

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2015
ERASMUS+ KA107
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING MOBILITY FROM ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES**

Since its origins, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) has woven cooperation ties with universities overseas and it has encouraged the mobility of students and staff, forging its profile as an international campus and becoming the first Spanish university in international outlook.

By studying and teaching abroad both students and lecturers improve their linguistic, cultural and training skills, building an open-minded and qualified community of junior and senior professionals. Moreover, inbound and outbound mobility actively contribute to pluralism and multiculturalism in the academia and in campus life.

Pompeu Fabra University seeks to host international faculty and students willing to join one of the most unique and dynamic research and teaching environments in Europe, where they will be able to advance in their training, education and research or to further develop their professional skills sets.

UPF has lately developed a proactive policy of cooperation with emerging countries and the Asia-Pacific region, which has been acknowledged by the Erasmus+ programme awarding funds to foster international mobility with Australia, China, India, Japan and South Korea under the last call KA107.

Given that the competence to award grants and scholarships to students and staff participating in exchange programmes falls (by delegation of powers in accordance to Article 6 in the UPF Rector's order of June 4th, 2013) under the responsibility of the Vice-rector for International Relations,

HE RESOLVES:

First. To open the call for applications under the Erasmus+ programme to grant scholarships for academic mobility to students and staff coming from UPF partner universities in Australia, China, India, Japan and South Korea.

Second. To approve the following guidelines.

1. PURPOSE AND FUNDING

Student and teaching staff mobility is one of the key activities within the framework of the European Commission Erasmus+ programme in the field of education, youth and sport.

The present call is based on the funding awarded to UPF for mobility projects with EU associated countries under Key Action 107 of the Erasmus+ Programme.

The main objectives of this call are:

- To offer training, research and study development opportunities to students, young researchers and lecturers of partner universities in Asia-Pacific countries.
- To achieve sustained improvements in knowledge, teaching and research skills.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between UPF and universities in the Asia-Pacific countries, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.
- To improve participants' language and cultural skills, promoting mutual enrichment and understanding.

The total number of mobility scholarships is **29**, which are distributed as follows:

Home country	Number of mobilities per level			Total
	Undergraduate (max. 5 months)	PhD (max. 5 months)	Teaching staff (5 days)	
AUSTRALIA			3	3
CHINA		4	4	8
INDIA	4	4	4	12
JAPAN			2	2
SOUTH COREA			4	4
	4	8	17	29

Countries	Partner universities	Mobility level	Nº	Duration	Subsistence allowance	Max. travel aid
CHINA	Beijing University of Foreign Studies Nankai University Shanghai University of Finance and Economics East China University of Political Sciences & Law	PhD	4	5 months	800 €/month	1.100 €
		Teaching staff	4	5 days	120 €/day	
AUSTRALIA	University of New South Wales University of Technology of Sidney University of Queensland University of Adelaide Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Australian National University	Teaching staff	3	5 days	120 €/day	1.100 €
INDIA	Indian Institute of Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University University of New Delhi Symbiosis International University	Teaching staff	4	5 days	120 €/day	820 €
		PhD	4	5 months	800 €/month	
		Undergrad	4	5 months		
JAPAN	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Keio University Hitotsubashi University Waseda University	Teaching staff	2	5 days	120 €/day	1.100 €
SOUTH KOREA	Seoul National University Korea University Sogang University Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Teaching staff	4	5 days	120 €/day	1.100 €

In the framework of the Erasmus+ programme, all mobility activities are conditional upon the signature of an interinstitutional agreement between UPF and the partner university before the start of the mobility.

Mobilities are strongly recommended to take place during the second semester of the 2015-2016 or the first semester of the 2016-2017, always before May 30, 2017.

2. APPLICATION

To be eligible, applicants must fulfil the following general requirements:

1. To be students enrolled at or teaching staff employed by a partner university in a participating country.
2. To commit to performing mobility before May 30, 2017, preferably during the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year.
3. To accredit a sufficient knowledge (B2) of any of the working languages at UPF, Catalan, Spanish or English, in order to conduct teaching or to take courses.
4. To submit a Mobility Agreement proposal with their working plan at UPF, validated at both ends by the relevant academic authorities at the home and host institutions.

The fulfilment of these requirements will be verified by UPF in coordination with the applicants' home universities.

Applicants are required to submit a full application on-line through the UPF website, including the following documents:

1. Application form
2. Transcript of records (ToR) for students and a CV summary for PhD and teaching staff
3. Language competence certificate (if applicable)
4. Mobility Agreement proposal, duly validated both by the home and the host relevant academic authorities, including the proposed dates for mobility. Please refer to the templates in the [Annexes per type of mobility](#)
 - a) Students: a list of UPF courses and the agreement to transfer back the credits (minimum 15 ECTS per quarter)
 - b) PhD: an outline of the research to conduct at UPF
 - c) Teaching staff: an outline of the teaching assignment (minimum 8 hours) at UPF
5. Motivation letter written in English or Spanish
6. Academic referees (if applicable)

The application period will start upon publication of this call and will remain open until all scholarships are granted. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis**, and decision on the award of scholarships will be published monthly on the UPF website and duly informed to applicants and their home universities.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection process will be conducted with full guarantees of transparency, fairness and equity, and will seek a balanced distribution among partner universities in associated countries.

UPF will, as a host institution, assess applications on the basis of the following criteria, within the limits of budget availability.

- a. Outstanding academic record, according to the GPA in the students ToR (60%) or the teaching staff and PhD CVs (30%)
- b. Feasibility of the Mobility Agreement proposal and its contribution to common academic interests between the home and host partner institutions (40%)
- c. In the case of faculty and PhD only, relevance to institutional relations between the home and host partner institutions (30%). Applications from EAPSH (Europe Asia Pacific Social Sciences and Humanity Network) universities are strongly encouraged and shall receive special consideration.

Candidates with 75% will be prioritized. In the case of selected applicants surpassing the number of scholarships, UPF will keep them on a waiting list, and it reserves the right to consider them as Erasmus+ grantees with no financial aid, entitling them to the same rights and duties as funded grantees.

4. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE BENEFICIARIES

Rights:

1. To perform the entire mobility period awarded, without extensions.
2. To receive the scholarship according to the amounts set in the Erasmus+ programme guidelines and the real arrival and departure dates. The expenses not covered by the scholarship will be borne by the beneficiary.
3. To benefit from tuition fee waiver as undergraduate or PhD student, notwithstanding other taxes for the use of certain services or activities that might be applicable.
4. To receive information and advice on the application procedure, as well as pre-departure and on-site orientation.
5. To have the study or teaching period abroad recognized by their home university.

Duties:

1. To be in possession of adequate insurance coverage during the mobility period, according to Erasmus+ programme rules.
2. To issue a valid visa (if required) for the mobility period at UPF.
3. To carry out the mobility according to the proposal and dates committed, preferably during the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year or the first semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, and always before May 30, 2017.

4. To complete all procedures and fill in the required documentation as requested by the Erasmus+ programme, before, during and after the mobility period, meeting the deadlines established by UPF:
 - a. Before mobility: Signature of the Grant Agreement and the Learning/Mobility Agreement, and online language assessment (students only).
 - b. After mobility: Submission of the Mobility Certificate, online mobility final assessment survey, and online language assessment (students only).
 5. Any other duty related to the UPF and home university policies, as well as the Erasmus+ programme rules.
- Noncompliance with such duties will result in revocation of the award.

5. INFORMATION

All the information regarding this call will be available on the UPF International Relations website.

The International Relations Service at Pompeu Fabra University will be in charge of the general coordination and management of this call, being the first contact point for applicants and beneficiaries.

Enquiries during the application process can be addressed via e-mail or by phone to:

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