Settore Relazioni Internazionali

# NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR EXTRA UE MOBILITY ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

#### **EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITIES OFFERING:**

- English-taught programs (AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CHINA, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, MO-ROCCO, SOUTH KOREA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, USA, VIETNAM)
  - Arabic taught programs (MOROCCO, TUNISIA)
    - Chinese-taught programs (CHINA)
    - Japanese-taught programs (JAPAN)
    - Portuguese-taught programs (BRAZIL)
       Russian-taught programs (UZBEKISTAN)
  - Spanish-taught programs (ARGENTINA, CHILE, MEXICO)

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# **TABLE OF LOCATIONS, PLACES AND DURATIONS**

For the academic year 2026/2027, grants for study mobility are offered on a competitive basis, similar to the Erasmus+ Programme, for the destinations listed in the attached document.

The exchange agreements, similar to the Erasmus+ EU Programme, require that students from the University of Bergamo carry out part of their university curriculum at the host university, with full recognition of the results obtained abroad.

It should be stressed that, consistent with the provisions of the internationalisation objectives of the University of Bergamo, the payment of the Erasmus+ scholarship (in line with the internationalization objectives of the University of Bergamo) is subject to the achievement of:

- at least 12 of the credits established in the Learning Agreement in the case of semester-long mobility:
- at least one third of the credits established in the Learning Agreement in the case of annual mobility (in any case not less than 12 ECTS credits).

In the event of an extension of the mobility period, an amendment to the Learning Agreement is required for an additional 12 ECTS credits. If at least 3 additional credits (for examinations, not for thesis research) are not obtained during the extension period, reimbursement of the amount possibly granted for the months of the extension will be required.

On the basis of documented reasons, a derogation may be granted. Students enrolled on a part-time basis, in accordance with their status, may obtain a maximum of 15 ECTS credits per semester or 30 ECTS credits on an annual basis.

#### **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

All students <u>enrolled for the academic year 2025/2027 at</u> the University of Bergamo and who meet the specific requirements of each location indicated by the announcement can apply. In the case of an accessibility requirement (see column "ACCESSIBLE BY" in the table above) related to the year of enrollment, fulfillment of the requirement is intended to refer to the year of mobility. **Example**:

"1 place for a student in the 2nd year of the master's degree course in Modern Languages for Communication and International Cooperation" present in correspondence with the KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY location, it is to be understood that the grantee will have to carry out the mobility as an enrolled 2nd year student of the mentioned Master's degree program.

Once selected, <u>students who are nationals of a non-EU country</u> are required to collect information from the host university in good time regarding the formalities to be completed in order to stay in the country of destination (entry visa and residence permit), while also paying attention to the requirements regarding economic status, which must be such as to guarantee subsistence during the mobility period.

The selected students <u>will not be able</u>, in the same academic year, to benefit from other places in exchange for the same purpose (other non-EU mobility including TNE Project, Erasmus+ for mobility for study purposes, Double Degree).

Instead, it will be possible to benefit from:

- exchange places for different purposes (e.g. internship); provided that the period is not simultaneous with the mobility study provided for in this notice;
- short mobility grants or Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) provided that the period is not simultaneous with the mobility for study provided for in this notice.

During the period of mobility abroad, the selected students will acquire the status of EXCHANGE STU-DENT and will be considered for all intents and purposes enrolled at the host university, which will not require them to pay any type of enrolment fee. However, students must continue to fulfil their duties towards the University of Bergamo, pay taxes and registration fees for the academic year 2026/2027, complete the relevant study plan and, generally, respect the deadlines and obligations indicated by the Student Secretariat.

Students on non-EU mobility must <u>start and finish</u> the period of study abroad as a **university student enrolled in the academic year 2026/2027**.

**Students enrolled in the 2025/2026 academic year** who intend to graduate by the extraordinary session of March/April 2027, must communicate this in time to the International Relations Office to allow recognition and registration of credits earned for the activity carried out abroad. The exams to be taken during the mobility period must be those included in the study plan for the academic year 2025/2026. In fact, any modification of the plan for the 2026/2027 academic year involves the obligation to enrol for that academic year, paying the related student contribution and excluding the possibility of graduating in the extraordinary session of March/April, referring to the previous academic year.

It is therefore understood that students must comply with all the obligations set out by the University of Bergamo for the academic year 2026/2027. In particular, students pre-enrolled in master's degree courses must complete their enrolment within the deadlines set by the individual Departments and, where required, take the admission interview, under penalty of exclusion from the mobility prgramme. It should also be noted that failure to obtain the three-year qualification within the extraordinary session will result in the repayment of fees previously paid and the non-recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility period.

#### **REGISTRATION METHOD AND DEADLINES**

Students interested in participating must:

- 1. Access their profile on the internet window
- 2. Select from the menu the item INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY OUTGOING->MOBILITY NOTICES
- 3. In the **Actions** box click on the **Detail/Registration** icon and proceed to fill in the required fields. To this end, it should be remembered that applications can be modified until the notice expires (Please note students are invited to check carefully the access requirements to the locations. If noncompatible locations are chosen, these will not be considered for the relative ranking. If no selected location is compatible, the application will be excluded from the selections.

When choosing the locations, it is possible to indicate a maximum of three locations. Any additional preferences will not be considered for the purposes of the ranking.

- 4. Attach, if requested, the documentation necessary for the application:
- a. Language certification obtained within the deadlines indicated in correspondence with the selected locations for which it is mandatory
- b. Previous academic career (in the case of a three-year degree at another university). Particularly:
  - In the case of a previous qualification acquired at ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES, it is necessary to attach degree grade, date of first enrolment and graduation date;
  - ii. b. In the case of a previous qualification acquired at a FOREIGN UNIVERSITY, it is necessary to attach the degree grade or overall average (GPA) and grade scale provided by the institution of origin, i.e. the minimum grade and maximum grade to obtain the degree.

c. A University of Bergamo resolution for recognition of activities (in the case of transfers from another university)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- APPLICATIONS NOT CONTAINING THE NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE RANKING.
- STUDENTS REGISTERED EXCLUSIVELY WITH RESERVATION (E.G THREE-YEAR STUDENTS ABOUT TO GRADUATE IN THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MARCH 2025 AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY) MUST OPEN A TICKET WITH THE OFFICE TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION BY COMPLETING THE PAPER FORM.

For further information about the application please open a ticket through "Help Desk Studenti"

(Link: https://helpdesk.unibg.it/helpdesksestud/

- --> SELECT THE ITEM "OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL" AND PROCEED WITH FILLING IN
- --> IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROBLEM SELECT "MOBILITY FOR STUDY" OF YOUR DEPART-MENT
- STUDENT SIMULTANEOUS ENROLLMENT IN TWO STUDY COURSES MUST CHOOSE A SINGLE DEGREE COURSE FOR THE APPLICATION.
- ANY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE SELECTION WILL BE SENT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE INSTITUTIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS @STUDENTI.UNIBG.IT
- FOR SEMESTER MOBILITIES, THE CHOICE OF SEMESTER MUST BE GIVEN IN THE ACCEPTANCE FORM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20.01.2026 8:00 a.m.

# REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

Possession of an adequate level of knowledge of the language of the country of destination or of the vehicular language used at the host university is **an indispensable requirement**.

Failure to meet the requirements will make it impossible to carry out the mobility at that institution.

Therefore, in order to ascertain the language requirements, candidates must take tests and/or interviews related to the languages indicated in the table of the various destinations. The operating methods of these assessments are available by clicking on the following link: **ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE** 



**KNOWLEDGE**. Students must take the language assessment test by showing up on the dates and times that will be published on the page at the link<a href="https://www.unibg.it/internazionale/andare-allestero/partire/accertamento-conoscenza-linguistica">https://www.unibg.it/internazionale/andare-allestero/partire/accertamento-conoscenza-linguistica</a>. **No further notification will be sent. Therefore, all interested candidates are invited to view the indicated page carefully.** 

For the students who must attest to a Spanish language level equal to B2. In case that they cannot benefit from an exemption (check the paragraph for exemptions from the computerized language test at the following link <u>Linguistic assessment for mobility</u>) an assessment interview is scheduled; however, it is specified that access to the interview will be subject to the possession of a level of Spanish equal to B1 (as described on the page relating to the <u>assessment of linguistic knowledge</u>).

**The rankings** will be formed according to a **criterion of merit** starting from the status of credits earned and according to the formula published in the dedicated university web section dedicated to non-EU mobility (https://www.unibg.it/internazionale/andare-allestero/mobilita-extra-ue). Each student's credits earned will be considered on 30.11.2025.

For the exchanges in Japanese and Chinese language, will also be taken into account for the rankings: the scores from the written and oral test for Japanese, the score of the written test for Chinese. For the Arabic language destinations, will be conducted an interview for testing the eligibility. 6 separate rankings will be drawn up, one for each group of locations.

The rankings will be published, indicatively, by **20 February 2026** on the website https://www.unibg.it/internazionale/andare-allestero/mobilita-extra-ue.

The publication will be a notification for all intents and purposes.

Following the ranking, selected students who are not already in possession are invited to proceed promptly with the request for a passport, details of which must be communicated already at the time of filling out the application for the host university.

Students who will not be allocated to one of their choices will possibly be offered a vacant in a different hosting institution of the same language.

In the case of candidates present in both the rankings for both the present notice and that related to Erasmus+ 2026/2027 mobility, the acceptance of the assigned location will result in automatic exclusion from the ranking for the other notice/selection.

By the date indicated in the ranking, the selected students must confirm their **acceptance** in writing to the International Programmes Office by completing the appropriate form and **submitting it according to the methods that will be indicated subsequently**.

**Failure to submit an acceptance will be considered a withdrawal** from participation in the programme.

In the event of withdrawal or non-confirmation by the deadline, the next eligible candidate in the ranking list shall be awarded the place.

Students who, at the time of submitting their application, are enrolled in the first year of the three year degree courses or single-cycle master's degree courses will be able to take advantage of the mobility grants awarded only if, at the time the mobility begins, they are enrolled in the second year of study.

In particular, please note that the selected students must pass the additional educational obligations (OFA) within the first year of enrolment. Any additional educational obligations (OFA) not passed by



that date (30.09.2026) entail enrolment, not in the second year, but in the "first repeating year", making the requirement mentioned in the previous point lapse and thus making it impossible to participate in the mobility.

In compliance with the Art. 4 of the **UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY** (issued with Regional Decree Index No. 351/2014 Ref.No. 17099/I/003 of 4.7.2014), in cases of late withdrawal, except in cases where there are documented serious reasons or causes of force majeure, the student will be <u>excluded from one or more exams of the exam session following renunciation of the scholarship.</u>

With a subsequent notification, the date (approximately **June 2026**) will be announced on which an **information meeting** relating to the management of the documentation necessary to obtain approval of courses to be taken abroad will be held. **Participation in the meeting is mandatory** for all selected students.

Finally, students are invited <u>not to proceed with the purchase of travel documents and booking</u> <u>of accommodation until confirmation of acceptance has been received from the host university.</u>

#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

The activities allowed during the mobility period are:

- Attendance of courses and exams;
   or
- Attendance of courses and exams + Preparation of the degree dissertation (subject to approval of the Supervisor at the University of Bergamo and the availability of an academic tutor at the host university)

All activities must be fully completed promptly by 30.09.2027.

#### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Financial contributions for mobility are to be considered a contribution to higher expenses incurred for the period abroad.

The need to adapt to the health emergency has generated new ways of participating in mobility programmes. The following table specifies the types and methods of the means by which grants will be disbursed based on the type of mobility:

MOBILITY	PLACE OF MOBILITY	UNIVERSITY FUN- DING
PHYSICAL MO- BILITY	The student follows the activities by travelling to the host university for the mobility.  Physical mobility is also considered in the case of moving abroad to the host university and attending distance learning courses.	Recognised for the entire mobility period
BLENDED MO- BILITY	The student follows the activities by combining a period of virtual mobility and a period of physical mobility.	Recognised only for the actual period of mobility abroad



The selected students will be awarded **a monthly** sum of **\varepsilon500.00** from the **University's own funds**. The university reserves the right to provide an integration of the contribution to help cover the expenses of travel and health insurance (see following section). The university provides for an additional one-off contribution of  $\varepsilon$  1.000,00 for travel expenses.

Each student selected to participate in the Extra-EU exchange must provide for travel, room and board and other expenses (e.g. travel insurance, health insurance, etc) that may be provided for foreign students (e.g. sports activities).

Following the assignment of the **Ministry for University and Research** "Fund for supporting young people and encouraging student mobility" (Law No. 170/2003 and Art. 1 of Ministerial Decree No. 198/2003), all scholarship holders will be assigned additional funds in the form of a monthly supplement. According to the provisions of Ministerial Decree No. 773/2024, the amount of the supplement will be based on the Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator certification (or on the documentation for the calculation of income and assets, for international students) that students will present in relation to the academic year 2025/2026 and will be communicated by the offices only to successful and eligible students.

Eligible students (according to specific merit and income requirements) can also apply for the international mobility contribution provided by the **Service for the Right to Study**, according to the criteria established by a special competition notice that will be published in summer 2026. Students with the requirements of the notice are therefore invited to apply to obtain this supplement.

Finally, the University will evaluate, exclusively for the selected students, the **reimbursement** of expenses incurred for the **TOEFL** or **IELTS** exam where expressly requested as the only linguistic requirement for access and if passed with good grades. This reimbursement will in any case be subject to the following conditions:

- presentation of appropriate supporting documentation;
- passing at least 12 ECTS, in the case of six-monthly mobility, or one third of the ECTS required by the learning agreement, in the case of annual mobility

The International Relations Office will evaluate and, if necessary, proceed with the request for total or partial reimbursement of contributions in the following cases:

- failure to reach the minimum number of 12 credits;
- a stay that is shorter than the minimum period required for the validity of the mobility (90 days);
- a lack of documents necessary for recognition of the period;
- a change in the type of mobility from physical to blended (according to the instructions of the host university) after verifying the actual period of certified physical mobility.

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

<u>During educational activities</u> abroad, each student participating in the exchange is covered by an insurance policy for accidents and third-party liability, and subsequent updates, paid by the University of Bergamo. The current insurance policies are listed below:

- Accident policy for students and similar parties no. 153/430847569 entered into with the company Compagnia Generali Italia Spa- period 31.12.2023 - 31.12.2025;
- Third party liability and workers' compensation liability policy RCT/RCO no. 203589637 entered into with the company Nobis Compagnia di Assicurazioni Spa- period 30.04.2024 31.12.2025.

Before departure, the insurance policies in force for the 2026/2027 academic year will be communicated.

However, each participant must obtain insurance for travel and health coverage at their own expense (including temporary or permanent disability, serious illnesses and repatriation of the body in the event of death), including with other private insurance formulas or models required in the country of destination.

# PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Law 241/1990, Dr Elena Gotti, Director of the Didactic and Students Service, has been appointed as the head of the administrative procedure.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **International Relations Office**

- Tel. +39 035 2052830/831/833/468
- Student Help Desk ticket service by selecting the item Outgoing International
- In the office by appointment using the appropriate app: <u>Servizi a sportello</u>;
   Select route: "Uff. programmi internazionali → Mobilità per studio → Informazione sui bandi di mobilità per studio"

# REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS THAT HARM THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNIVERSITY

In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023 (concerning the protection of individuals who report violations of European Union law and national legal provisions), candidates participating in this selection procedure may report to the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Officer (RPCT) any behaviors that harm the public interest or the integrity of the Administration. Those making reports are guaranteed the protective measures outlined in Chapter III of Legislative Decree No. 24/2023. Additionally, whistleblowers are guaranteed special protection of their personal identity, provided that the reports are submitted through the dedicated channels set up by the Administration, namely the specific online platform accessible at the following web address: https://unibg.whistleblowing.it/ or, alternatively, via the voicemail service available at the following phone number: 035 2052 160. Further information is available on the University's official website, in the Transparent Administration section, at the following link:

https://trasparenza.unibg.it/amministrazionetrasparente/altri-contenuti/prevenzione-corruzione .

## **PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

The University guarantees the processing of personal data deriving from participation in the notice on the understanding that said processing will be carried out in compliance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679. The University informs that the personal data acquired will be processed in compliance with current legislation and used for the purposes of managing the procedure, drawing up the ranking, determining and disbursing funds and, in general, managing mobility. Such data may only be communicated to government bodies directly involved in the economic situation of the students.

The Data Controller is the pro tempore Dean of the University of Bergamo. The Personal Data Protection Officer is Michele Gorga, e-mail: dpo@unibg.it The data subject may address any requests relating to the processing of personal data to the latter.

The Chancellor Professor Sergio Cavalieri

Digitally signed document pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/2005 as amended