

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

The target groups for Erasmus supplementary funding will be expanded from the 2022/23 academic year. This is intended to provide special support for students for whom a stay abroad may be more challenging.

In addition to **students with children, disabled or chronically ill students**, other groups can now receive a monthly supplement of 250 euros under certain conditions: **working students** and students from a **non-academic family background**.

There is also the possibility for all students to receive a grant for up to 6 additional travel days if one decides to **travel sustainably**.

Combinability of the additional subsidies

The following special grants can all be combined with the Green Travel grant. However, the 250-euro additional grant can only be awarded once, even if several criteria apply to you. Therefore, your Erasmus grant can consist at maximum of the following components:

Maximum support =
regular monthly rate for your country
+ if applicable max. 6 additional travel days for choosing sustainable means of transport
+ if applicable one-time top-up of 250 Euro per month for groups below

Criteria for additional funding in detail

Contribution for „green travel“

If you travel at least one way (outward or return) by a sustainable means of transport (e.g. bicycle, train, long-distance bus, carpool, ship) from Hamburg to the location of your host university or back, you can apply for the "Green Travel" grant. There is a maximum of 6 travel days for which can be applied for, provided that this extends the travel time as follows:

1 day (under 8 hours) outbound travel time
2 days (over 8 hours) outbound travel time
3 days (over 24 hours) outbound travel time

1 day (under 8 hours) return travel time
2 days (over 8 hours) return travel time
3 days (over 24 hours) return travel time

The travel days on which you have traveled sustainably count as additional days of stay and will be financially supported with the valid daily rate of the corresponding country rate (subject to funds).

Proof: Declaration on honour for additional funding

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 or more can receive a top-up on their grant of 250 euros per month.

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If particularly high additional costs arise due to your stay abroad, a so-called "real cost application" can be submitted instead with a few months' notice, through which up to 15,000 euros per semester can be covered, e.g. for an accompanying person. It is also possible to receive a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early and to contact erasmus.coordination@uni-hamburg.de directly.

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 euros per month.

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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 euros per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children is/are taken along during the entire stay. The allowance is 250 euros per month per family, regardless of the number of children. The application is also possible if a caregiver (partner) travels along.

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If particularly high additional costs arise from taking your child/children with you for your stay abroad, a so-called "real cost application" can be submitted instead with a few months' advance notice, through which up to 15,000 euros per semester can be covered. It is also possible to receive a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early and to contact erasmus.coordination@uni-hamburg.de directly.

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 academics. Here, too, 250 euros are available in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant.

A degree from a university-like university of cooperative education is considered an academic degree. Likewise, courses of study completed abroad count as academic degrees, even if they are not recognized in Germany. A master craftsman's diploma is not considered an academic degree.

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Top-up for working students

Students who earn a significant 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 earnings are lost. To alleviate this problem, there is now a top-up amount of 250 euros if the following criteria apply:

- with **net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros in any month continuously employed for at least six months** during the two semesters prior to the stay abroad
- The employment may be a single one or several immediately following each other. An interruption within the regular vacation period during employment is not a problem.
- the **activity is not continued during the stay abroad**, so that there is a loss of earnings

The activity must have taken place during this period:

Stay abroad in/from fall semester:

1 January of the same year through 31 July of the year abroad

Stay abroad in spring semester:

1 April of the previous year through 31 January of the year abroad

Attention! Activities carried out in self-employment and dual/ part-time study programmes with a fixed salary are excluded.

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Application

Please apply for funding by answering the relevant questions in the Mobility online portal and uploading the signed declaration on honour. Since funds are limited, it is generally not possible to apply after the deadline. The questions will be visible in the portal after the “additional funding” email is sent.

Supporting documents

At the current time, your honorary declaration 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 or similar).