



ERASMUS+ Programme

KA171 STAFF MOBILITY FOR TEACHING or TRAINING IN THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME (South Africa)

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ERASMUS+ MOBILITY CONSORTIUM

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Reserved for staff of the following universities:

- Università degli Studi di Padova
- Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"
- Università luav di Venezia
- Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Deadline to apply: March 18, 2026

*******Application deadline extended to May 31, 2026*******

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ART. 1 – Introduction

1. Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe, through which staff have the opportunity to spend a period of teaching in another university, in a different country with the objectives of professional growth, course and content enrichment, and exchange of teaching methodologies prioritizing inclusion and diversity, digital transformation, environment and fight against climate change, and participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement.
2. Venice International University is an association of 23 member universities and research institutions from around the world, with a common campus on San Servolo Island in Venice. VIU was founded in 1995 with the purpose of developing joint academic, research and capacity-building programs, across disciplines, continents, languages and cultures. It has since become the ideal setting for experimenting innovative approaches to education and training, where students, researchers and professors come together to exchange knowledge and ideas while

exploring interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives in their studies and research.

3. The following universities together with Venice International University constitute an accredited Erasmus+ Mobility Consortium:

- Università Iuav di Venezia
- Università degli Studi di Padova
- Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"
- Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca



4. The following university is the destination for this call and is also a member university of VIU:

- Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Mobilities to universities other than those listed are not included in this call.

ART. 2 – Who can take part?

Any member of the teaching, research, or technical-administrative staff of the following universities participating in the Mobility Consortium may apply:

1. Università degli Studi di Padova
2. Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"
3. Università Iuav di Venezia
4. Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Candidates for staff mobility must be in employment (permanent or temporary contract) at the member university at time of application and during the proposed period of staff mobility.

The staff must not benefit from any other funds during the same mobility period, nor combine it with any other funding, to avoid double funding for the same activities.

Candidates should consider that any restrictions to eligibility for Erasmus+ mobility in the home university will apply also to the VIU Erasmus+ call (eg. eligibility of staff to apply while on sabbatical and/or participate in a mobility after their sabbatical). Such possible circumstances will in any case be verified during the evaluation of the candidates.

In the case of researchers benefiting from PNRR/PON funds, if the funds in question cover international mobility, researchers hired with PNRR/PON funds cannot participate in the call to avoid double funding for the same activities.

Candidates must have proficiency in the language of teaching and/or training.

In addition:



Staff mobility for teaching: VIU invites applications in particular from eligible teaching staff (as determined by the home university, and may include: full professor, associate professor, fixed-term contract professor, researcher, research fellow) who:

- have taught in the VIU Globalization Program;
- or have taught in the VIU Intensive Graduate Activities (PhD Academies, Graduate Seminars, Summer Schools);
- or wish to develop collaboration with colleagues in one of the destination universities, with a view to proposing a VIU Intensive Graduate Activity;
- or wish to continue inter-departmental collaboration that has emerged from VIU joint activities (i.e. candidates who may not have been directly involved in joint VIU activities, but where there is demonstrable engagement between their home university department and the host university department).

Staff mobility for training: The types of training that will be evaluated include:

- staff training weeks
- job shadowing
- workshops
- training activities

Conferences will not be accepted as a training activity in the framework of this Call.

Teaching staff who may wish to apply for mobility for teaching/training combined should apply for a staff mobility for teaching.

ART. 3 - Destination

VIU member universities in selected KA171 third countries not associated to the Programme:

- Stellenbosch University, South Africa

It will be necessary to find out in advance, through the relevant bodies (embassies and consulates), on the procedures required for entry and temporary stay in the destination country. If the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation advises against travel to the destination location, the mobility period may be suspended, modified, interrupted or cancelled. It is advisable to read the security measures adopted by the country of destination and to always keep up to date by consulting the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation: [Viaggiare Sicuri](http://www.viurc.it). It is also of fundamental importance that every mobility participant registers on the website www.dovesiamonelmondo.it and downloads the "Crisis Unit" APP. It is underlined that, during their stay abroad, mobility participants are required to respect the safety regulations established by the host institution.

It is the responsibility of staff who are non-EU citizens and/or holders of a residence permit to verify the renewal procedures and whether they are compatible with the period of physical mobility abroad.

ART. 4 - Duration



Erasmus+ Programme Rules:

- Minimum duration of mobility: 5 days (consecutive)
- Maximum duration of mobility: 60 days

In consideration of the funding available the maximum duration that will be financed is 12 days.

Staff mobility for teaching - minimum requirement: Staff must deliver **at least 8 hours of teaching for a mobility period of up to one week (5-7 days)**. If the mobility is longer than one week, the minimum number of teaching hours must be calculated proportionally to the duration of the mobility.

Staff mobility may combine both teaching and training activities. If training is included, the minimum teaching hours can be reduced to 4 hours per week combined with further training activity.

Travel days are not included in the calculation of the minimum duration. Individual support for up to 2 travel days (one before and/or one after the teaching activity), may also be funded if requested at time of application.

All mobilities should be completed by December 31, 2026

ART. 5 - Funding | Travel Support & Individual Support

Erasmus+ provides funding for staff mobility as a grant contribution towards subsistence and travel. Expense claims must be submitted within 2 weeks of the completion of the mobility.

Travel Support

Maximum travel grants are set by the European Commission.

Contribution to the travel costs of participants, from their place of origin (location of home university) to the venue of the activity and return, are calculated by using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission.

The Erasmus+ Programme has introduced a "Green Travel" supplement to encourage mobility participants to choose sustainable modes of transport to their destination, such as travelling by bus, train, or car-pooling.



Distance from home university to host university	Maximum green travel reimbursed	Maximum standard travel reimbursed
10-99 Km	€ 56,00	€ 28,00
100-499 km	€ 285,00	€ 211,00
500-1999 km	€ 417,00	€ 309,00
2000-2999 km	€ 535,00	€ 395,00
3000–3999 km	€ 785,00	€ 580,00
4000–7999 km	€ 1188,00	€ 1188,00
8000 km or more	€ 1735,00	€ 1735,00

To calculate the distance the [European Commission's online tool](#) must be used.

The distance to be calculated is one way – from the location of the sending organization to that of the receiving organization. However, please note that the grant amount covers the outward and return journey from home to host institution.

Individual Support – Daily Allowance

The individual support grant is a contribution towards costs directly linked to the subsistence of participants during the activity and includes accommodation, meals, and local transportation.

Actual costs can be reimbursed up to these maximums, and are paid on the basis of receipted expenditure.

Maximum daily allowance:

up to 14th day: € 190,00

15th to 60th day: € 133,00

Individual support for up to 2 travel days may also be funded if requested at time of application. Where Green Travel is possible an additional 2 travel days can be requested.

Please note that staff will be responsible for arranging their own travel and insurance.

ART. 6 - How to apply

The candidate must submit the following:

- Application form, available on [VIU website](#)
- Curriculum Vitae (dated and signed)
- Mobility Agreement which will describe the planned staff mobility activity whether teaching / teaching and training / training , the overall objectives of the mobility, added value of the mobility, content of the teaching and/or training programme, and the expected outcomes. The Mobility

Agreement must be co-signed and stamped by the Department Director in the home university as well as the colleague in the host university. The Mobility Agreement can be downloaded [here](#).

- Obligatory forms by their home university, for example, mission forms, where applicable

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ART. 7 - Selection Committee and Criteria

The Selection Committee will consist of the Dean of VIU, one member of teaching staff of VIU, and one or more members of the VIU Academic Council, representing the universities participating in the mobility consortium.

Criteria for Staff Mobility for Teaching:

1. Quality of the Mobility Plan: 60 points
 - Overall objectives of the mobility
 - Added value of the mobility
 - Content of the teaching programme
 - Expected outcomes and impact
2. Previous participation in the joint academic activities at VIU: 20 points

The aim of the VIU Call for applications for Staff Mobility for Teaching is to facilitate the continuation of collaborations initiated in VIU joint activities (e.g. Globalization Program, PhD Academies, Graduate Seminars, Summer Schools).
3. Incentive for new mobility participants: 20 points

For staff who have not carried out an Erasmus+ mobility in the last two academic years.

Criteria for Staff Mobility for Training:

1. Quality of the Mobility Plan: 60 points
 - Overall objectives of the mobility
 - Added value of the mobility
 - Content of the training programme
 - Expected outcomes and impact
2. Relevance and expected impact of the training programme on the joint academic and research activities of Venice International University: 20 points

The aim of the VIU Call for applications for Staff Mobility for Training is to facilitate the creation and consolidation of collaborations among VIU members that are relevant to the VIU joint activities.

3. Incentive for new mobility participants: 20 points
For staff who have not carried out an Erasmus+ mobility in the last two academic years.



Candidates will be informed of the result via email.

In case of withdrawal, the candidate is required to promptly inform the VIU Erasmus Office in order to allow the reallocation of the grant to the next suitable ranked candidate. Before the scheduled departure date, a Grant Agreement must be signed which indicates the mobility dates as requested in the application. If these dates have changed, an explanation must be sent via email to the VIU Erasmus Office beforehand.

ART. 8 - Selected Candidates

Before the mobility, the participant must submit:

- Mobility Agreement with the final detailed teaching / training plan, signed by the mobility participant, the relevant office in the home university (international office, department or Rector), and the host university.
- Letter of authorization from home university for mission abroad
- The Grant Agreement, which will be provided by the VIU Erasmus Office.
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of insurance policy valid for the entire mobility period covering, basic health and medical (including permanent or temporary incapacity); accident; civil liability; and, wherever relevant travel (including damage or loss of luggage).

During the mobility, the participant must:

- Keep all boarding passes and receipts for eligible expenses
- Ask host colleague to sign and stamp confirmation of mobility.

After the mobility, the participant must submit within 2 weeks after the end date:

- confirmation of mobility by the host institution certifying the activity carried out, mobility dates, and indication of teaching and/or training hours
- reimbursement form, completed and signed (VIU will provide template)
- documents related to travel expenses, (return trip ticket, boarding passes, payment receipts) and other payment receipts for eligible expenses

- once the mobility is completed, the mobility participant will receive a "PARTICIPANT SURVEY" from the European Commission reporting platform. This must be completed and a copy sent as a pdf to the VIU Erasmus Office to validate the second payment request.



ART. 9 – Blended/virtual mobility

A period of mobility may be planned as a “blended” activity, ie. a combination of a virtual teaching/training component and an in-person mobility. Staff can benefit from blended mobility by participating in a virtual component before their physical mobility to build their confidence, self-efficacy and intercultural sensitivity, which can lead to a better quality mobility.

Consider however that the Erasmus+ Grant for Individual Support and Travel will be due to the mobility participant only for the days of in-person mobility abroad. The minimum duration of the in-person mobility is in any case 5 days.

For enquiries and information contact the VIU Erasmus Office at erasmus@univiu.org

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