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Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) Call for Applications – A.Y. 2025/26 Project no. 2024-1-IT02-KA131-HED-000228366

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The form is intended to be inclusive of all persons addressed by the Call for Applications.*

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Foreword

The Erasmus+ Programme 2021–2027 introduced Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs), which provide innovative teaching and learning formats based on the combination of short periods of physical mobility abroad and virtual learning and cooperation activities, carried out in collaboration with European higher education institutions.

BIPs are aimed in particular at:

- broadening access to international mobility opportunities by involving students from different cycles of study and disciplinary fields, including those with limited opportunities to participate in long-term mobility;
- fostering the development of innovative teaching approaches, including transnational and transdisciplinary ones;
- strengthening cooperation among European partner institutions in the context of the internationalisation of education.

Within the framework of its internationalisation strategies, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia promotes this Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) Call for Applications, aimed at encouraging the participation of University students in BIPs organised by partner universities abroad, by awarding mobility grants, within the limits of the available financial resources.

This Call governs the application, selection and allocation procedures for mobility grants and provides essential information for participation in Blended Intensive Programmes. The specific characteristics of each Programme (period of implementation, participation requirements, selection criteria, number of available places and credit recognition arrangements) are detailed in the BIP Information Sheets, which are published for each application window.

Applicants are therefore strongly advised to read this Call and the relevant BIP Information Sheets carefully, as they constitute an integral part of the selection procedure.

Art. 1 – Subject of the Call and characteristics of BIPs

This Call governs the participation of students of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) organised by partner universities abroad and proposed by Departments/Degree Programmes.

Blended Intensive Programmes combine:

- virtual (online) learning activities, and
- a short period of physical mobility abroad, lasting between **5 and 30 days**, as provided for by the individual Programme and specified in the relevant BIP Information Sheet.

To be eligible for Erasmus+ funding, selected students must participate in both the virtual and the physical components of the Programme, in accordance with the timetable and arrangements established for the relevant Blended Intensive Programme.

Participation in a Blended Intensive Programme is aimed at the achievement and recognition of **at least 3 ECTS credits**, as indicated in the relevant BIP Information Sheet and in the corresponding Learning Agreement, in accordance with the regulations of the student's Degree Programme and/or home Department.

Art. 1.1 – Available Blended Intensive Programmes and BIP Information Sheets

For each application window, the University publishes the list of available Blended Intensive Programmes for which applications may be submitted.

Each Blended Intensive Programme is described in a specific **BIP Information Sheet**, which provides all the information necessary for application and selection purposes, in particular:

- title of the Programme and coordinating university;
- period of implementation of the virtual activities and the physical mobility;
- number of available places;
- language of instruction and any language requirements;
- eligible degree programmes and specific participation requirements;
- number of credits to be recognised and recognition arrangements;
- selection criteria and methods for evaluating applications;
- any documentation to be attached to the application;
- any additional information relevant to participation.

Art. 2 – Eligibility requirements for admission and participation

Only students of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia enrolled in the Degree Programmes indicated in the relevant BIP Information Sheet and meeting the requirements specified therein may apply under this Call.

By the application deadline, candidates must:

- be regularly enrolled in a Degree Programme at the University and maintain this status for the entire duration of the Blended Intensive Programme, including both the virtual phase and the physical mobility period;
- have an adequate knowledge of the language of instruction of the Blended Intensive Programme, as specified in the relevant BIP Information Sheet, which also indicates any methods for assessing language proficiency for selection purposes.

The physical mobility period carried out within a Blended Intensive Programme counts towards the maximum Erasmus mobility duration, namely:

- **12 months per study cycle**, or
- **24 months** for single-cycle Master's Degree Programmes, in accordance with the Erasmus+ Programme rules.

Students who have previously participated in mobility programmes under the Lifelong Learning Programme 2007–2013 (Erasmus Study, Placement, Leonardo da Vinci), Erasmus+ 2014–2020 and/or 2021–2027 (Study, Traineeship, BIP, International Credit Mobility), Erasmus Mundus, are

eligible for funding provided that the total duration of Erasmus mobility periods, including the BIP, does not exceed the above limits for the same study cycle.

Participants may not receive another mobility grant funded by the University during the same period in which the Blended Intensive Programme takes place.

All requirements must be met by the application deadline. Applications containing false declarations or information not compliant with this Call shall be considered null and void and will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

Art. 3 – Application procedure and timetable

Art. 3.1 – Application submission procedures

Applications for participation in Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) must be submitted **exclusively during the application windows** provided for under this Call, within the deadlines indicated in the timetable, provided that BIPs are available for the applicant's Degree Programme/Department.

For each application window, students may apply for one or more Blended Intensive Programmes, where applicable, by submitting a **separate application for each BIP**.

Applications must be completed **exclusively online**, through the University ESSE3 portal, at the following address: <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/LoginInfo.do> in accordance with the procedures and instructions set out in *Guidelines for online Application Form*.

No paper submission of the application is required. Applicants must attach to the application any documentation required by the relevant BIP Information Sheet (by way of example and without limitation: motivation letter, language certification or equivalent documentation, curriculum vitae, and any additional documentation specifically required by the Programme).

Art. 3.2 – Timetable and application windows

This Call provides for several application windows, during which the BIP Information Sheets relating to the available Programmes for which applications may be submitted are published.

The timetable below takes into account the selection and nomination deadlines set by the partner universities.

Timetable

Start period of the BIP	Student application period	Publication of student ranking lists
March 2026	8–20 January 2026 (1:00 p.m.)	By 29 January 2026
April – May 2026	2–13 February 2026 (1:00 p.m.)	By the end of February 2026
June – July 2026	13–23 March 2026 (1:00 p.m.)	To be defined

The opening and closing dates of each application window, as well as the list of available Blended Intensive Programmes, are published on the University's institutional website.

Any updates or changes to the timetable, made necessary by provisions issued by partner universities, the Erasmus+ National Agency or the University, will be promptly communicated through the University's institutional channels.

Art. 4 – Selection procedure

Applications submitted in compliance with the deadlines and procedures set out in this Call are assessed by a **Selection Committee** or by the **academic coordinator of the relevant BIP**, as specified in the corresponding BIP Information Sheet.

Student selection is carried out on the basis of the evaluation criteria specified in the relevant BIP Information Sheet, in compliance with the principles of impartiality, transparency and equal treatment.

In general, selection criteria may include, by way of example and without limitation:

- the relevance of the Blended Intensive Programme to the applicant's study pathway and academic career;
- the academic record;
- motivation to participate, possibly assessed through an interview or a motivation letter;
- language skills, in relation to the language of instruction of the Programme;
- any additional specific requirements indicated in the BIP Information Sheet.

Where provided for, selection interviews shall be conducted according to the procedures and timelines communicated to candidates by the Department or the academic coordinator.

Art. 5 – Selection results and ranking lists

At the end of the selection procedures, the Selection Committee or the academic coordinator of the relevant Blended Intensive Programme, as specified in the corresponding BIP Information Sheet, draws up the **ranking list** for the relevant BIP and forwards it to the International Relations Office.

After carrying out the necessary administrative checks, the International Relations Office publishes the ranking lists on the University's institutional website within the deadlines indicated in the timetable referred to in Art. 3.

The publication of the ranking lists constitutes **official notification for all legal purposes**. The International Relations Office also sends a notice of publication to students' institutional email addresses (@studenti.unimore.it) and to the email address provided at the time of application. The University shall not be held liable for any failure in the receipt of communications (e.g. messages marked as spam or full mailboxes); students are therefore responsible for monitoring the institutional website.

Mobility grants are awarded in accordance with the order of the ranking list and within the limits of the number of available places for each Blended Intensive Programme, as indicated in the relevant BIP Information Sheet.

Actual participation in the Blended Intensive Programme is subject to:

- compliance with the deadlines for the application procedure at the partner institution and any additional requirements requested by the organising institution;
- confirmation of acceptance by the host university;
- signature of the financial agreement.

Art. 6 – Post-selection requirements and grant

Art. 6.1 – Post-selection requirements

Selected students are required to comply with the instructions provided by the International Relations Office and to complete, within the communicated deadlines, all the procedures necessary for participation in the Blended Intensive Programme, in particular:

- signature of the financial agreement, prior to the start of the Blended Intensive Programme;
- preparation and approval of the Learning Agreement, in accordance with the indicated procedures;
- completion of any application/registration procedures required by the host partner university.

Failure to comply with the deadlines or required procedures may result in forfeiture of the mobility grant.

Art. 6.2 – Erasmus+ grant

a) Individual support grant – physical mobility

Selected students who have signed the financial agreement are entitled to receive a European Union grant for individual support, calculated on the basis of the duration of the Blended Intensive Programme, as follows:

- **€79.00 per day** from the 5th to the 14th day of physical mobility;
- **€56.00 per day** from the 15th to the 30th day of physical mobility;

as well as, where applicable, support for a **maximum of 2 travel days**.

In the case of **green travel**, up to **6 travel days** (up to 3 for the outward journey and 3 for the return journey) may be recognised, in accordance with Erasmus+ Programme rules.

b) Additional grant for students with fewer opportunities

Additional financial support is available for students with special needs related to physical, mental or health conditions and to students with an ISEE not exceeding **€27,948.60** / ISPE **€60,275.87** (in

accordance with the Ministerial provisions governing access to funding for students with fewer opportunities for the academic year 2025/26), as follows:

- **€100.00** one-off contribution for physical mobility periods lasting between 5 and 14 days;
- **€150.00** one-off contribution for physical mobility periods lasting between 15 and 30 days.

Eligible students are required to notify the International Relations Office (studentmobility@unimore.it), in accordance with the procedures that will be communicated.

c) Travel grant and green travel

All selected students are entitled to receive a travel contribution, calculated on the basis of the distance bands provided for under the Erasmus+ Programme, using the official European Commission Distance Calculator: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>.

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 1,999 km	€417 per participant	€309 per participant
Between 2,000 and 2,999 km	€535 per participant	€395 per participant
Between 3,000 and 3,999 km	€785 per participant	€580 per participant
Between 4,000 and 7,999 km	€1,188 per participant	€1,188 per participant
8,000 km or more	€1,735 per participant	€1,735 per participant

For the purposes of distance calculation, the place of departure is always **Modena**.

Students opting for **green travel** (outward and return journeys carried out predominantly by low-emission means of transport, such as train or bus) are entitled to receive:

- the green travel contribution in accordance with Erasmus+ tables;
- the individual support contribution for the recognised additional travel days, where applicable.

The green travel contribution and the related travel days are granted upon submission of supporting documents proving the actual use of green means of transport and the travel duration.

In the case of mixed travel (green and non-green means of transport), the green travel contribution is granted only if the green component is predominant in terms of kilometre distance.

Art. 6.3 – Grant payment procedures

The procedures for the payment of mobility grants and financial contributions will be communicated by the International Relations Office to the selected students.

The payment of contributions is subject to:

- signature of the financial agreement;
- actual completion of the activities provided for by the Blended Intensive Programme;
- submission of the required final documentation.

Art. 6.4 – Student obligations

Selected students are required to:

- participate in the virtual activities provided for by the Blended Intensive Programme;
- fully carry out the physical mobility period at the host institution;
- submit, at the end of the mobility, the Certificate of Attendance or Transcript of Records issued by the partner university;
- request recognition of the completed activities and the corresponding credits from their Degree Programme/Department.

Students who fail to demonstrate completion of the Blended Intensive Programme in accordance with the provisions set out herein shall forfeit their entitlement to the mobility grant.

Art. 7 – Withdrawals and use of ranking lists

In the event of withdrawal from the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP), selected students are required to promptly notify the International Relations Office in writing by sending an email to: studentmobility@unimore.it. If the withdrawal occurs after the financial contributions have been paid, even partially, students shall be required to reimburse the amounts received, in accordance with the procedures and deadlines communicated by the International Relations Office.

Following the withdrawal of one or more selected students, the International Relations Office shall proceed with the **use of the ranking list**, contacting eligible candidates in order of ranking and subject to:

- the timelines set out in the timetable referred to in Art. 3;
- the deadlines established by partner universities for the nomination of students.

Candidates contacted as part of the ranking list procedure must confirm their availability for the mobility within the deadlines indicated in the communication received. In the absence of a reply within the specified timeframe, the ranking list will be further used.

Withdrawal from the mobility does not preclude the possibility of submitting a new application under subsequent application windows of this Call, provided that the eligibility requirements are met.

Art. 8 – Insurance coverage

During participation in the Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP), limited to authorised institutional activities, beneficiary students are covered by the University's insurance policies for **Third Party Liability** and **Accidents**. Such insurance coverage also applies during the period of mobility abroad, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the policies stipulated by the

University. In addition, the University's insurance broker (AON S.p.A.) offers students voluntary health, personal and multi-risk insurance coverage abroad, with the premium to be paid by the individual student. Detailed information on insurance coverage and subscription procedures is available on the University's institutional website at the following address: <http://www.affaristituzionalicontrattigare.unimore.it/site/home/assicurazioni.html> and on the website: www.aonstudentinsurance.com

Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Art. 4 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, entitled "*New provisions on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents*", the person in charge of the procedure is **Ernestina Ricevuto** – International Relations Office
Email: studentmobility@unimore.it

Checks

Pursuant to Art. 71 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, the Administration reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks, including on a sample basis, and in all cases where there are reasonable doubts as to the truthfulness of the substitute declarations submitted by applicants for the purposes of participation in this Call. In the event of false declarations, without prejudice to the criminal liabilities provided for under current legislation, the applicant shall forfeit any benefits obtained.

Personal data processing

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (*General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR*), the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia processes the personal data provided by applicants exclusively for purposes related to the management of this Call and international mobility procedures. Personal data are processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, data minimisation and security. The complete privacy notice is available in the Annex "*Personal Data Processing Information*", which forms an integral part of this Call.

Final provisions

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia reserves the right to make amendments or additions to this Call where necessary as a result of provisions issued by partner universities, the Erasmus+ National Agency or due to organisational or regulatory requirements arising subsequently. Any updates shall be promptly communicated through the University's institutional channels.

Signature

The Director General
Eng. Luca Chiantore

Digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 82/2005