





ATTENTION TO ALL VMU PhD STUDENTS!

COMPETITION FOR PHD STUDENTS FOR

"ERASMUS+" LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE STUDIES in non-EU/EEA countries¹

PhD students are invited to participate in the competition for exchange studies in SPRING semester, 2026 in non-EU/EEA countries with <u>Erasmus+</u> scholarship.

Students have to submit a completed online application form by NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025.

Important for selecting a host university:

- make sure that the list of study subjects and research areas published on the website of the foreign university (e.g. course catalogue, research areas) matches your doctoral exam topics or dissertation research area at VMU.
 Indicate the corresponding subjects or research area in the online application form;
- Consult with your PhD studies supervisors and the <u>academic coordinators in the faculties/academies</u> regarding your study plan or possible PhD studies supervisor at the foreign university;
- Pay attention to the language of instruction at the host university and make sure that your level of language knowledge is sufficient;
- Consider the living expenses in the hosting country.

Selection criteria:

- Compatibility between the plan for studies or research at the host university and the study programme / dissertation topic at VMU;
- Motivation;
- Academic results of the studies during the last two semesters;
- Good knowledge of the language in which the exchange studies will be conducted.

Eligibility criteria:

PhD students from all fields of science can participate in the competition, except for the last semester students.

Selected PhD students, based on the needs expressed in their application, will receive an Erasmus+ scholarship for short-term mobility (5 days) or long-term mobility (2–3 months) for preparatory work for their final dissertation, or long-term mobility (up to 5 months) for attending study courses.

The results of the competition will be announced on **November 24**th. Each student will be informed personally via email.

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¹ Partner countries: Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership countries, South-Mediterranean countries, Asia countries, Central Asia countries, Latin America countries and other countries.

COMPETITION FOR ERASMUS+ STUDIES IN 2026, SPRING SEMESTER:

Erasmus+ Scholarship	700 Eur / month (for long-term studies)79 Eur / day (for short-term studies)
Additional Erasmus+ grant to cover travel costs (the amount depends on the distance between VMU (Kaunas city) and place of receiving HEI (city) ¹	2000 – 2999 km – 395,00 Eur;

Possibility to receive additional scholarship:

- students with fewer opportunities (more information can be found here); students with disabilities or special needs (more information can be found here)

Country	Higher education institution	Number of Erasmus+ scholarships	Possible duration*
Albania	University of Tirana	3	1, 2, 3
	University of New York Tirana		
	Agricultural University of Tirana		
	<u>University of Sarajevo</u>		1, 2, 3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	International Burch University	2	
	International University of Sarajevo		
Egypt	<u>Cairo University</u>	1	1, 2, 3
	Mansoura University		
	American University in Cairo		
Georgia	Georgian Technical University	1	1
	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University		
	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University		
Kazakhstan	Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University	2	1, 2, 3
	L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University		
	A. Baitursynov Kostanay Regional University		
Kenya	Kenyatta University	2	1, 2, 3
Kosovo	<u>University of Prishtina</u>	2	1, 2, 3
	<u>Universum College</u>		
Mauritius	<u>University of Mauritius</u>	2	1, 2, 3
Moldova	Moldova State University	1	1
	Technical University of Moldova		
Montenegro	<u>University of Donja Gorica</u>	3	1, 2, 3
Morocco	<u>Universite Cadi Ayyad</u>		2 months only
	Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II	1	
	<u>Universite Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah</u>		

¹ According to the distance calculator of European Commission: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus- <u>plus/tools/distance en.htm</u>. Depends on mobility project.

Tunicia	<u>University of Sousse</u>	2	1, 2, 3
Tunisia	University of Monastir	2	
Tanzania	University of Dar es Salaam	1	1, 2, 3
	Tanzania Institute of Accountancy		

 $^{^{*}}$ 1 – Short-term (5 days) mobility for preparatory work for the dissertation.

^{2 –} Long-term mobility (2–3 months) for preparatory work for the dissertation.

^{3 –} Long-term mobility (5 months) for attending study courses.