



Call for Applications Erasmus+ Partner Countries - KA171 Scholarships for PHD students University of Kampala

ART. 1 - Objectives and features of students' mobility from Partner Countries to University of Torino (UniTO)

The EU Erasmus+ Programme (Erasmus Plus) 2021/2027, launched on January 1st 2021, has introduced significant changes to higher education mobility programmes for students, namely the repeatability of the mobility for study and traineeships and the opening of the programme to third non-European countries, the so-called *Partner Countries*.

Erasmus+ Programme allows university students to spend a study period abroad, in one of the universities involved in the Erasmus+ projects selected and funded at a European level. The sending and receiving Institutions have to sign a inter-institutional agreement in the frame of Erasmus+ Programme.

Participants will receive a monthly financial support by the Italian National Erasmus+ Agency to cover part of the expenses related to their study period abroad. Moreover, a contribution for travel is also provided. The present Call refers to the joint-project between the Department of Earth Sciences and the Kampala University.

2 grants covering 3 months each will be allocated to the students of the Makerere University, that will spend a mobility period at the University of Torino in the framework of the Erasmus+ Partner Countries – KA 171 2024, call years 20[21]-20[27].

ART. 2 - Eligibility requirements

To apply for the present call for Erasmus+ mobility, students shall meet the following requirements:

- *be regularly enrolled for a PHD degree at the University*
- *have acquired a minimum of experience in field of Geosciences*
- *have a good knowledge of English.*

According to Erasmus+ Programme, every student can carry out more than one Erasmus mobility within their university career, up to a maximum of 12 months for each study cycle, regardless of the number and the typologies of mobilities already done.



Candidates shall have a proper knowledge of the main language of instruction (English) required by the University of Torino, as specified in the Inter-Institutional Agreement signed with the Partner Institution.

- *The level of language competence will be evaluated during the selection procedure through an interview either carried out face-to-face.*

ART. 3 - Erasmus mobility duration

The minimum duration of the mobility period is 2 (corresponding to a minimum of 60 days according to Erasmus+ guidelines), shorter periods are not eligible. The mobility period shall be carried out without interruptions. In any case, the mobility activity shall be concluded within 01/06/2027.

ART. 4 - Eligible and ineligible activities during the mobility period

Eligible activities during the mobility at UniTO include:

- courses attendance and exam sessions;
- additional traineeships activities;
- additional research for final dissertation.

ART. 5 – Participants with fewer opportunities

The Erasmus 2021-2027 programme promotes equal opportunities and equal access, inclusion, diversity and equity in all its actions. Organisations and participants with fewer opportunities are at the focus of these objectives and, in this view, the programme makes dedicated resources available to them.

For the purposes of this call, and in line with the provisions of the Erasmus 2021-2027 Programme Guide and the relevant Community provisions¹, Makerere University considers participants with fewer opportunities as those students in the following conditions:

- See the IIA

The status of minor opportunities provides for:

- the allocation of financial contributions, as set out in art. 6 of this notice.

ART. 6 - Financial support and grant restitution

The financial support for the mobility period corresponds to Euro 900 per month (Individual Support). In addition, the participant shall receive a contribution of Euro 1.188 for travel (Standard Travel Grant), according to the EU Commission distance band, in order to cover travel expenses. Further financial support will not be provided by the University of Torino.

¹ Commission Implementing Decision on the framework of measures for the inclusion of the Erasmus+ and “European Solidarity Corps” programmes for the period 2021-2027: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/commission-decision-framework-inclusion-2021-27>

Guidelines for the implementation of the Erasmus+ Inclusion and Diversity Strategy and the European Solidarity Corps: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_it

In the case of participants with fewer opportunities (see Art. 5 of this call), the following contribution is also envisaged:

- TOP-UP amount for students with fewer opportunities" equal to €250 per month. The requirements for "minor opportunities" status are set out in art. 5 of this call.

A pre-financing, corresponding to the travel costs (Standard Travel Grant) and 90% of the total amount of the mobility grant (individual support + TOP-UP less opportunities, if applicable), is granted to the participant on the basis of the timing of receipt of the Agreement by our Office:

- it will be made indicatively from the 25th day of the month in the case of receipt of the Agreement by the UNITA and International Mobility Section of the UniTO University by the 1st working day of the same month;
- for agreements received from the 2nd working day onwards, payment will be made from the 25th day of the following month.

These timeframes do not apply to the months of August, December and January, for which payment is still made in the following month.

The mobility period abroad shall last at least 2 months or 1 academic term or trimester, failure to comply will result in the restitution of the entire amount received. Should the participants waive their scholarship, the grant shall be given back.

Participants who end their mobility period before the scheduled date stated in the Grant Agreement will have to return the amount corresponding to the number of days the participant did not spend at UniTO multiplied per 1/30 of the unit cost per month.

Should the participants not give back, if due, the corresponding amount, UniTO will not issue any Transcript of Records.

Extension of mobility period requests shall be submitted at least one month before the end of the originally planned mobility period. Potential extension periods do not automatically imply an extension of the financial support.

ART. 7 - Recognition of Erasmus mobility

The study period abroad is a part of the academic curriculum of each participant.

The activities carried out during the mobility shall be agreed before the beginning of the mobility period, by signing the "Learning Agreement for Studies".

The ICSTEM ensure full recognition for satisfactorily completed activities in terms of credits awarded (ECTS or compatible grading system) as stated in the "Learning Agreement for Studies".

ART. 8 - Application procedure

Students shall submit their application via mail to Dr. John Mary Kiberu (john.kiberu@mak.ac.ug) complete of a recent CV and a study project proposal.



ART. 9 - Application deadline

Deadline for application is set on **16th/March/2026 at 24:00 hours** Failure to comply will result in the exclusion of the candidature from the selection.

ART. 10 - Selection procedure

Candidates will be first evaluated by an internal committee on the basis of their applications; shortlisted candidates/all candidates will be further evaluated through a face-to face interview (or, in case of necessity, via Skype).

The first criterion should be academic merit, but with equivalent academic level, preference should be assigned to students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

The Selection Committee adopts the following selection criteria:

- *knowledge of the language spoken in the host country and/or of the main language of instruction at the receiving institution;*
- *motivation to undertake the mobility and its relevance to the candidate's academic career;*
- *year of enrolment: is priority given to students enrolled in the final years of their study courses*
- *previous experience in field studies related to Geosciences.*
- *Availability of a valid travel document (passport)*

The selection committee will give the opportunity to conduct Skype interviews for those candidates who do not have the possibility to attend a face-to-face interview.

ART. 11 - Final ranking of selected candidates and acceptance of Erasmus scholarship

The final ranking of the selected candidates will be published on the College of Natural Sciences website and the Departmental noticeboards. In addition, the selected candidates will also be informed by **Dr. John Mary Kiberu**.

Selected students must accept or waive the grant award within 05 calendar days starting from the day after the publication of the rankings by sending an email to the following address: **john.kiberu@mak.ac.ug**, failure to comply will result in the exclusion from the ranking list and the impossibility to carry out the mobility. Selected candidates will be provided with the relevant information in order to complete all of the required administrative procedures for the Erasmus mobility period before their departure.



John Mary Kiberu



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ART. 12 - Contacts

For any question related to this call for applications, please contact the office of the Head, Department of Geology and Petroleum Studies

1st December, 2025; Max ~~Fiber~~^{Di} m².

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