



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 I SEMESTER A.Y. 2022/23 (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 within the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Programme.

According to the Inter-institutional Agreement signed between UniME and University of Sfax, scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in the Degree course and PhD 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 are awarded by Sicily Regional Operational Program (POR) co-financed by the European Social Fund (FSE) 2014-2020 and will cover the following costs:

- A fixed contribution which 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

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 in and PhD in Engineering, Manufacturing and Constructions, Business Administration and law, Health, ICT, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Humanities and Languages.



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Please find the relevant dates for this Call for applicants awarding period (**I SEMESTER 2022/2023**):

***Starting/end of the I semester:** September/October 2022-February/March 2023

*For PhD mobilities these dates are not relevant.

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 (see annex)
- Learning Agreement signed by the student and the home institution (see annexes)
- Research Proposal **signed by the academic tutors at home and host institutions** (only for PhD students) (see annex)
- Copy of Passport
- Italian B2 Certificate/English B2 Certificate if available, otherwise assessment of language level by the home institution
- All transcripts of Records (Bachelor, Master and PhD Students)
- Short CV
- passport photo (jpeg file)
- Motivation letter

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.

The documents must be sent to the University of Sfax (International Relations Office) to the following e-mail address icm@usf.tn. The home Institution will be responsible of selection procedures on the basis of **transparent and fair criteria**.

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

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



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The deadline for applying is the 30th of June, 2022.

- **All documents in Arabic should be translated into English language.**
- **Any incomplete application will be considered ineligible**

For any specific question or information linked to the application and selection procedure you can contact Mrs Fatma Ghorbel, e-mail fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn at your home institution

For information relating the drafting of the learning agreement and of the research proposal you can contact icm@usf.tn at USF and 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 B2)
- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/motivation letter
- Past mobility experience
- Priority to disabled students with the same score

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 B2)
- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/ motivation letter
- Past mobility experience
- Priority to disabled students with the same score

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



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After receiving the nominations and relevant dossiers of each student by the home Institution, UniME will send a letter of acceptance. UniME Extra-EU Mobility Programs 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.

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

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



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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.