

Info sheet on additional funding for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus program Internship abroad

Equal opportunities, inclusion, and sustainability are key priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme. To support students for whom an international mobility may present additional challenges, Erasmus+ offers supplementary funding. In addition, these funding opportunities encourage more sustainable travel to the host institution. The following types of additional funding are available:

- **Green Travel Top-Up**
- **Top-Up for Students with Fewer Opportunities**
- **Actual Cost Funding** (for students with a recognized disability degree of 50 or higher)

Top-Up: Green Travel

If you travel sustainably—meaning that more than 50% of your journey is made using environmentally friendly means of transport—you may apply for the Green Travel Top-Up.

You will receive an increased travel grant based automatically on the distance to your host institution. In addition, you may receive funding for up to **six additional travel days**.

To be eligible, your journey must begin in Hamburg, take you directly to your host institution, and must not include alternative departure locations or detours. Please note the following guidelines for calculating additional travel days:

- +1 day (up to 8 hours) outbound travel time
- +2 days (up to 16 hours) outbound travel time
- +3 days (24 hours or more) outbound travel time

- +1 day (up to 8 hours) return travel time
- +2 days (up to 16 hours) return travel time
- +3 days (24 hours or more) return travel time

The funded travel days count as additional days of your Erasmus+ mobility and are financed at the applicable daily rate for your host country.

Entfernung zur Gasthochschule	Standardreise	Green Travel
10 bis 99 KM	28 EUR	56 EUR
100 bis 499 KM	211 EUR	285 EUR
500 bis 1.999 KM	309 EUR	417 EUR
2.000 bis 2.999 KM	395 EUR	535 EUR
3.000 bis 3.999 KM	580 EUR	785 EUR
4.000 bis 7.999 KM	1.188 EUR	1.188 EUR
8.000 KM oder mehr	1.735 EUR	1.735 EUR

Sustainable means of transport

The following modes of transport qualify as sustainable travel: Train, Bus, Carpooling, Bicycle or Walking. If you combine several sustainable modes of transport, please indicate the one used for the largest part of your journey.

Application

You will be asked about Green Travel in your **Mobility Online** workflow. You will receive further information by email before the start of your mobility. If Green Travel applies to you, please download the Declaration of Honour provided in Mobility Online, sign it, and upload the signed document.

Supporting documents

Signed Declaration of Honour for additional funding. You also agree to submit supporting documentation upon request.

Notice

Since spring 2024, Interrail has offered a special six-month Erasmus+ Pass for Erasmus+ students. Further information is available on the [Interrail website](#).

Top-Up for Students with Fewer Opportunities

Students with fewer opportunities may apply for an additional **EUR 250 per month (EUR 8.33 per day)** on top of the regular Erasmus+ grant for their host country.

Please note that this Top-Up can only be awarded **once**, even if you meet more than one eligibility criterion.

The following groups are eligible:

- Students with children
- Students with a disability (degree of disability of 20 or higher)
- Students with a chronic illness
- First-generation students (students from a non-academic family background)
- Employed students

Applications are submitted through your **Mobility Online** workflow. Before your mobility begins, you will receive further information by email. If you are eligible, please print, sign, and upload the Declaration of Honour.

Students with children

Students who take their child or children with them for the entire duration of their stay abroad may receive an additional **EUR 250 per month**.

The amount is granted **per family**, regardless of the number of children. You may also apply if your partner or another caregiver accompanies you.

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding. You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Students with a disability

Students with a recognized degree of disability of **20 or higher** may receive an additional **EUR 250 per month**.

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding. You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Students with a chronic illness

Students whose chronic illness results in additional financial expenses during their stay abroad may also receive **EUR 250 per month**.

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding. You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Top-up for students from a non-academic background

Research shows that students whose parents did not attend university are less likely to consider studying or completing an internship abroad. Erasmus+ therefore provides additional financial support for first-generation students. Eligible students receive an additional **EUR 250 per month**.

You are considered a first-generation student if neither your parents nor your legal guardians hold a degree from a university or university of applied sciences. Degrees from institutions equivalent to higher education institutions, including those obtained abroad, are also regarded as academic degrees, even if they are not formally recognized in Germany. A German *Meister* qualification does **not** count as an academic degree.

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding. You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Employed students

Students who earn a significant part of their living expenses through employment may receive an additional **EUR 250 per month** if all of the following conditions are met:

- You were continuously employed for at least six months immediately before your mobility.
- Your average monthly net income during those six months was **more than EUR 450 and less than EUR 850**.
- Your employment may consist of one or several consecutive jobs without interruption (except for regular vacation periods).
- Your employment ends for the duration of your mobility, resulting in a loss of income.
- You may not receive salary payments from your employer during your mobility, and remote work from abroad is not permitted.

Self-employment and dual or work-integrated degree programs with a fixed salary are not eligible.

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding. You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Actual Cost Funding

If your personal circumstances result in exceptionally high additional costs during your mobility abroad, you may apply for **Actual Cost Funding**.

This funding is available to:

- Students with children
- Students with chronic illnesses
- Students with a recognized degree of disability of **50 or higher**

Funding of up to **EUR 15,000 per semester** may be granted. Financial support may also be available for an accompanying person or for a preparatory visit to the host institution.

Because the application process is extensive, students are strongly encouraged to contact the Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator well in advance. The complete application must be submitted to the DAAD **at least two months before the start of the mobility**.

Actual Cost Funding is intended for cases where the additional expenses exceed the amount covered by the Top-Up and cannot be financed through other national funding bodies.

Combining Additional Funding

The **Green Travel Top-Up** can be combined with all other additional funding options.

However, for the same personal circumstance (e.g. a chronic illness), you may receive **either** the Top-Up **or** Actual Cost Funding, but not both.

For example, it is possible to receive:

- the Top-Up as a student with children, and

- Actual Cost Funding due to a chronic illness.

Your Erasmus+ funding may therefore consist of the following components:

- the regular monthly Erasmus+ grant for your host country;
- up to six additional funded travel days for Green Travel;
- one monthly Top-Up of EUR 250 (if eligible); and/or
- Actual Cost Funding.