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Call for Applications for the Award of 5 Short-Term Mobility Grants
for participation in the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)
"Food Safety Across the Food Chain"

Grant Agreement No. 2025-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000309780

Application Deadline
31 July 2026 – 12:00 noon (CET)

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INTRODUCTION – THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME 2021–2027

The Erasmus+ Programme contributes to the development of the European Education Area by promoting transnational and interdisciplinary study programmes, as well as innovative teaching and learning methods. It supports employability, social inclusion, innovation, and environmental sustainability in Europe and beyond by offering students the opportunity to study or undertake training abroad.

Through Erasmus+ mobility, students and recent graduates can improve their learning outcomes, strengthen their employability and career prospects, increase their independence and self-confidence, participate more actively in society, and deepen their understanding of the European project and the values of the European Union.

Art. 1 GENERAL INFORMATION – BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIPS)

Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) are developed by groups of higher education institutions adopting innovative pedagogical approaches. They combine a short period of physical mobility with compulsory virtual learning and cooperation activities, enabling groups of students, academic staff, and administrative staff from different countries to collaborate simultaneously on shared learning tasks.

The virtual component is a mandatory element of every BIP. The use of digital technologies enables participating higher education institutions to enhance innovative teaching and learning practices while extending participation to a wider range of learners, including students from academic fields with fewer international mobility opportunities.

A Blended Intensive Programme may either build upon an existing programme redesigned through blended delivery or be entirely new, focusing on specific topics not otherwise covered by existing curricula. This innovative format is designed to foster the development of transnational and interdisciplinary curricula, innovative teaching and learning methodologies—including online collaboration—and research-based learning through a strongly challenge-based approach closely connected to contemporary societal needs.

Each Blended Intensive Programme must award participating students **at least 3 ECTS credits**, which shall be recognised by the sending institution in accordance with its academic regulations.

Art. 2 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

Students may undertake a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) mobility period at a partner higher education institution located in one of the countries participating in the Erasmus+ Programme, namely:

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

- **EU Candidate Countries:** Türkiye and North Macedonia.

Art. 2.1 MOBILITY TO THE COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY

Students who are nationals of one of the countries participating in the Erasmus+ Programme and who are enrolled at the University of Tuscia may undertake Erasmus+ mobility at a higher education institution located in their country of nationality, provided that they are **not resident in that country** at the time of the mobility.

Such applicants shall not receive any preferential treatment during the selection process.

Before confirming acceptance of the Erasmus+ grant, selected students must also obtain formal approval (*no-objection authorisation*) from the host institution.

Art. 3 SELECTION PROCEDURE

The University of Tuscia hereby announces a competitive selection procedure for the award of **five (5) short-term Erasmus+ mobility grants** for students regularly enrolled in Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and PhD programmes.

The grants are funded under the **Erasmus+ Programme**, Grant Agreement **No. 2025-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000309780**, and are intended to support participation in the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP):

"Food Safety Across the Food Chain."

The BIP is coordinated by the **Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic)** and includes a period of **physical mobility from 19 to 26 September 2026** in Prague.

Successful applicants must confirm their participation **no later than 7 August 2026**.

Art. 4 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Successful applicants are required to participate in **both the physical and the virtual components** of the Blended Intensive Programme.

Physical Mobility

19–26 September 2026

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
Prague, Czech Republic

Virtual Component

The dates and schedule of the online activities will be communicated directly by the host university.

Participation in both components is compulsory and will entitle students to the recognition of the **ECTS credits** awarded by the host institution, in accordance with the academic regulations and degree programme of the University of Tuscia.

Art. 5 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications are open to students who meet **all** of the following requirements:

- be regularly enrolled in a **Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or PhD programme** at the University of Tuscia, in an academic field consistent with the topics covered by the Blended Intensive Programme;
- provide either a **self-declaration** or an **official language certificate** demonstrating **English language proficiency at B2 level or higher**, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Art. 5.1 Incompatibility with Other Grants

Students applying under this Erasmus+ Call should note the following provisions:

- Erasmus+ mobility funding may be awarded **once per study cycle** (Bachelor's, Master's and PhD), for a cumulative maximum of **12 months** per cycle. For integrated long-cycle degree programmes, the maximum duration is **24 months**.
- Students may **not** receive other European Union grants for study or training abroad that overlap, even partially, with the Erasmus+ BIP mobility period. This restriction also applies to scholarships awarded under **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (formerly Erasmus Mundus Action 1)**. Any such funding must be declared upon acceptance of the Erasmus+ grant.
- International incoming students receiving an **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM)** scholarship and enrolled in Bachelor's or Master's Degree programmes are not entitled to receive both the Erasmus Mundus scholarship and the Erasmus+ mobility grant simultaneously.
- For projects financed under **Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (EMA2)**, where permitted by the project rules, successful applicants may suspend their Erasmus Mundus scholarship in order to receive the Erasmus+ grant, provided that they have previously informed and obtained formal approval from the relevant Project Coordinator.

Art. 6 SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the criteria set out below.

Bachelor's Degree Students

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic Performance (maximum 30 points)

a) ECTS credits earned (as of the application deadline) – maximum 18 points

Score calculated as follows:

$\text{ECTS credits earned} / \text{ECTS credits expected for the year of enrolment} \times 18$

b) Weighted Grade Point Average – maximum 12 points

Score calculated as follows:

$\text{Weighted average grade} \times 12$

2. Quality and Relevance of the Mobility Project (maximum 15 points)

Assessment by the Selection Committee based on:

- consistency with the student's study programme and the courses to be attended abroad;
- expected contribution to academic and/or professional development;
- clarity of the proposed learning objectives;
- feasibility of the proposed study plan.

3. Previous International Mobility Experience (maximum 5 points)

No previous international mobility	5
One short-term mobility (< 3 months)	3
One or more long-term mobilities (≥ 3 months)	1
Recipient of another mobility grant covering the same period	0

Master's Degree Students

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic Performance (maximum 25 points)

a) ECTS credits earned – maximum 15 points

ECTS credits earned/ECTS credits expected×15

b) Weighted Grade Point Average – maximum 10 points

Weighted average grade30×10

2. Quality and Relevance of the Mobility Project (maximum 15 points)

The Selection Committee will evaluate:

- consistency with the student's academic pathway;
- relevance for the Master's thesis, internship or area of specialisation;
- overall quality and feasibility of the proposed programme.

3. Previous International Mobility Experience (maximum 10 points)

No mobility experience during the current study cycle	10
One short-term mobility (< 3 months)	6
One or more long-term mobilities (≥ 3 months)	3
Recipient of another mobility grant covering the same period	0

PhD Students

Maximum score: 50 points

1. Academic Curriculum (maximum 20 points)

a) Master's Degree Final Mark (maximum 10 points)

Final Degree Mark Points

110/110 <i>cum laude</i>	10
110/110	9
108–109/110	8
105–107/110	7
Below 105/110	6

b) Relevance of the Master's Thesis (maximum 10 points)

Assessment by the Selection Committee based on:

- relevance to the PhD research field;
- methodological quality;
- publications and/or academic impact resulting from the thesis.

2. PhD Research Activity (maximum 20 points)

Assessment based on:

- consistency between the proposed mobility and the doctoral research project;
- progress achieved within the doctoral programme;
- publications, conference papers, posters and scientific dissemination activities;
- existing international research collaborations.

3. Previous International Mobility Experience (maximum 10 points)

No mobility experience during the current PhD programme	10
One short-term mobility (< 3 months)	6
One or more long-term mobilities (≥ 3 months)	3
Recipient of another mobility grant covering the same period	0

TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA

Where two or more candidates obtain the same overall score, priority shall be determined according to the following order:

1. Higher score awarded for the **Mobility Project / Research Activity** criterion;
2. Higher score for **Academic Performance**;
3. Fewer previous international mobility experiences;
4. Younger candidate.

Art. 7 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted in **both** of the following mandatory steps.

Step 1 – Submission of the Application Form

Applicants must complete **Application Form (Annex A)**, sign it, scan it, and send it by e-mail to: **protocollo@pec.unitus.it**

Deadline: 31 July 2026, 12:00 noon (CET)

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

The subject line of the e-mail must read:

Application for BIP 2026 – "Food Safety Across the Food Chain"

Step 2 – Completion of the Online Application

Applicants must also complete the relevant Google Form:

- **Bachelor's and Master's Degree students:**
<https://forms.gle/GwT6PPogEqKwN85V6>
- **PhD students:**
<https://forms.gle/rq7XvBF8ZBVa3EhF8>

The following documents must be uploaded:

- valid identity document;
- Italian tax code (Codice Fiscale), where applicable;
- Curriculum Vitae in Europass format;
- self-declaration or official certificate proving English language proficiency at **B2 level or higher** (see Article 5);
- valid residence permit covering the entire mobility period (international students only).

In addition, PhD applicants must upload:

- Master's Degree certificate;
- abstract of the Master's thesis;
- abstract of the PhD research project.

Failure to submit any of the required documentation, or the submission of false declarations or inaccurate information, shall result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

Applicants are admitted **conditionally**, subject to verification of the eligibility requirements.

The University reserves the right to exclude applicants at any stage of the selection procedure where eligibility requirements are found not to be fulfilled.

Important: An application shall be considered valid **only if both mandatory steps have been completed**.

Art. 8 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall consist of **three members** appointed by the University.

Following the assessment of all eligible applications, the Committee shall draw up a ranking list in descending order of the total score obtained by each applicant.

The final ranking list will be published on the University website:

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

Art. 9 EUROPEAN UNION FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE BIP

The Erasmus+ financial contribution is intended to partially cover the additional costs incurred by students participating in an international mobility activity under the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP).

In accordance with the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide**, the University of Tuscia will provide an **Individual Support Grant** covering **five (5) days of physical mobility**.

In addition, eligible travel days may be funded as follows:

- up to **two travel days** for participants using standard means of transport (**Non-Green Travel**);
- up to **four travel days** for participants travelling by sustainable means of transport (**Green Travel**), subject to submission of the relevant supporting documentation.

Travel days shall be recognised in accordance with the provisions of the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

Art. 9.1 INDIVIDUAL Support Grant

For short-term physical mobility, the Erasmus+ Individual Support Grant shall be calculated as follows.

Duration of Physical Mobility	Daily Grant
Up to the 14th day	€ 79
From the 15th to the 30th day	€ 56

Additional Financial Support for Participants with Fewer Opportunities

Students with fewer opportunities participating in short-term physical mobility are entitled to receive an additional lump-sum contribution alongside the Individual Support Grant.

Country of Destination	One-off top-up grant for participants with fewer opportunities (short-term mobility)
GROUP 1	€100 for short-term mobility lasting between 5 and 14 days.
	€150 for short-term mobility lasting between 15 and 30 days
	€100 for short-term mobility lasting between 5 and 14 days.

GROUP 2	€150 for short-term mobility lasting between 15 and 30 days
GROUP 3	€100 for short-term mobility lasting between 5 and 14 days.
	€150 for short-term mobility lasting between 15 and 30 days

This contribution applies irrespective of the destination country group, as established by the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

Participants with fewer opportunities include students experiencing one or more of the following conditions:

- disadvantaged socio-economic background;
- physical, mental or health-related conditions requiring additional support.

Students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds shall be identified in accordance with **Director's Decree No. 180 of 28 February 2025**, which establishes an **ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) not exceeding EUR 27,948.60** as the eligibility threshold for the academic year 2025/2026.

Only ISEE or ISEEUP declarations submitted during enrolment for the academic year **2025/2026** and available in the University's **GOMP** system before the application deadline will be taken into account.

Where the required documentation is not available by the application deadline, the additional contribution cannot be awarded.

Participants with physical, mental or health-related conditions may also apply for **additional Erasmus+ special needs support**, which is allocated on the basis of actual eligible costs.

For further information, applicants may contact the International Mobility and Cooperation Office:

erasmus@unitus.it

Art. 9.2 Travel Support and Green Travel

Travel support shall be calculated according to the Erasmus+ distance bands established by the European Commission.

Distance Band	Green Travel	Standard Travel
10–99 km	EUR 56	EUR 28
100–499 km	EUR 285	EUR 211
500–1,999 km	EUR 417	EUR 309
2,000–2,999 km	EUR 535	EUR 395
3,000–3,999 km	EUR 785	EUR 580

Distance Band	Green Travel	Standard Travel
4,000–7,999 km	EUR 1,188	EUR 1,188
8,000 km or more	EUR 1,735	EUR 1,735

For the purposes of Erasmus+, the **distance band** refers to the one-way distance between the location of the sending institution (University of Tuscia) and that of the host institution.

The applicable distance must be calculated exclusively using the **European Commission Distance Calculator**:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

The Erasmus+ Programme strongly encourages the use of **low-emission means of transport**, such as:

- train;
- coach/bus;
- car sharing;
- other sustainable travel solutions.

Participants travelling by sustainable means of transport shall be entitled to:

- a **Green Travel Top-Up** of **EUR 50**;
- additional individual support for each eligible Green Travel day (outbound and return journey), up to a maximum of **four travel days**.

Eligible travel days are:

- **2 days** for standard travel;
- **4 days** for Green Travel.

Travel support shall be granted only where the journey takes place on the day of departure or one day before the beginning of the mobility period and on the day of return or one day after the end of the mobility period.

Any travel costs exceeding the Erasmus+ contribution shall remain the responsibility of the participant.

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own travel tickets.

Upon completion of the mobility period, participants must submit the original supporting documents (paper or electronic), including tickets and boarding passes, to the International Mobility and Cooperation Office.

Art. 10 PAYMENT OF THE ERASMUS+ GRANT

The Erasmus+ grant shall be paid in **one single instalment**, including both the **Individual Support Grant** and the **Travel Grant**, where applicable.

The conditions governing the payment of the grant, together with the minimum obligations established by the European Commission, are set out in the **Erasmus+ Financial Agreement**, which each selected participant must sign before the start of the mobility period.

Art. 11 TAX TREATMENT OF THE ERASMUS+ GRANT

Pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 50, of **Italian Law No. 208 of 28 December 2015**, Erasmus+ grants for international mobility benefit from the tax exemptions provided for in Article 1, paragraph 3, of **Decree-Law No. 105 of 9 May 2003**, converted into **Law No. 170 of 11 July 2003**, as subsequently amended.

Art. 12 DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful applicants must complete the following formalities **by 7 August 2026**.

Acceptance of the Grant

Participants must confirm acceptance of the Erasmus+ mobility grant by sending an e-mail to: erasmus@unitus.it

The subject line must read:

Acceptance – Erasmus+ BIP 2026 "Food Safety Across the Food Chain"

Failure to comply with this deadline shall be considered as withdrawal from the programme.

In the event of withdrawal, the Selection Committee reserves the right to offer the grant to the next eligible candidate on the reserve list. Candidates contacted for this purpose must confirm their acceptance within **two working days**, failing which the offer shall be withdrawn.

Successful applicants must also:

- contact the BIP Academic Coordinator, **Prof. Clara Cicatiello** (cicatiello@unitus.it);
- complete and sign the **Erasmus+ Learning/Mobility Agreement** and any additional documentation required by the University.

Documents to be Submitted After the Mobility

Within **15 days** of returning from the mobility period, participants must submit to the International Mobility and Cooperation Office:

- the **Certificate of Attendance/Participation** issued by the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague;
- the original travel documents (paper or electronic), including tickets and boarding passes, for both Green and Non-Green travel.

Contact Information

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Art. 13 INSURANCE COVERAGE

Health Insurance

Participants are responsible for arranging adequate health insurance for the entire duration of their mobility.

Students holding a valid **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** are entitled to receive medically necessary healthcare under the public healthcare system of EU Member States, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

However, EHIC coverage—or any private health insurance policy—may not be sufficient in all circumstances, particularly in cases requiring medical repatriation or specialised treatment.

Participants are therefore strongly advised to obtain supplementary private insurance where appropriate.

Civil Liability and Accident Insurance

The University of Tuscia provides insurance coverage for:

- civil liability;
- accidents occurring during authorised mobility activities.

At the date of publication of this Call, the University has concluded the following insurance policies:

AXA

Accident Insurance for Companies and Organisations

Policy No. **40773461**

Valid from **30 November 2024 to 30 November 2027**

UNIPOLSAI

Civil Liability Insurance

Policy No. **65.185314010**

Valid from **30 November 2024 to 30 November 2027**

In the event of an accident or any incident resulting in a medical prognosis exceeding three days during the mobility period, participants must immediately notify the International Mobility and Cooperation Office by e-mail at: erasmus@unitus.it

Art. 14 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data provided by applicants shall be processed by the University of Tuscia in accordance with **Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR)**.

The **Data Controller** is the University of Tuscia.

The **International Mobility and Cooperation Office** is responsible for collecting and processing personal data exclusively for the purposes of managing this selection procedure.

The provision of personal data is mandatory. Failure to provide the required information shall result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

Art. 15 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to **Italian Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990**, as amended, the person responsible for the administrative procedure relating to this Call is:

Dr Carlo Contardo

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Art. 16 FINAL PROVISIONS

All mobility activities and the related financial support provided under this Call are governed by **Grant Agreement No. 2025-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000309780**, concluded between the **Italian National Erasmus+ Agency (INDIRE)** and the **University of Tuscia** for the implementation of Erasmus+ mobility activities during the Academic Year **2026/2027**.

Should the National Erasmus+ Agency publish official provisions subsequent to this Call that differ from those contained herein, such provisions shall prevail.

This Call has been prepared with the financial support of the **European Commission** within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme.

Nevertheless, the content of this document reflects solely the views of the University of Tuscia and cannot be regarded as expressing the official position of either the European Commission or the Italian National Erasmus+ Agency (INDIRE), which shall not be held responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained herein.

Art. 17 REFERENCE PROVISION

For all matters not expressly regulated by this Call, reference shall be made to the legislation cited in the Rector's Decree approving this Call, together with all applicable Italian and

European laws and regulations governing the Erasmus+ Programme and international student mobility.

Viterbo

The Rector
Prof. Tiziana Laureti