



## **Division I**

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International Mobility and Cooperation Office**

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**Call for Applications for the Award of 4 Short-Term Mobility  
Grants for Participation in the Blended Intensive  
Programme (BIP) entitled:**

**“It's SOW TIME! Exploring innovations in the seed sector  
towards agroecology”**

**Agreement No.: 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000196723**

**Deadline for online application submission:**

**12:00 PM (noon) on March 20, 2026**

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## **PREAMBLE THE ERASMUS PROGRAMME 2021–2027**

The Erasmus+ Programme contributes to the creation 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, strengthening employability and career prospects, and, on the other hand, increase emancipation, self-esteem, and more active participation in society, as well as enhance awareness of the European project and EU values.

## **Article 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION – BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIP)**

Developed by groups of higher education institutions with an innovative pedagogical approach, BIPs provide for 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 may participate to collaborate on specific tasks in a collective and simultaneous manner.

In a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP), the virtual component is mandatory, and the use of digital technologies enables the participating institutions both to enhance the implementation capacity of innovative teaching and learning methods and to reach a wider 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 formula of BIPs 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.

## **Article 2 – COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME**

A BIP mobility period may be carried out at a partner university located in the following countries participating in the Erasmus+ Programme:

- European Union Member States: 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;
- European Economic Area countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway;
- Candidate countries: Turkey, North Macedonia.

### **Article 2.1 – Mobility to the Country of Origin**

Students holding citizenship of one of the Erasmus+ participating countries and enrolled at the University of Tuscia are eligible for mobility at a university in their country of origin, if they are not already resident in that country; in any case, no priority will be given to them in the selection process. Furthermore, before confirming acceptance of the exchange place, they must obtain clearance from the host university.

## **Article 3 - COMPARATIVE SELECTION PROCEDURE**

A comparative selection procedure is hereby announced for the award of no. **4 short-term mobility grants** for students regularly enrolled in Master’s degree programmes or Doctoral Schools of the University, funded

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 It's SOW TIME! Exploring innovations in the seed sector towards agroecology**” (BIP ID: 2024-1-FR01-KA131-HED-000212655-2).

The BIP is coordinated by Institut Agro (AGRO - 2 rue André Le Nôtre, 49045 Angers (France), with a physical mobility period scheduled from 5 to 10 July 2026; the deadline for participation is **1st April 2026**.

## **Article 4 – IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES**

Selected candidates shall be required to participate both in on-site training at Institut Agro Montpellier (France) and in online activities on the following dates:

**Physical presence:** 05–10 July 2026 at Institut Agro Angers (France)

**Online:** 08-June 2026 / 03-July 2026

Such participation shall entitle students to the acquisition of CFU/ECTS credits recognized in study plans in accordance with the regulations of each degree programme.

## **Article 5 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

All students may participate who are:

- regularly enrolled in Master’s degree programmes or Doctoral Schools of the University consistent with the themes/topics of the summer school;
- in possession of a self-certification or certification of English language proficiency at level B2 or higher.

### **Article 5.1 – Incompatibilities**

Students applying under this Erasmus+ Call:

- may receive an Erasmus grant for each study cycle (Master’s and Doctorate) for a total period not exceeding 12 months per cycle; in the case of single-cycle programmes, the maximum number of months is 24.
- may not be beneficiaries of other funding for stays abroad financed by European Union funds (including grants for Joint master’s degrees – former Erasmus Mundus Action 1) overlapping, even partially, with the Erasmus+ mobility period.
- international incoming students benefiting from Erasmus Mundus Action 2 grants enrolled in master’s degree programmes may not simultaneously receive an Erasmus Mundus Action 3 grant and an Erasmus contribution. Where permitted by EMA2 projects, students may suspend the relevant grant if they are selected for the Erasmus contribution, after having previously and strictly informed and obtained approval from the project coordinator.

## **Article 6 – SELECTION CRITERIA**

The ranking list shall be drawn up on the basis of the following criteria.

### **STUDENTS ENROLLED IN MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**Maximum score: 50 points**

#### **1. Academic career – max 25 points**

a) Credits earned (as of the call deadline) – max 15 points

Score = (credits earned / credits required) × 15

b) Weighted grade point average (out of 30) – max 10 points

Score = (average / 30) × 10

#### **2. Coherence and quality of the mobility project – max 15 points**

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

- coherence with the study path.
- 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 (≥ 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**

110 with honors: 20 points

110: 19 points

108–109: 18 points

105–107: 17 points

Below 105: 16 points

**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 or outcomes.

**2. Doctoral research activity – max 10 points**

Evaluation based on:

- coherence between mobility and research project.
- state of progress of the research.
- publications, posters, conference participation.
- existing international collaborations.

**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 (≥ 3 months): 3 points

Recipients of other mobility grants for the same period: 0 points

**Priority Criteria in Case of Equal Scores**

In the event of equal total scores, priority shall be determined by:

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

**Article 7 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

The application for participation (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](mailto:protocollo@pec.unitus.it) no later than **20 March 2026**, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, specifying in the subject line: "**Application for BIP 2026 – Institut Agro Angers (France)**".

In addition, candidates must complete the Google Form available at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/J7sxm9uTprABZz9m8> (master's students) and at this link <https://forms.gle/713iCja2q8qD3F81A> (for doctoral students), **uploading the following documents:**

- copy of a valid identity document.
  - copy of tax code.
  - curriculum vitae in European format.
  - for master's students: transcript of exams taken.
  - for doctoral students: 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.
  - residence permit valid for the entire mobility period (only for international students).
- The absence of the required documents or the lack of truthfulness of the declared information shall constitute grounds for exclusion.

### **Article 8 – SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee, composed of three members, shall draw up the ranking list in descending order of the scores awarded. The ranking list shall be published on the following webpage:

<https://www.unitus.it/internazionale/studiare-all-estero/erasmus/>

### **Article 9 – EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTION FOR STUDENTS IN BIP MOBILITY**

European funding for students participating in Erasmus+ study mobility for BIP participation is considered a contribution towards the additional costs related to staying abroad.

Students participating in a Blended Intensive Programme shall receive an Individual Support Contribution (Erasmus+ grant) for five (5) days of on-site activities at the partner institution.

Two (2) additional days shall be recognized as a Travel Contribution.

#### **Article 9.1 – Individual Support Contribution**

The Individual Support Contribution for short-term mobility is calculated as follows:

Up to the 14th day: € 79 per day

From the 15th to the 30th day: € 56 per day

Participants with fewer opportunities shall receive a one-off additional contribution, as specified in the Programme rules.

#### **Article 9.2 – Travel and Green Travel Contribution**

The maximum travel contribution shall be calculated based on distance bands, according to the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, see the following table.

Distance band	Green Travel – Amount	No green Travel – Amount
Between 10 and 99 KM	56 Euro per participant	28 Euro per participant
Between 100 and 499 KM	285 Euro per participant	211 Euro per participant
Between 500 and 1999 KM	417 Euro per participant	309 Euro per participant
Between 2000 and 2999 KM	535 Euro per participant	395 Euro per participant

Between 3000 and 3999 KM	785 Euro per participant	580 Euro per participant
Between 4000 and 7999 KM	1188 Euro per participant	1188 Euro per participant
8000 KM or more`	1735 Euro per participant	1735 Euro per participant

**Please note** by “distance band” is meant the distance between the place of origin and the place of destination, while the “amount” covers the travel contribution both to and from the place of 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](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 organization is located.

The use of green means of transport is encouraged. Participants using sustainable transport modes (train, bus, car sharing) shall receive a Green Travel Grant, including a one-off top-up of € 50 and a daily allowance for travel days, up to a maximum of four days.

The travel contribution shall be paid only if the travel takes place on the same day as, or on the day immediately preceding, the start of the mobility period, and on the same day as, or on the day immediately following, the end of the mobility period.

Any expenses exceeding the eligible travel contribution shall be entirely borne by the applicant.

Participants shall be responsible for the direct purchase of travel tickets.

Upon return from the mobility period, participants shall submit the original supporting travel documents (airline tickets and boarding passes) to the Mobility and International Cooperation Office.

### **Article 10 – PAYMENT OF THE GRANT**

The Erasmus+ grant shall be paid in a single instalment, including the Individual Support Contribution and the Travel Contribution, in accordance with the Erasmus+ Financial Agreement signed by each student with the University of Tuscia.

### **Article 11 – TAX TREATMENT OF THE ERASMUS+ CONTRIBUTION**

Pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 50, of Law no. 208 of 28 December 2015, Erasmus+ mobility grants benefit from the tax exemptions provided by current legislation.

### **Article 12 – DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTED STUDENTS**

**By 1 April 2026, students shall be required to:**

- confirm the acceptance of the short-term mobility grant, by sending an e-mail to [erasmus@unitus.it](mailto:erasmus@unitus.it), indicating in the subject of the e-mail "**Acceptance of the Erasmus+ BIP 2025 Programme – Istitut Agro Angers (France)**".

Failure to comply with this deadline will be deemed to be a waiver.

In the event of withdrawal, the commission will proceed with the assignment of the mobility to the next students in the ranking who can then be contacted by e-mail / telephone and be invited to give feedback within 2 working days, under penalty of revocation of the mobility.

- contact the BIP contact person, prof. Daniel Savatin – [daniel.savatin@unitus.it](mailto:daniel.savatin@unitus.it)
- fill in and sign the Mobility Agreement.

Within 15 days of returning from the mobility, participants must deliver the following documents to the Mobility and International Cooperation Office:

- certificate of participation in the BIP, issued by the Institut Agro Angers (France);
- the original travel supporting documents, both for Green and Non-Green travel.

For information and clarifications, please contact: Office for Mobility and International Cooperation - Via S. Maria in Gradi, n. 4, 01100 Viterbo Dr. Felicetta Ripa - Tel. 0761 357917; E-mail: [erasmus@unitus.it](mailto:erasmus@unitus.it)  
Office hours: Monday – Tuesday – from 10:00 to 13:00.

### **Article 13 – INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Health coverage shall be the responsibility of each participant. Civil liability and accident insurance coverage is provided by the University.

### **Article 14 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

Personal data provided by candidates shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (GDPR) for the purposes of managing the selection procedure.

### **Article 15 – PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE**

The person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Carlo Contardo, Head of the Mobility and International Cooperation Office.

### **Article 16 – FINAL PROVISIONS**

All activities and related funding under this call are governed by Agreement no. 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000196723 for Erasmus mobility for the academic year 2025/2026.

### **Article 17 – REFERRAL CLAUSE**

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

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

Viterbo,

**THE RECTOR**  
**Prof. Tiziana Laureti**