

NWU Erasmus+ Student Mobility Guideline and Procedure

Background

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme dedicated to supporting education, training, youth, and sport across Europe. Its origins date back to May 1987, with the launch of the Community Programme for Education and Training for Technology (COMETT), which aimed to strengthen collaboration between universities and industry. Building on this foundation, the ERASMUS Programme was formally established in June 1987.

Initially, the ERASMUS Programme primarily focused on facilitating student mobility. However, the introduction of Erasmus+ has significantly broadened its scope, offering opportunities not only to students but also to academic staff, trainees, teachers, volunteers, and other stakeholders.

The 2021–2027 iteration of Erasmus+ is strategically aligned with the EU's broader priorities, placing a strong emphasis on social inclusion, green and digital transitions, and encouraging young people's active participation in democratic life. The programme also underpins key EU strategies, including the European Education Area, the Digital Education Action Plan, and the European Skills Agenda, further reinforcing its role in fostering innovation, sustainability, and cohesion across Europe.

Eligibility

The programme is available to registered students at North-West University (NWU) who meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a South African citizen
- The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at North-West University.
- The applicant must be in possession of a South African account into which the Erasmus+ funds will be deposited.
- Applicants must have obtained an academic average of 75%.
- All costs to be borne by the applicant.

Accessing Erasmus+ Opportunities at NWU

The Global Engagement office is responsible for coordinating the Erasmus+ programmes at North-West University (NWU), which have been awarded and applied for by the office in collaboration with relevant international partners.

1. Call & Dissemination

- The Global Engagement office will communicate when the Erasmus+ call is open through the Global Engagement Erasmus+ portal.

- The call will further be communicated on the NWU website.
- Roadshows will be utilised as tools to promote the Erasmus+ student mobility programmes and for outreach purposes.

2. Application and Nomination Process

Applications will be submitted through the Global Engagement Erasmus+ portal. Applications are only accepted and can only be submitted when the call for the selection has been announced. The application must be accompanied by the following supporting documentation:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of Motivation
- Academic Transcripts
- NWU Proof of Registration
- Letter of Support from Academic Supervisor
- Copy of South African Identity Document
- A copy of a valid passport is required. The passport must have at least two blank pages for the visa sticker, and two additional blank pages for immigration stamps, and must remain valid for at least six months beyond the return date.

3. Selection process

- Applications are submitted to the Global Engagement office for review, recommendation, and the selection process.
- The GE committee selects successful candidates from the submitted applications.
- The committee will finalise the selection process and inform the selected individuals.
- Thus, partners are informed of the successful candidates.

4. Report

Upon their return, students are required to provide a report within a month from the mobility programme.

5. Other information

- The Erasmus+ grant is sufficient to cover all costs emanating from the mobility, However, these funds are only paid close to the mobility period and any initial expenses will need to be covered by the applicant (visa application costs, including travel to and from the visa application centre, travel insurance, flight ticket, and accommodation). Airport transfers (local and international must also be covered by the applicant).
- If necessary, the applicant is required to obtain insurance for the duration of the mobility period.

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