

ERASMUS PLUS CALL 2018

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY UNIVERSITY OF EXTREMADURA (UEX) AND CHINESE INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

2. How does ERASMUS+ work?

A University within the EU territory who 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.

The University of Extremadura, UEx, 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 last 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.

2018 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 are participating?

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

9 Chinese Universities were included in the project.

4. How long does the project last?

26 months (1st June 2018 till 31 July 2020)

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 **4** mobilities (2 students+2 Staff) for 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 4 candidates (2 students+ 2 teaching or technical staff) and there are 9 Institutions in the project, UEx will promote the mobility on Cero Grant bases. This is, UEx will be accepting candidates free of tuition fees but with no European funds.

Besides, regarding grants allocation, UEx will prioritize Universities who have never got ERASMUS funds.

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 will participants get?

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

8. What is next?

All Chinese Universities will have to sign and Interinstitutional Agreement with UEx. This is a template of the European Commission containing information about each institution (such as what is the tuition language, which disciplines you offer, which kind of accommodation you offer, what is your grading system, etc).

In this template we will fix the number and the disciplines for exchanges. By signing this document both institutions commit themselves to do their best to ensure mobilities take place in the best possible conditions.

Institutions also commit themselves to recognize at home the contents students have taken at the host institution (UEx).

Interinstitutional Agreements should be signed as soon as possible and before mobilities take place.

9. Where do I find the Interinstitutional Agreement template?

UEx will be sending it to you for you to complete your info and make it sign by your Rector or legal representative.

In the next days, UEx will contact you to ask you for some data to be included in this template.

10. When do I have to select my students?

The duration of the project (June 2019-July 2020) will allow **three mobility flows**:

- January-June 2019
- Sept-December 2019
- January-June 2020

Below you can find the calendar recommended to follow for the academic years 2018/19 and 2019/20:

| Academic year 2018/19 (european calendar) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| semester 1 (year 2018) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Semester2 (year 2019) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| month | june | july | august | september | october | November | dece | january | feb | march | april | may | june | july |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| activity | GRANT AGREEMENT SEPIE | | | 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 movility 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) | | |

| Academic year 2019/20 (european calendar) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Semester 1 (year 2019) | | | | | | Semester 2 (year2020) | | | | | |
| september | october | November | dece | january | feb | march | april | may | june | july | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | |
| movility flow 2 and preparation mobility flow 3 (see line below) | | | | | | mobility flow 3 | | | | | |
| call and selection of candidates by sending institutions (Flow 3) | | Communication of results to host institution (Flow 3) | | preparation of mobilities (Invitation letters & practical info. Flow 3) | | | | | | | |

10. 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 will also be provided with this information.

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