

Info sheet

Additional funding for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus programme

All students have the opportunity to receive a grant for their stay abroad if they opt for sustainable/green travel.

Students for whom a stay abroad may be a greater challenge are to be given special support during their mobility by being able to receive a monthly top-up of 250 euros under certain conditions.

Target groups are:

- **Students with children**
- **Students with a disability**
- **Students with a chronic illness**
- **Students with a non-academic background**
- **Students with continuous employment.**

Below we inform you about the funding criteria and the application, which must be submitted to the International Office by the deadline.

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Combinability of additional funding

The following special subsidies can all be combined with the subsidy for green travel. However the 250 euros additional grant can only be awarded once, even if several criteria apply to you.

Your Erasmus grant can therefore consist of a maximum of the following components:

Maximum funding =

regular monthly instalment for your country

+ travel days for green travel, if applicable

+ one-off top-up of 250 euros per month for special target groups, if applicable.

Duration of the subsidy

Ideally, the funding will be paid for the entire duration of your stay. As the Erasmus budget of Kaiserslautern UAS is limited, in some years it is unfortunately not possible to fund the full period of your stay.

Criteria for additional funding in detail

Grant for 'green travel'

If you are travelling at least one way (outward or return journey) by sustainable means of transport (e.g. train, long-distance bus, carpool, bicycle) to/from your host university, you can apply for an additional grant for green travel. You can apply for a maximum of 6 travel days. The travel days on which you have travelled sustainably count as additional days of stay and are financially supported at the applicable daily rate of the corresponding country rate.

Proof: Declaration of honour for 'green travel'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

Top-up for students with children

Students who take their child or children with them can receive an additional grant of 250 euros per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children are taken along during the entire stay. The grant is 250 euros per month per family, regardless of the number of children. It is also possible to apply if a carer (partner) is travelling with you.

Proof: Declaration of honour 'Additional support'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

If particularly high additional costs arise from taking your child/children with you for your stay abroad, a so-called 'real cost application' can be submitted a few months in advance instead, which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester. A grant is also available for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early on.

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 or more can receive an additional grant of 250 euros per month.

Proof: Declaration of honour 'Additional support'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

If particularly high additional costs arise due to your stay abroad, a so-called 'real cost application' can be submitted a few months in advance instead, which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person. A grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice at an early stage.

Top-up for students with a chronic illness

Students with a chronic illness that leads to additional financial requirements for the stay abroad can also receive an additional grant of 250 euros per month.

Proof: Declaration of honour 'Additional funding'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

If your stay abroad incurs particularly high additional costs, a so-called 'real cost application' can be submitted a few months in advance instead, which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person. A grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early on.

Top-up for students from a non-academic family

Studies have shown that students whose parents have not studied themselves are less likely to consider a stay abroad. With additional funding, the Erasmus programme aims to encourage these students to take the plunge and go abroad. In this case, students whose parents or carers do not have a degree from a university or university of applied sciences are considered first-time students. Here too, 250 euros are available in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant.

A degree from a university-like vocational academy (Berufsakademie) counts as an academic degree. Degree courses completed abroad also count as academic qualifications, even if they are not recognised in Germany. A master craftsman's certificate does not count as an academic qualification.

Proof: Declaration of honour 'Additional funding'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

Top-up for students in employment

Students who earn a considerable amount of their own living may be reluctant to go abroad, as they are often unable to continue working while abroad and lose their income. To alleviate this problem, there is a top-up amount of 250 euros per month if the following criteria apply:

- employment subject to social security contribution
- or self-employment
- with **net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros per month**
- employed **continuously for at least six months** during the two semesters prior to the stay abroad

The activity must have taken place during this period:

Stay abroad in/from the winter semester:

1 August of the previous year to 31 July of the year abroad

Stay abroad in the summer semester:

1 February of the previous year to 31 January of the year abroad

It can be a single employment relationship or several that follow each other in direct succession. An interruption during the regular period of vacation leave during is not a problem.

- The activity is not continued during the stay abroad, so that there is a loss of earnings.

Proof: Declaration on honour 'Additional support'

You also commit yourself to submit supporting documents on request.

Application

Please apply for funding by signing the declaration(s) of honour 'green travel' or 'additional funding' and sending it to the International Office at Kaiserslautern UAS (io@hs-kl.de)

Deadlines: Additional funding can be applied for:

- by 31 May for the following winter semester
- by 30 November for the summer semester of the following year.

As the funds are limited, it is generally not possible to apply retrospectively.

Supporting documents

At present, your declaration of honour is sufficient proof of eligibility for funding. However, upon request, you must be able to submit supporting documents (depending on the additional funding, e.g. medical certificate, disability certificate, travel receipts, parental declaration, payslips or similar).