

Erasmus+ Student Fact Sheet

What is Erasmus+?

Each year the college applies to the European Commission for [Erasmus+](#) funding for a number of students and staff to undertake Erasmus+ activities in that academic year. This funding provides financial support to students, as well as providing a mechanism to ensure that your time abroad is suitably recognised.

The Erasmus+ scheme is designed to foster greater cultural exchange within Europe, and is an excellent opportunity for you to explore working or studying in a different country/context, whilst building your wider professional networks, and enhancing your employability. It is also a useful way of exploring the possibilities of living and work in a European country in the future.

What can I do on Erasmus+?

There are two different parts to the Erasmus+ scheme: **Study mobility** or a **Traineeship**.

A **Study** mobility is a period of time enrolled at another institution (with whom we have a partnership agreement). Whilst on a period of Study mobility you follow the curriculum of that institution, either working within a dedicated international cohort of students or embedded in the regular curriculum of the institution. You may need to learn the language of that country, but where you don't you are certainly encouraged to do so.

A **Traineeship** takes the form of a placement/internship with a company, venue or other enterprise in one of the identified Erasmus countries (see below). This period of time could be part of your studies at RBC (i.e. as part of one of your modules) or an addition to your studies (for example over a summer vacation). For graduating students they can also undertake an Erasmus in the year after they have graduated – providing this is agreed before they leave.

What are the criteria?

There some key criteria, which are as follows:

General

- Any full-time BA or MA Level student can undertake a study mobility or traineeship.
- A mobility should ideally take place within one academic year (i.e. between 1st September and 30th September the following year)
- Erasmus will pay you a subsistence grant to support your living expenses – this is calculated by country and length of time spent on Erasmus+.
- It is possible to apply for an additional grant if you have specific access needs because of a physical, mental or health-related condition.
- You will need to complete a feedback questionnaire from Erasmus+ after your time abroad.
- Your programme team will need to approve your mobility.

Study Mobility

- A Study Mobility is for a *minimum* of 90 days.
- The longest period you can study for will be determined by your programme team in consultation with the Erasmus Academic Coordinator, the receiving institution and the available funding.
- It should be to one of our partner institutions (within the annual agreed numbers)
- It is possible to identify a different partner institution by yourself, but this needs approving by RBC and that institution. Speak to the Erasmus Academic Coordinator if you are interested in this.
- For some institutions, you will need to have a certain level of proficiency in the language of that country, for others the classes may be in English.
- You will need to gain a number of Credits equivalent to (or greater than) the number of Credits you will 'miss' in the UK (note: 1 ECTS = 2 UK Credits).

Traineeships

- A traineeship must be for a *minimum* of 60 days,
- The *maximum* grant the college will usually support is 90 days
- Additional time can be spent on a traineeship, but you will not receive a grant
- It can be in any of the EU partner countries (see below)
- Traineeships should seek to enhance your skills/practice/experience/employability
- You are personally responsible for initiating and securing a traineeship with the company/venue
- There is **no** payment made to the company/venue
- The company/venue may choose to pay you if they see fit
- Usually you will need to have some command of the language of the country you are visiting, or agree with the company/venue/organisation that you can work in English.
- You can undertake a traineeship in the year after you have graduated – however you have to have applied and been approved for this in your final year. This process will usually need to be completed by the end of June in your final year.
- There is an application process to be considered for funding from RBC. Application details and deadlines will be published in October and June of each year.

What support do I get?

Erasmus+ provides a financial grant to assist you in your travel and living costs. The amount is decided by Erasmus+ and is calculated according to the destination country and length of time you spend there. It is **not** designed to cover all of your expenses, but to contribute to them. You do **not** need to pay this back (unless you cannot complete your Erasmus+ period).

The money is not unlimited and comes out of Rose Bruford College's overall Erasmus+ Grant settlement. This means that there will be a competitive application procedure for traineeships in order to ensure that we make the fairest use of the grant amount we have.

RBC offers the following support (as a minimum):

- Key paperwork to ensure that your period of mobility is recognised by RBC and the European Commission
- The administration and payment of your grant (usually the majority is paid in advance of your mobility and a final payment is made whilst you are abroad).
- Language support where necessary (and where feasible), though you also need to take personal responsibility for building your capacity as a speaker of the country's language where you are studying.
- Remote access to Student Services support as necessary
- Inclusion of your time abroad in your Diploma Supplement on your graduation.

How is my time abroad assessed?

Traineeships

Not all traineeships are assessed - for example if you are undertaking a placement after graduation. For those that are assessed, your Programme Director can explain how this is carried out in your Programme.

Study Mobility

Students who study at a partner institution are assessed by that institution's staff team. These staff will use their institution's feedback mechanism as well as their marking scale. At the end of your Study Mobility, the institution will send the grades to RBC and we will transfer these into UK grades and/or module mark.

Where can I go?

Eligible Countries for Erasmus+ activity

Austria	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Iceland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Ireland	Romania
Croatia	Italy	Spain
Czech Republic	Latvia	Slovenia
Cyprus	Liechtenstein	Slovakia
Denmark	Lithuania	Finland
Germany	Luxembourg	Sweden
Estonia	Malta	Turkey
France	Netherlands	former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Greece	Norway	

Current Partners for Study Mobility

Note that each partner has a specific training/teaching offer and for any Study Mobility your Programme Director's decision on your suitability for a particular school is final. Part of this decision includes balancing the needs of all the students applying for a Study mobility, as well as the parameters of the agreements with individual schools.

<p>Belgium KASK & Conservatorium - Ghent Royal Institute for Theatre, Cinema, and Sound - Brussels.</p> <p>Czech Republic Akademie Muzických Umení V Praze (DAMU) - Prague Akademie Muzických Umení V Praze (HAMU) - Prague Janackova Akadademie Muzických Umení (JAMU) - Brno</p> <p>Estonia Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre - Tallinn</p>	<p>Italy Accademia Nazionale d'Arte Drammatica Silvio D'Amico - Rome</p> <p>Poland AST National Academy of Theatre Arts in Cracow (AST) - Wrocław</p> <p>Slovakia Vysoká škola múzických umení (VŠMU) - Bratislava</p> <p>Spain Eòlia, Escuela Superior de Arte Dramàtic - Barcelona Real Escuela Superior de Arte Dramàtico - Madrid Escuela Superior de Arte Dramàtico - Murcia</p> <p>Sweden Jönköping University - Jönköping</p>
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What do I do next?

If you are interested in Erasmus+ you need to speak to the following people:

- You first need to meet with a programme team member, or your Personal Academic Tutor. Identify what it is you want to do, and how it relates to or enhances your study/employability.
- Next, contact the College's Erasmus Academic Coordinator, Thomas Wilson (thomas.wilson@bruford.ac.uk). He can advise you on the stages of the process.
- Once you have identified an Erasmus+ activity you will need to contact Erasmus Coordinator, Ebru Rackley (ebru.rackley@bruford.ac.uk) in order to organise the paperwork.
- Thomas can answer pedagogical questions, whilst Ebru can answer any administrative questions.
- Copies of this sheet and the application form can be downloaded from Doris: <https://vle.bruford.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=458§ion=3>