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FSE 2014/2020 P.O.R. Sicilia Project n° 2019-1-IT02-KA107-061485, CUP J49J19000440008

## Call for Applications

**Scholarships to study at the University of Messina (Italy) in the framework of the European Programme ERASMUS+ KA107 A.Y. 2021/22 (FSE 2014/2020 P.O.R. Sicilia Project n° 2019-1-IT02-KA107-061485 CUP J49J19000440008)**

### Objective

The University of Messina (UniME) offers the possibility to spend a mobility period for study for students (Bachelor, Master and PhD) enrolled at the University of Sfax (USF) within the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Programme.

According to the Inter-institutional Agreement signed between UniME and USF, scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in the Degree course in **Engineering, Manufacturing and Constructions, Business Administration and law, Health, ICT, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Humanities and Languages.**

Selected students will attend courses, carry out research, use all UniME facilities on an equal basis as UniME enrolled students. A fee waiver policy will be adopted (except the fees due by all enrolled students – urban mobility, labs etc).

The sending institution commits to recognize the approved credits obtained/research period carried out by students during the mobility period spent at UniME as encoded in the approved learning agreement.

### Scholarship

The Erasmus+ for study scholarships are contributions to support living costs in the hosting country. Scholarships awarded will cover the following costs:

- A fixed contribution by the European Union. It varies according to the European Country of destination and the number of days spent at the hosting institution. The scholarship for Italy (Group 1 Country) is of **850 € per month (30 days)**.
- A supplementary sum will cover the travel costs on the basis of the distance between the home town and Messina, according to the European distance calculator [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

#### Scholarships and Mobility period:

- 4 students (Bachelor, Master and PhD) for 6 months each
- 3 students (Bachelor, Master and PhD) for 9 months each

### Conditions and Application procedures

#### *General conditions for admittance*

The candidate must be enrolled, for the whole duration of the mobility, at the University of Sfax (USF).



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Please find the relevant dates for this Call for applicants awarding period (**2021/2022**):

**\*Starting/end of the I semester:** September/October 2021-February/March 2022

**\*Starting/end of the II semester:** February/March 2022-July 2022

\*For PhD mobilities these dates are not relevant.

Selected students will be able to start their mobility starting from October 2021.

Applications must be submitted to the Sending Institution, that will be in charge of pre-selecting the students and officially communicate the list to UniME.

### *Application Procedures*

The academic offer and relevant modules and procedures can be found at the following webpage:

<https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/erasmus-icm-incoming-extra-eu>

The following documents are mandatory:

- Application Form duly filled in
- Learning Agreement signed by the student and the home institution
- Research Proposal **signed by the academic tutors at home and host institutions** (only for PhD students)
- Copy of Passport
- Italian B1 Certificate/English B1 Certificate if available, otherwise assessment of language level by the home institution
- All Transcript of Records (from the BAC)
- Short CV
- passport photo (jpeg file)
- Motivation letter
- Proof of registration in the home university

Please note that in order to be preselected, at the time of application PhD applicants must have a Learning Agreement already pre-accepted by UniME with a short description of the research proposal.

Application Form and Learning Agreement must be filled in, signed and submitted, along with the other requested documents, **on a single PDF file.**

To apply for this opportunity, please send your applications (in one pdf file) to [icm@usf.tn](mailto:icm@usf.tn)

**Kindly use the call title (Scholarships to study at the University of Messina (Italy)) as the email subject line.**

The deadline for applying is fixed on **20 August 2021.**

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



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The deadline for applying at UniME are:

- I semester (autumn term)/full academic year – 12<sup>th</sup> September
- II semester (spring term) – 30<sup>th</sup> November

For any specific question or information linked to the application and selection procedure you can contact Ms. Fatma GHORBEL by e-mail [fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn](mailto:fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn).

For information relating the drafting of the learning agreement and of the research proposal you can [fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn](mailto:fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn) at USF and [erasmusicm@unime.it](mailto:erasmusicm@unime.it) at UniME.

### Selection criteria

The selection process is under the responsibility of the home Institution that will make every reasonable effort to conduct it in a fair, clear, transparent and equal base. No discriminations based on gender, religion, and social bias will be made. At equal conditions, priority will be given to disadvantaged students. The home Institution will submit a list of selected candidates to the host Institution. Selections will respect the following criteria:

#### **Bachelor and Master Students**

- Average mark
- Relevance of proposed activities in the Learning Agreement according to the University studies
- Language skills (Italian or English B1)
- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/motivation letter

#### **PhD Students**

- Degree final mark
- Learning Agreement along with an outline of the research proposal **signed by home and host institutions**
- Language skills (Italian or English B1)
- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/ motivation letter

**Please note that if language skills are not certified but self assessed, UniME reserves the right to assess the language skills of selected candidates by means of Skype interviews.**

### Duties of the University of Messina

After receiving the nominations and relevant dossiers of each student by the home Institution, UniME will send a letter of acceptance. UniME International Cooperation and Education Unit will provide support for visa release and housing facilities. A communication will be sent to all accepted students with all relevant information about university life in Messina and the necessary procedures.

Each student will have an academic tutor.

UniME will support students with all the procedures linked to the issue of the residence permit once in Italy, the opening of the bank account and all university administrative procedures.



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At the end of the mobility, UniME will issue a Transcript of Records (for BA and MA students) of all the exams taken in the respect of the learning agreement and a letter of work accomplishment for PhD students.

### **Duties of the Student**

The student must send the application form and all relevant documents to his/her Home Institution's International Office within the deadline.

If selected, the student will receive a communication and will have to return the acceptance letter duly signed.

After the arrival, the selected student will have to sign the financial agreement that will be provided by UniME (an email containing instructions to this effect will be sent to students).

The student must apply for the visa at the Italian Embassy in his/her Country of origin; UniME will send the letter of acceptance in due time for this purpose.

The student is responsible to make reservations and pay the travel costs and must have **enough funds to cover the costs of the first period of stay in Messina.**

The participant shall have adequate insurance coverage. The **participant must have an Health Insurance before leaving his/her Country.** A private liability insurance is highly recommended, while a health insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury, valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the visa/residence permit, is mandatory. Alternatively, students can decide to enrol to the National Health Service, Sistema Sanitario Nazionale (SSN): [http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2\\_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=2522&area=Assistenza%20sanitaria&menu=vuoto](http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=2522&area=Assistenza%20sanitaria&menu=vuoto)

It is highly recommended that the student stipulates a new or supplementary health policy for further coverage expressly including health costs linked to Covid-19 emergency.

It is highly recommended that the student stipulates a Travel insurance in case of cancellation due to COVID-19 emergency (e.g. cancellation of the physical mobility by the hosting institution due to the worsening of the pandemic emergency).

If no specific insurance linked to Covid-19 emergency is stipulated, the student should be aware that no reimbursements are foreseen, therefore the participant shall assume the additional costs incurred in, as a result of a possible worsening of the epidemiological situation and the consequent health security measures adopted, even without notice, by the competent Italian authorities and/or by transport carriers (airlines, railways, urban and extra-urban public transport).

Once in Messina, the student must attend classes or carry out his/her research, as stated in the Learning Agreement/Research Proposal.

**The student must inform the Home and Host Institutions about a potential anticipated departure.**