# ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY PROGRAMME
# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STAFF MOBILITY FROM ASIAN PARTNER UNIVERSITIES TO SPAIN DURING 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

## 1. Purpose of the Call

Alliance of 4 Universities (A4U) is a strategic partnership of four Spanish public universities: **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, and Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.** One of the objectives of A4U internationalization strategy is to promote mobility with leading universities in non-European countries.

A4U has been awarded funds under Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme, which enables staff from A4U's partner universities to undertake a mobility stay.

The main objectives of the mobilities are:

- To offer training and research opportunities to staff at participating universities.
- To help mobility participants improve their professional, social and inter-cultural skills, as well as employability, and to promote cross-cultural exchange and dialogue.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between A4U universities and its partner universities, enhancing their transnational academic cooperation.

Mobilities announced in this call must take place during the **2026-2027 academic year**. It is highly recommended to schedule them during the week **from 15 to 19 February 2027**, as this allows participants to get the most out of the stay by taking advantage of the parallel activities offered; such as Pompeu Fabra University's Global Week.

## 2. Participating higher education institutions and number of available grants

**Higher Education Institutions participating in the exchange**

| **SPAIN** | **INDIA** |
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| 1. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona<br>2. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid<br>3. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid<br>4. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona | 1. Indian Institute of Science<br>2. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay<br>3. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi<br>4. Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)<br>5. Jawaharlal Nehru University<br>6. Symbiosis International University<br><br>**INDONESIA**<br><br>1. Gadjah Mada University<br>2. Institut Teknologi Bandung<br>3. PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia*Telekom<br>4. Universitas Airlangga<br>5. Universitas Bina Nusantara (BINUS) |

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| | 6. Universitas Indonesia<br>7. Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta<br><br>**MALASIA**<br><br>1. Universiti Putra Malaysia<br>2. Universiti Sains Malasysia<br>3. University Teknologi Malaysia<br>4. Universiti of Malaya<br><br>**TAILANDIA**<br><br>1. Chulalongkorn University<br>2. Khon Kaen University<br>3. Mahidol University<br>4. Thammasat University<br><br>**VIETNAM**<br><br>1. Cong Ty Tnhh Dai Hoc Vietnam<br>2. Hanoi University<br>3. Trung Tam Xuat Sac John Von Neumann<br>4. Truong Dai Hoc Bach Khoa Hanoi – Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) |

4 grants for staff mobility from Asian universities to Spain are available

| From | To | Level | Number of grants | Duration of stay | Grant amount | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Subsistence | Travel | Total grant |
| India | Spain | Staff | 4 | 5 days | €170/day | €1.188 | €2.378 |
| Indonesia | Spain | | | | | €1.735 | €2.925 |
| Thailand | Spain | | | | | | |
| Vietnam | Spain | | | | | | |
| Malasya | Spain | | | | | | |

**Partner universities:**

There are available four Erasmus+ grants for staff mobility from Asian partner universities to Spain. Partner universities are listed above. Applications from staff from different universities will not be considered.

**Content of mobility:**

The mobility agreement should be for teaching and training that includes the following activities:

- At least 4 hours of teaching

- At least 4 hours of training activities, that could include attendance of the Global Week at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and other activities as defined together with the host at receiving university, which can be in form of meetings, visits to labs and facilities, job shadowing, observation periods, etc.

**Proposed activity "Global Week on City Diplomacy at Universitat Pompeu Fabra":**

During the week of **15-19 February 2027** will take place Universitat Pompeu Fabra's Global Week on City Diplomacy, in Barcelona. This workshop invites participants to reflect on and discuss urban diplomacy. It is open to teaching staff in the fields of **international relations, economics, political and social sciences, and urban studies.**

It is not required to take part in this activity in order to be considered for the call for applications, but candidates are encouraged to do so and consider visiting two A4U member universities.

Participants may attend the event in person or online, via a connection from the A4U university where their exchange program is taking place.

**How to proceed:**

To be eligible to participate, applicants must complete the online application form by **15 November 2026**, attaching the following documents:

A Curriculum Vitae (CV)

A Mobility Agreement for teaching and training, signed by the applicant, and the responsible academic (head of host Faculty or Department) at home and host university. Template available on our website.

Please note that only those applicants whose Mobility Agreements have been signed by the three parts will be considered.

## 3. General conditions

The mobility grant consists of a travel allowance and a daily subsistence allowance according to the flat rates determined by the Erasmus+ Programme. The grant is a **contribution** towards the costs of the planned Erasmus+ mobility period.

The beneficiaries will need to advance their own funds when organizing their stay, such as visa, insurance, flights and accommodation, since the mobility grant will be paid only upon arrival to the host university (see procedures for grant payment in section 9). It is highly advisable to make bookings (flights, accommodation etc.) on conditions that allow full reimbursement in case of cancellation of travel.

**The mobility period for staff is 5 days with 2 days for travel, covering 7 funded days in total.**

An Interinstitutional Agreement between the home and the host universities must be signed before the start of the mobility.

## 4. Eligibility requisites

To be eligible, applicants must fulfill the following general conditions:

- To have a contractual relationship with their home institution at the time of application and during the mobility.
- Associate members of staff (professor asociado) and staff working for affiliated schools (escuelas adscritas) are not eligible to apply.
- To have at least B2 level in the language in which planned mobility activities will be conducted.
- To take responsibility for performing the mobility during the 2026-2027 academic year. Highly recommended to choose the specified dates: 15-19 February 2027. All mobilities must be completed before July 2026.
- To submit all the required documents before the application deadline through the application form.

## 5. Timeline

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| Call opens | **Upon publication on A4U website** |
| Call closes | **15 November 2026** |
| Publication of provisionally admitted applications | **16 November 2026** |
| Cure period: candidates can remedy their applications in case of any clerical errors or incomplete documentation | **16-27 November 2026** |
| Publication of final list of admitted applications | **30 November 2026** |
| Publication of selection results | **18 December 2026** |

A4U universities will be closed from 21 December 2026 until 7 January 2027 for Christmas holidays.

## 6. Application process

The call and the application form can be found on A4U website http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/. All partner universities websites will refer to it by publishing an announcement.

Applicants must complete an online application form and attach the following documentation:

- Abridged CV
- Mobility Agreement for teaching and training, signed by the applicant, and the responsible academic (head of host Faculty or Department, or the host academic) at home institution. Scanned signatures are accepted.

Selection results will be published on A4U website http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/ and announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

## 7. Evaluation criteria and selection

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, based on the qualitative evaluation of applications by A4U Selection Committee consisting of 4 Vice-rectors for International Relations of A4U universities.

Evaluation criteria:

- Quality of the proposal in the Mobility Agreement, according to methodology, feasibility, teaching and learning innovation and/or curriculum development,
- Academic record of the candidate, including teaching experience, research, publications, etc. according to CV,
- Relevance and expected impact of the proposal for the host institution and added value upon return to the home institution,
- Motivation according to the statement in the mobility agreement.

There is no priority for first-time applicants versus those who already received Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme (KA107 or KA171 grant) in the past. Those who apply again are asked to address the following in their application:

- Make an extra effort to highlight and quantify the impact of your repeated visit by sharing specific achievements, lessons learned, and how your previous experience has informed your current project proposal.
- Show how your teaching contribution/training needs have evolved since the last grant by describing any adaptations, innovations, or improvements that have resulted from your previous visit.
- Provide insights into the challenges faced during your previous visit and how you have addressed or plan to address them in the proposed project. Transparent reflections on both successes and obstacles will strengthen your application.
- Highlight any efforts you have made to incorporate the feedback of the beneficiaries of your visit.

The assessment will follow the standards of the "European Peer Review Guide" by the European Science Foundation:

| Qualitative assessment | Numeric score |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 5 |
| Very good | 4 |
| Good | 3 |
| Fair | 2 |
| Poor | 1 |

If two or more applications are of similar quality, the decision will be guided by:

1º Giving priority to applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds or with special needs/disabilities.
2º Seeking gender balance.
3º Seeking a balanced distribution of grants among A4U universities.

Reserve candidates will be placed on a waiting list and called upon if a grant becomes available.

## 8. Inclusion

Participants from disadvantaged backgrounds are welcome to apply if they meet one of the following criteria:

- have a certified disability equal to or greater than 33 per cent, or
- have duly accredited physical, mental or health related conditions, such as serious or chronical illnesses, which prevent participation in mobility.

They can apply for additional funding to cover costs directly related to their participation in the mobility. Such additional costs can be for special accommodation, transportation, preparatory visits and expenses of accompanying persons.

The request for additional funding must be presented by the applicant and have the support of the sending institution. Additional funding will be subject to approval by the Spanish National Agency.

## 9. Grant payment procedure

The grant will be paid to the participant´s bank account once the participant has submitted by email the certificate of stay and has completed the online EU survey.

## 10. Rights of the beneficiary

- To receive the grant according to the rates and conditions set out in the Erasmus+ Programme guidelines.
- To receive information and advice on the application procedure from the home university, as well as pre-departure and on-site guidance from the host university.
- To have the teaching or training period abroad recognized by their home university.

## 11. Obligations of the beneficiary

- To carry out the mobility stay during 2026-2027 academic year. Highly recommended to choose the specified dates: 15-19 February 2027. All mobilities must be completed before July 2027.
- To be in possession of adequate insurance throughout the mobility period according to Erasmus+ programme rules. All participants must be insured against the risks linked to their participation in mobility activities.

The insurance must cover:

- travel insurance,
- medical expenses and accidents, including permanent or temporary incapacity,
- death, including repatriation,
- third party liability.

The cost of the insurance will be covered by the participants themselves. A4U recommends OnCampus insurance but the participant is free to choose a different insurance as long as it meets the above requirements.

- To obtain the visa for the stay in the receiving country and bear the costs of obtaining the visa.
- To book flights and accommodation in the country of destination, advancing own funds since the mobility grant will be paid only once their stay begins.
- To participate, if requested, in sharing their mobility experience.
- To complete the required procedures and fill in the necessary documents as per Erasmus+ Programme before, during and after the mobility period, meeting the deadlines established by A4U. Before mobility: signature of the mobility agreement and grant agreement. After mobility: submission of the certificate of attendance and completion of online EU survey.
- Any other obligation inherent to the Erasmus+ Programme and the internal regulations of the home and host institutions.

## 12. Information

Should any doubt arise over the interpretation of this Call, the Selection Committee will decide on the case and interpret it in the light of the guidelines of Erasmus+ Programme.

A4U International Project Manager will be in charge of the general coordination and management of this call, and will be the initial point of contact for applicants and beneficiaries.

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Any additional information related to this call will be published on A4U website http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/

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