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## Scholarships for internships at Universidad Pablo de Olavide (Spain) in the framework of the European Programme ERASMUS+ KA1

### Objective

The Erasmus+ Programme – mobility offers **2 scholarships** for PhD students from the University of Sfax for a traineeship stay at The **Universidad Pablo de Olavide**.

The purpose of this call for nominations is to select **2 PhD students** for academic and traineeship stay at the University Pablo de Olavide under the framework of the Erasmus+ programme Key Action KA107 during the 1st or 2nd semester of the academic year 2025/2026 pursuant to the grant agreement 2022-1-ES01-KA171-HED-000069833.

### Mobility periods

1 semester

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

The student internship or academic stay will unfold in accordance with the provisions of the Erasmus+ 2020 programme Guide.

**The Home Universities will be in charge of selecting students and sending them to the University of Pablo de Olavide (UPO).**



**The University of Pablo de Olavide (UPO)** will evaluate whether the pre-selection meets the requirements of this call.

The definitive admission procedure of the selected student will subsequently be launched, allowing the stay to take place. Internship stay will be open to students enrolled in the present academic year in a PhD programme at The Université de Sfax.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CALL RESOLUTION

The UPO, the partner universities, and the applicants must follow the steps below:

- 2.1. Partner universities will elaborate and publish their applicant selection calls respecting the requirements of the present document.
- 2.2. Partner universities will publish their mobility calls on their websites and official notice boards.
- 2.3. Applicant students from the partner universities will respond to the calls providing all the required documentation.

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2.4. The partner universities will pre-select the candidates with the highest score according to the scales duly listed in the call published by each university.

2.5. Partner universities will send their nominations together with the required documentation by submitting an online application ([www.upo.es/es/aric](http://www.upo.es/es/aric)) by 20 June 2023 (special deadline for 2023-24 due to the delay of the notification of funds).

2.6. Once the received documentation has been verified, selected candidates will be sent an email with instructions on the UPO admission procedure. Final admission will be subject to the student's compliance with the procedure.

2.7. The UPO will send a letter of admission to the beneficiaries so that they can process their visa in their home country.

2.9. The search for accommodation and/or language courses, when applicable, and the completion of visa procedures is the responsibility of each beneficiary; the International Relations and Cooperation Area (ARIC) will disseminate all information available to this end.

2.10. Before the start of the stay, the beneficiary must have an insurance that includes coverage for medical assistance, accidents and repatriation over the entire period of the academic stay<sup>1</sup>, taking out the insurance policy offered by the UPO to international mobility participants. The participant will be responsible for any potential damages and losses caused (civil liability) during their stay that are not covered by their insurance.

2.11. The beneficiaries must respect any COVID-19 health and hygiene rules in force during their stay. The ARIC will inform participants of any available funding to cover all or part of the cost of medical tests which the participant is required to undergo.

2.12. At the end of the stays, beneficiaries will be given a certificate accrediting their stay that must be recognised by their home university.

2.13. The partner university undertakes to send a copy of this recognition to ARIC.



## GRANT SUPPORT

a) Beneficiaries will be exempt from paying UPO tuition fees. These students will already have enrolled at their home university, which gives them access to scholarships, grants, and other financial resources other than that of Erasmus+.

b) All beneficiaries shall be entitled to financial support, consisting of:

- Individual support: **850 euros** per month

<sup>1</sup> Insurance policies that limit the stay abroad to a maximum number of consecutive days (60, 90, etc.) that is below the number of days of the academic stay **are not valid**.

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- Travel support calculated according to the distance bands established by the programme and determined using the EACEA distance calculator [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/distance-calculator\\_es](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/distance-calculator_es)

c) The UPO will calculate and pay the grants to the beneficiaries according to the dates of their actual stays.

d) The grant will be paid in two separate payments:

First payment: 75% of the total sum at the beginning of the stay once the initial documentation has been delivered:

-Original copy of the signed Grant Agreement.

-Medical assistance, accident, and repatriation insurance.

-Academic agreement signed by all parties.

Second payment of the remaining sum at the end of the stay (25% of the total)

e) In cases where beneficiaries fail to meet the agreed conditions (renouncing to the stay, shortening the period of stay, or any other) with no valid justification, the UPO may claim the total or partial reimbursement of the received financial assistance, according to each case.

## STUDENT PRE-SELECTION PROCEDURE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SFAX

a) Specific eligibility requirements for students:



-To be enrolled in a PhD degree that fits the profile of the places described in Annex I.

-Students having already benefitted from an Erasmus stay for studies or internships may request an Erasmus stay in this call as long as the number of months of the requested stay added to the number of months of their previous stay within the same education cycle (doctorate) does not exceed 12.

-Submit a letter of admission signed by the UPO professor (academic coordinator) who will tutor them during the stay, specifying the start and end dates of the stay.

b) Mandatory selection criteria: The ARIC will assess whether the profile of the nominated staff conforms with the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy and general guidelines of the Erasmus+ programme. To this end, the scale must include the following mandatory criteria:

**b.1) Average mark of the student's academic record**

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**b.2)** Students who meet one or more of the following inclusion and diversity criteria established by the Erasmus+ programme:

- disability (i.e. participants with special needs): people with mental (intellectual, cognitive, learning), physical, sensory or other disabilities;
- educational difficulties: young people with learning difficulties; early school-leavers; low qualified adults; young people with poor school performance;
- economic obstacles: people with a low standard of living, low income, dependence on social welfare system or homeless; young people in long-term unemployment or poverty; people in debt or with financial problems;
- cultural differences: immigrants or refugees or descendants from immigrant or refugee families; people belonging to a national or ethnic minority; people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties;
- health problems: people with chronic health problems, severe illnesses or psychiatric conditions;
- social obstacles: people facing discrimination because of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, etc.; people with limited social skills or anti-social or risky behaviours; people in a precarious situation; (ex-)offenders, (ex-)drug or alcohol abusers; young and/or single parents; orphans;
- geographical obstacles: people from remote or rural areas; people living in small islands or in peripheral regions; people from urban problem zones; people from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities).

**b.3)** Applicants whose PhD programme belongs to the subject areas specified with a Priority in Annex I, where applicable, shall be given preference.

c) Recommended criteria:

- Additional points for students carrying out their first stay within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.
- Accredited knowledge of the working language of the stay, points according to language level.
- Accredited knowledge of a second language, points according to language level.

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- Certificate of enrolment
- Copy of the Passport
- All Transcript of Records (**Bac + Bachelor + Master**)
- Curriculum Vitae (European CV – Europass)
- Motivation letter
- Official proof of English & Spanish language proficiency at least **level B1**

- Admission letter signed by the UPO academic coordinator who will tutor the student.
- Documentation justifying the inclusion and diversity criteria when applicable. Certificate informing of any disadvantaged backgrounds and fewer opportunities compared to peers (disability, educational difficulties, economic obstacles, cultural differences, health problems, social obstacles, geographical obstacles). The full description about the disadvantaged backgrounds can be consulted on section b2 : Student pre-selection procedure by the University of Sfax.

### SELECTION CRITERIA :

The home Institution will be responsible of selection procedures on the basis **transparent and fair criteria**.

CRITERIA NO.	CRITERIA	SCORE
1	Average GPA	40
2	Language knowledge	
	B1	5
	B2	10
	C1/C2/TOEIC/TOEFL	20
3	No previous Erasmus mobility	30
4	CV	
	Work experience/traineeship	5
	Social activities / Volunteering / Clubs	5
5	Proof of inclusion (please see section b2 : Student pre-selection procedure by the university of sfax	30



**An incomplete application will be considered ineligible.**

**All the submitted documents must be in English.**

Please apply for this opportunity via the following link: <https://forms.gle/MiQhXR3pDBtfEqY29>

The deadline for applying is fixed on **28 May 2025**.

For any specific question or information, you can contact the International Relations Office at your home University: [sci@usf.tn](mailto:sci@usf.tn)

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## UPO ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Once the deadline has passed and the partner university nominations have been received, the ARIC will verify candidate scores together with the justifying documentation. A resolution announcing the selected candidates will be published and they will be informed by email of the admission procedure (and its deadline) to follow to be admitted by the UPO.

A letter of admission will be sent by email to the selected staff who correctly complete this procedure.

## DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with current personal data protection regulations, the collected data will be processed by the Pablo de Olavide University and incorporated into the "International Relations" processing system in order to manage this mobility, based on the fulfilment of a public interest mission (in accordance with the provisions of art. 6.1.e of EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, General Data Protection Regulation; of art. 1.2 of Organic Law 6/2001, of 21 December, on Universities; and of art. 171 of the Statutes of the Pablo de Olavide University, Seville) and with the University's compliance with legal obligations (art. 6.1.c of the General Data Protection Regulation). The data will be communicated solely to complete the necessary procedures for this call as well as to inform the relevant Administrations and Public Bodies and justify the destination of the grant.

The interested parties may exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion and portability of the data, as well as of data processing limitation and objection. They also have the right not to be subject to decisions based solely on the automated processing of their data, where applicable. They may consult additional information on the exercise of these and other rights at:

<https://www.upo.es/rectorado/secretaria-general/proteccion-de-datos>.

By submitting their application, interested parties expressly consent to the personal data processing conditions of this mobility programme.

## PUBLICATION OF LIST OF BENEFICIARIES

The list of beneficiaries will be disseminated by email and will be made public on the ARIC website including the list of selected and reserve candidates ranked according to the scores obtained. Ordinary places allocations will be carried out if necessary.



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