. Failure to comply with the above deadline will be considered as a renunciation. In the event of renunciation, the Committee will proceed with the assignment of the mobility to the next students in the ranking list, who may therefore be contacted by email/telephone and invited to respond within **2 working days**, under penalty of revocation of the mobility;
- contact the BIP coordinator, **Prof. Roberto Moscetti - rmoscetti@unitus.it** - and **Prof. Ilaria Benucci - ilaria.be@unitus.it** -, and complete and sign the **Mobility Agreement**.
- Within **15 days from returning from mobility**, participants must submit to the Office for Mobility and International Cooperation the following documents:
- certificate of participation in the BIP, issued by **Institut Agro Montpellier (France)**;
- original travel supporting documents, both for **Green** and **Non-Green** travel.

For information and clarifications, please contact: **Office for Mobility and International Cooperation**
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Office hours: **Monday - Tuesday - from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Art. 13 - INSURANCE COVERAGE

Health insurance

Each beneficiary must personally arrange health insurance coverage: if the candidate holds the **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, they are automatically entitled to the services of the National Health Service in all EU member countries (for information, consult the following websites: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=it> ;www.sistemats.it).

However, coverage provided by the European Health Insurance Card or by private insurance may not be sufficient, especially in the case of repatriation or specific medical intervention. In such cases, additional private insurance may be useful.

Civil liability and accident insurance

Insurance coverage (civil liability and accidents) is provided by the University. The University, for activities carried out outside the University and limited to the time necessary for their performance, has taken out the following insurance policies, which will be renewed upon expiry:

AXA Insurance Company - ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR COMPANIES AND COLLECTIVE ENTITIES no. 40773461

duration: 30/11/2024 - 30/11/2027

UNIPOLSAI - Civil liability for various risks Unitus - Policy no. 65.185314010

duration: 30/11/2024 - 30/11/2027

In the event of problems related to accidents or other incidents with a prognosis exceeding 3 days occurring at the foreign host institutions, the student must immediately contact the Office for Mobility and International Cooperation by sending an email to erasmus@unitus.it

Art. 14 - PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The personal data provided by candidates will be collected at the University of Tuscia. Pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 "General Data Protection Regulation", the Data Controller is the University of Tuscia; the body in charge of data collection and processing is the Office for Mobility and International Cooperation.

Candidates' data will be collected and processed solely for the purposes of managing the selection procedure. Provision of such data is mandatory for the assessment of participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Art. 15 - PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, as amended and supplemented, the person responsible for the procedure, for procedures falling within the exclusive competence of the University of Tuscia, is Dr. Carlo Contardo, Head of the Office for Mobility and International Cooperation, Via S. Maria in Gradi 4, 01100 Viterbo, email address: carlocontardo@unitus.it.

Art. 16 - FINAL PROVISIONS

ALL ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FUNDING PROVIDED FOR BY THIS CALL ARE GOVERNED BY AGREEMENT NO. 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000196723 FOR ERASMUS MOBILITY A.Y. 2025/2026, STIPULATED BETWEEN THE ERASMUS+ NATIONAL AGENCY INDIRE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TUSCIA.

Any subsequent official provisions of the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE that differ from what is contained in this call shall prevail over the provisions of the call itself.

The Erasmus+ call for participation in the BIP A.Y. 2025/2026 provides for the mobility of students to a partner university within the European Community and has been implemented with the support of the European Commission. However, the content of this call does not necessarily reflect the position of the European Commission or the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE, nor do they bear any responsibility for it.

Art. 17 - REFERRAL CLAUSE

For matters not expressly provided for in this call, the provisions set out in the legislation cited in the preamble of the decree publishing the call, as well as the laws in force on the subject, shall apply insofar as applicable.

In the event of interpretative discrepancies between the English and Italian versions of this call, the Italian-language text shall be considered definitive.

Viterbo,

THE RECTOR
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