

Erasmus+ Funding for Traineeships 2022/23



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ programme offers funding to support students to study abroad for up to one year in another European university or **to gain valuable international work experience in a European organisation**

Typical 'work experience'/traineeship activities include:

- English language placements
- Industrial placements
- Degree projects abroad
- Summer placements
- Graduate placements



It IS funding* for relevant traineeship activity, it IS NOT a traineeship offer

Last chance!



The UK's participation in the Erasmus+ programme will continue until the end of any currently active projects. Therefore University of Aberdeen students can continue to participate and benefit from Erasmus+ funding until May 2023, when our current project ends.

A traineeship abroad – why you should do it!

- Working abroad makes you half as likely to face unemployment than graduates who have not worked abroad
- Average starting salary of students who have worked abroad is higher than those who have not worked abroad
- Students who have worked abroad are more likely to achieve a higher degree classification
- One in three students who have worked abroad have been offered permanent jobs by their host company
- Develop and evidence skills highly valued by employers:
 - working with colleagues from a wide range of cultural backgrounds
 - embracing multiple perspectives
 - challenging traditional ways of thinking
 - high degree of resilience

Who can apply? Everyone!

- Some degree programmes (typically 5 year programmes) have a compulsory year abroad which can incorporate an Erasmus traineeship e.g. Modern language programmes and programmes 'with industrial placement' in the title
- Other degree programmes offer the option to undertake the final year project abroad at a European university/institution e.g. Engineering, Chemistry, Medical Sciences
- Where there is not a 'window' for traineeship activity within the degree programme, consider applying for a summer or graduate traineeship



Funding criteria

To qualify for Erasmus+ funding your traineeship must:

- take place in a participating country (EU/EEA + Turkey + North Macedonia). You cannot receive funding for traineeships taking place in the UK, Switzerland, or your home country.
- be at least 60 days duration
- be full-time, applicable to the type of work
- be relevant to your subject area (this does not apply to graduate traineeship or traineeships in digital skills)

EU bodies, including those managing EU programmes, are not eligible as host organisations for Erasmus+ funded traineeships.

Funding criteria cont.

Have you received Erasmus+ funding before?

Over the course of your degree cycle (e.g. undergraduate) you are eligible for a maximum of 12 months Erasmus funding across study and traineeship activities. If you have received funding previously you must email erasmus@abdn.ac.uk to enquire about your remaining entitlement

Summer traineeships

- Great opportunity to experience time abroad, particularly if your degree programme is not flexible
- Check dates carefully – you shouldn't overlap with Aberdeen semester dates but need to meet minimum funding duration of 60 days
- Included on your Academic Transcript upon graduation
- Host institution must agree to sign off your Erasmus+ paperwork

Past Aberdeen students have supported Syrian refugees in Italy, undertaken lab work at universities, worked with a technology start-up in Ireland and monitored marine life in Greece.



Graduate traineeships

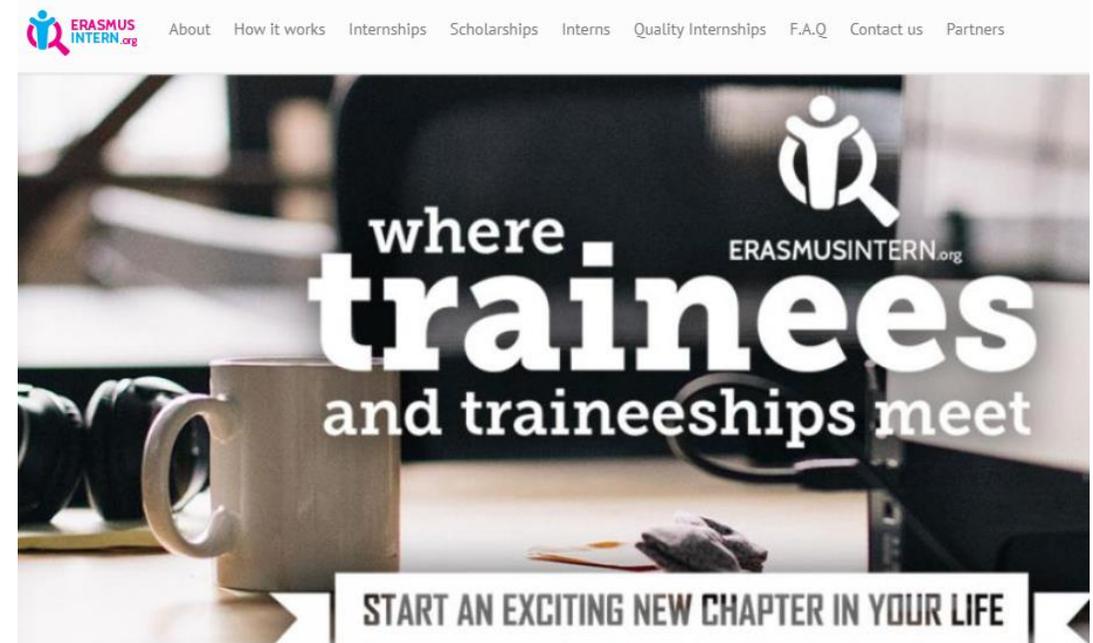
- Must take place (start and end) within 12 months of your graduation date
- Must apply for funding during your final year of study, ie while you are still a fully registered student at University of Aberdeen
- Funding entitlement relates to the degree cycle you have just graduated from
- Host institution must agree to sign off your Erasmus+ paperwork

Graduated Aberdeen students have gained experience working for a start-up pet-sitting company in France, gained lab experience in Portugal and taught English in Spain (British Council ELA programme).



STEP 1: Find a relevant traineeship

- Search websites and sign up for internship alerts. Start with:
 - erasmusintern.org
 - leonet.joeplus.org
 - EURES platform
 - goabroad.com
 - iagora.com
 - aiesec.org
- Visit the Careers Service!
 - [Europe resources](#) on the webpage
 - Register for Career Connect – search by European opportunities/internships



Top tips for your search

- Contact the Careers Service for advice about your CV, covering letter and interview skills
- Check out [globalgraduates.com](https://www.globalgraduates.com) for country-specific tips from previous placement students
- Use your contacts, send speculative CVs, set up a LinkedIn profile

STEP 2: Apply for Erasmus+ funding (for Languages + Industrial Placement Students)



Visit the Go Abroad webpages on www.abdn.ac.uk.

Navigate to Outgoing students – How do I apply? – For traineeship

Follow the steps on the Apply Now tab

- For **Languages + Industrial Placement** students who will undertake a traineeship abroad during 2022/23, the online application will be open from **21 March – 1 April**. You must apply during this window.

STEP 2: Apply for Erasmus+ funding

(for summer + graduate traineeships, and degree projects)

For eligible **summer traineeships + graduate traineeships**, we will consider applications on a rolling basis year-round.

Please ensure you submit your application at least 4 weeks in advance of your start date. Please notify erasmus@abdn.ac.uk once you have submitted your application, we don't get notified by the system.

You don't need to have a confirmed traineeship offer to apply, speculative applications are welcome.

Students who plan to undertake their degree project abroad, during 2HS of 2022/23, will be notified by their Department when to apply.

What happens next?

- Approved applicants will receive a Funding Offer Letter and Offer Conditions to be signed and returned by the stated deadline
- Confirm any outstanding traineeship details with the Erasmus Team
- Complete and return personalised paperwork to Erasmus Team
- Attend mandatory Pre-Departure Briefing (held in April/November)



Erasmus+ Grant Rates

- €520/month for Group 1 countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Norway)
- €470/month for Group 2 and 2 countries (Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Netherlands, Malta, Portugal, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey)
- Plus additional €20/per month top-up for disadvantaged students. Email erasmus@abdn.ac.uk to find out more about qualifying criteria
- The Erasmus Grant is paid to you in GBP in two instalments. Full details of payment arrangements are included in your personalised Mobility Agreement

Visas

From 1 January 2021, UK passport holders will be subject to immigration regulations in each of the EU member states, Norway and Iceland.

The visa application will be your own responsibility. The Go Abroad Team is not legally able to give visa and immigration advice.

You can start your research about visa/permit requirements here:

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Pages/post-brexit-immigration-rules-in-europe.aspx>

Visas can be costly. In addition to the processing fee you may need to budget for medical exams, obtaining police certificates and travel to/from the relevant Embassy.

What about traineeships outside of Europe?

The University may have limited funds available via the Turing Scheme, the UK government's replacement scheme to Erasmus, to support international traineeships taking place outside of Europe.

If you have a summer/graduate traineeship or industrial placement lined up for outside of Europe email studyabroad@abdn.ac.uk and once we have received more information we will get in touch with further details.