

Information sheet on additional funding for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus+ programme

The target groups for additional financial support are gradually being expanded in the current Erasmus+ program generation. In addition to **students with children** and **students with a disability (GdB 20 or more)** or **chronic illness that leads to additional financial needs abroad**, other groups will under certain conditions be able to receive a top-up amount of €250 per month from WS 2023/24: **employed students** and **students from a non-academic background**.

In the following, we inform you about the funding criteria and the application process.

Attention!

In order for your application for additional funding to be considered, you must submit the document "Erasmus+ Additional Funding - Declaration on Honour" at the time of your application with the rest of your application documents! Applications for additional funding that reach us later can usually no longer be considered.

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Amount and combinability of additional funding

The top-up for participants with fewer opportunities is 250€ per month and can only be granted once, even if several criteria apply to you. However, it can be combined with both the Green Travel Top-up and the Traineeship/Internship Top-up. Therefore, your Erasmus grant can consist of a maximum of the following components:

Erasmus+ for studies

Maximum funding =

regular monthly rate for your country

+ if applicable, one-off €50 and up to 4 travel days for "green" travel

+ if applicable, top-up of €250 per month for participants with fewer opportunities

Erasmus+ Traineeships/Internships

Maximum funding =

regular monthly rate for your country

+ Top-up for traineeships of €150 per month

+ if applicable, one-off €50 and up to 4 travel days for sustainable travel

+ if applicable, top-up of €250 per month for participants with fewer opportunities

Application

Please apply for funding by handing in the signed Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding". As the funds are limited, a subsequent application is usually not possible.

Supporting documents

At the time of your application, your declaration on honour is sufficient as proof of eligibility. However, upon request, you must be able to provide supporting documents (depending on the additional funding, e.g., medical certificate, disability certificate, travel receipts, parents' declaration, salary slips). If you are unable to provide the supporting documents, we will have to reclaim the additional funding in its entirety.

Criteria for additional funding in detail

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability (Grad der Behinderung = GdB) of 20 or more can receive a top-up amount of €250 per month.

Proof: Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit the following proof upon request: severely disabled person's ID card or notification from the Landessozialamt (State Social Welfare Office).

If you incur particularly high additional costs due to your stay abroad, you can also apply for **real costs coverage** instead of the monthly top-up amount, which can cover up to €15,000 per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person or for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. The application for real costs requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice **at least 3 months before the start of their mobility**.

Top-up for students with additional needs due to chronic illness

Students with a chronic illness that leads to additional financial needs for the stay abroad can also receive an additional €250 per month. The basis for the classification of a disease as "chronic" is the ["List of Chronic Diseases of the Robert Koch Institute"](#)

Proof: Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit the following proof upon request: Medical certificate confirming that additional financial needs arise abroad due to the existing chronic illness. The type of illness and the amount/scope of the additional need do not have to be mentioned or quantified.

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Top-up for students with children

Students who take their child or children abroad with them can also receive an additional €250 per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children are taken along for the entire stay. The allowance is calculated independently of the number of children, i.e. if you travel with 2 children, for example, the top-up amount will still be €250 per month. The application is also possible if a caregiver (partner) is travelling with you.

Proof: Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit the following proof upon request: Birth certificate and travel documents of the child/children.

If you incur particularly high additional costs due to your stay abroad, you can also apply for **real costs coverage** instead of the monthly top-up amount, which can cover up to €15,000 per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person or for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. The application for real costs requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice **at least 3 months before the start of their mobility.**

Top-up for students from a non-academic background

Studies have shown that students whose parents have not already studied themselves are less likely to consider a stay abroad. With additional funding, the Erasmus program aims to encourage these students to take the step abroad. In this case, students whose parents or caregivers do not have a degree from a university or university of applied sciences are considered first-time graduates. Here, too, €250 is available in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant.

Degrees obtained at a university, a university of cooperative education or a university of applied sciences (within or outside Germany) are considered academic degrees. This applies even if the courses of study completed abroad are not recognized in Germany. In the skilled trades, the master craftsman's diploma is not considered an academic degree.

If your parents are not sure whether their degree counts as an academic degree, visit the [website of](#)

[the "Stiftung Akkreditierungsrat"](#). If you find your parents' degree there, you may not apply for this top-up.

Proof: Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit the following proof upon request: Declaration on honour by parents/guardians.

Top-up for working students

Students who earn a considerable amount of their own living may be reluctant to embark on a stay abroad, as they are often unable to continue working while abroad and their earnings are lost. To alleviate this problem, there is now a top-up amount of €250 if the following criteria apply:

- Employment with net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros in each month for a period of at least 6 months.
- The employment period may be terminated a maximum of two months before the start of the mobility, so that there is still a temporal reference to the mobility.
Example: Mobility starts on 15.09.2024. The employment relationship may be terminated on 15.07.2024 at the earliest.
- The employment relationship may be a single one or several ones that immediately follow each other. An interruption during the regular leave period during employment is not a problem.
- The activity is not continued during the stay abroad, so that there is a loss of earnings

Proof: Declaration on Honour "Erasmus+ Additional Funding"

In addition, you agree to submit the following proof upon request: Salary statement and proof from the employer that the employment relationship has ended or will be interrupted during the stay abroad.