

ERASMUS PLUS "INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY" (K107)

UNIVERSITY OF EXTREMADURA (UEX) AND CHINESE INSTITUTIONS

CALL 2019

1. What is the ERASMUS PLUS International Mobility Programme (E+)?

It is an education programme promoted by the European Commission to encourage cooperation among European Countries (called Programme countries) and non-European countries (also called Partner countries).

ERASMUS PLUS finances, among others, mobilities of Students, Teachers and University Staff.

2. How does ERASMUS PLUS International Mobility work?

A University within the EU territory that will act as coordinator, needs to build a network of Universities for a mobility project and apply to the European Commission to get funding to move candidates from that European University to Partner Universities and vice versa (mobilities between partner countries are not eligible).

The University of Extremadura, located in the south west of Spain is a modern and dynamic University very focused on internationalization. After more than three decades of mobility programmes with European and American Universities, in 2015 we took the chance of the ERASMUS PLUS program International Dimension to expand our target areas to China, aware of the relevance the "Asian Giant" has in the international landscape.

In this context, UEx presented a mobility project to the European Commission in March 2015 and passed a really hard selective process. The European Commission assessed very positively UEx proposal because of its demonstrated capacity to manage International Projects and long experience in hosting international students.

2019 Call is our fourth project. We have gained experience and if you have been a silent partner so far, we invite you to participate of this experience.

3. Who does participate in this project?

7 Chinese Universities were included in the project (together with other Latin-American universities):

- Nanjing University Center for Latin American Studies. Jinling Institute.
- Nanjing Tech University
- Shanghai Ocean University
- Jinggangshan University
- China Foreign Affairs University
- Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology

- Northwest A&F University

The University of Extremadura is the Coordinator Institution and the one managing the funds.

To send and receive candidates, universities must have signed the inter-institutional agreement, where the number and areas of the mobilities are established.

4. How long does the project last?

36 months: from 1st August 2019 till 31st July 2022.

All the mobilities must have finished before the end of the project.

5. How many mobilities will be funding the European Commission?

- ✓ A total of **5** mobilities (3 students + 2 staff) from China to UEx (Spain) in different modalities: Students (undergraduate, master or doctorate), Teachers and Technical staff.
- ✓ A total of **4** mobilities (2 students + 2 staff) from UEx to Chinese Universities (Postgraduate Students, Teachers or Technical Staff).

6. How will they be distributed?

Since there are funds only for 5 candidates (3 students + 2 teaching or technical staff) and there are 7 institutions in the project, UEx will prioritize Universities that have never got ERASMUS funds.

Extra students are invited to come to UEx on co-financed bases through our **"Study Abroad"** scheme. Study Abroad is designed to make international education possible for students from different academic and economic backgrounds.

So, Institutions are invited to send us their lists of applicants (according to their selection processes and calendar explained below). UEx will communicate the result of the process early enough to allow the preparation of mobilities (invitation letters, visa obtention, etc.).

7. How much is the amount and duration of the scholarships?

- ✓ Students: 850 €/month for cost of stay (minimum 3 months, maximum 5)
- ✓ Staff: 160 €/day (minimum 5 days, maximum 1 week)
- ✓ Maximum 1.500 € for the trip

Participants will bear the expenses of their insurance (mandatory), both medical and civil liability, visa and other expenses derived from the preparation of the stays.

8. When do I have to select my students?

The duration of the project allows the following **mobility flows**:

- a) January-June 2020
- b) September-December 2020

- c) January-June 2021
- d) September-December 2021
- e) January-June 2022

Below you can find the calendar recommended to follow each academic year:

	One complete academic year (european calendar)													
				Semester 1					Semester 2					
	june	july	august	september	october	november	december	january	feb	march	april	may	june	july
month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
activity	GRANT AGREEMENT SEPIE		SUMMER BREAK	Doc preparation and communication of results by Uex		Call and selection at sending institutions	Invitation letters and practical info by host institutions		Mobility flow 1 and preparation of mobility flow 2 (see line below)					
						Communication of results to host institution (Flow 1)			Call and selection of candidates by sending institutions (Flow 2)		Communication of results to host institution (Flow 2)		Preparation of mobilities (Invitation letters & practical info. Flow 2)	

9. How do I select my students?

All Universities must respect, following the European Commission regulations, principles of transparency, equality, merit and capacity. Furthermore, each University will establish specific conditions according to their own selection criteria. A brief guide on selection procedure is provided with this information.

10. Information and contact

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