



Within the framework of educational programmes funded and integrated by the European Union, the Academy of Fine Arts “Rosario Gagliardi” of Syracuse – MADE Program actively participates in the ERASMUS+ Programme ([www.erasmusplus.it](http://www.erasmusplus.it)), addressed to students of Higher Education Institutions of the Programme Countries. For the academic year 2025/2026, the Academy launches the Call for Applications for the allocation of long-term ERASMUS+ Traineeship/Placement grants, aimed at students enrolled at the Academy, starting from the second year of the First Cycle Degree (Bachelor’s Diploma), and including students enrolled in the Second Cycle Degree (Master’s Diploma).

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### Objectives

The ERASMUS+ Traineeship (Placement) programme enables students from Institutions holding the ECHE (ERASMUS+ Charter for Higher Education 2021–2027) to undertake a period of traineeship/placement—meaning training through work experience—at companies, training centres, research centres, professional studios, art centres, or other organisations located in one of the Programme Countries.

The programme provides financial support to cover part of the expenses incurred by students during their traineeship/placement abroad.

The ERASMUS+ Programme offers the opportunity to gain cultural, professional, and educational experiences abroad, to meet peers from other countries, and thus actively contribute to the process of European integration.

The mobility must be consistent with the student's academic pathway as well as with their personal aspirations.

### Blended Mobility

Mobility may begin in virtual (remote) mode.

The activities must be consistent with the objectives of the mobility, for example activities in *distance learning* (virtual training, etc.). Mobilities must be combined with a component of physical mobility abroad.

In the case of virtual (remote) mobility, or mobility starting virtually and then continuing in person (blended mobility), financial support will be provided according to the procedures communicated by the European Commission and the National ERASMUS+ Agency INDIRE.

The period of virtual mobility will not be covered by ERASMUS+ funds.

### **Digital Opportunity Traineeship**

The European Commission aims to promote traineeship opportunities designed to foster the acquisition of digital skills across all disciplines (e.g., application, software, script, and website development; data analysis; cybersecurity; cloud computing; quantum and artificial intelligence; etc.).

### **Host Organisations for Traineeship/Placement**

The host organisation where the traineeship is to be carried out must fall within the definition of *enterprise*: “any public or private sector organisation engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its size, legal status, or the economic sector in which it operates, including the social economy.”

This definition includes enterprises, training centres, research centres, and other organisations.

In the case of traineeships carried out within Higher Education Institutions (e.g., laboratories in Academies or Universities), the activities must be of a professional training nature and **not** of a study nature, and such training activities must be clearly specified in the work plan.

Teaching is also **not** permitted as a traineeship activity.

### **Identification of the Host Organisation**

The “self-arranged traineeship” modality means that the training project must be identified autonomously by the applicant (possibly with the support of their reference Professor or the Programme Coordinator). Once the student has indicated the name of the host organisation, the ERASMUS+ Office will provide support.

Each reference Professor may also offer assistance in identifying suitable host organisations within their artistic field.

NB: The internships offered by the MADE Program – “Rosario Gagliardi” Academy of Fine Arts of Syracuse – MADE Program are independent internships, meaning they are based on an individual project developed by the student, who, in collaboration with a supervising professor or independently, identifies the host company. The Academy and the student sign an internship agreement (Training Agreement) before the mobility abroad.

### **Countries of the ERASMUS+ Program where the internship can take place**

It is possible to carry out an ERASMUS+ internship/placement period in one of the following countries participating in the ERASMUS+ Program.

By Program Countries, we mean:

- EU Member States (excluding Italy): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Hungary.
- The 3 countries of the European Economic Area (EEA): Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.
- Candidate countries for EU membership: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, and Serbia.

### **ERASMUS+ Partner Countries where the internship can take place**

The following countries may participate in certain actions of the Program under specific criteria and/or conditions. The partner countries listed below are grouped according to the non-EU action, with a maximum total contribution of 20% of the funds allocated to the Academy.

It is also possible to carry out traineeship mobility in Switzerland and the United Kingdom (subject to obtaining a visa issued by the British Council).

Funding for traineeship mobility outside the EU (partner countries) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for each specific mobility period, depending on the funds made available by the European Commission.

- **Western Balkans (Region 1)**  
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro

- **Eastern Partnership (Region 2)**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine recognized under international law

- **Southern Mediterranean Countries (Region 3)**

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

- **Russian Federation (Region 4)**

Territory of Russia recognized under international law

**Asia (Region 5)**

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar/Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

High-income countries: Brunei, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore, Taiwan

- **Central Asia (Region 6)**

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

- **Middle East (Region 7)**

Iran, Iraq, Yemen

High-income countries: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar

- **Pacific (Region 8)**

Fiji, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

High-income countries: Australia, New Zealand

- **Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)**

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Ivory Coast, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

- **Latin America (Region 10)**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

- **Caribbean (Region 11)**

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Jamaica, Grenada,

Guyana, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

- **United States and Canada (Region 12)**

Canada, United States of America

Third countries not associated with the Program are not included in the external action instruments:

- **Region 13:** Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State
- **Region 14:** Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, Switzerland

For more information, consult the detailed description of the program actions in Part B of this Guide: ERASMUS+ Programme Guide, Part B

(<https://ERASMUS+-plus.ec.europa.eu/it/programme-guide/part-b>)

### **Duration of the internship and financial contribution**

The period of the internship/placement abroad can last from 2 to 12 months, even if divided into separate periods. This means that for each study cycle (1st and 2nd level), students can spend up to 12 months abroad, distributed between study mobility and internship/placement.

Each student can undertake multiple mobilities during their academic career.

Students who have already completed periods of study and/or traineeship mobility (within the LLP ERASMUS or ERASMUS+ Program) may apply for this call.

Previously completed mobility periods will be counted toward the maximum period of 12 months per study cycle (1st and 2nd level).

ERASMUS+ funding should be considered as a contribution to the additional costs related to living abroad, and not as full coverage of expenses.

The monthly financial contribution, granted by the European Union for ERASMUS+ Traineeship/Placement mobility and disbursed by the Italian National Agency, varies according to the cost of living in the destination country, as indicated in the table below\*.

\* The monthly financial contribution granted by the European Union for ERASMUS+ Traineeship/Placement mobility may be subject to changes.

These maximum amounts, set by the National Agency in agreement with the National Authority, are fixed for the entire mobility project.

Group	Country	Monthly €
<b>Group 1</b> (HIGH cost of living)	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden.  Third countries not associated with the Program – Region 13: Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State  Third countries not associated with the Program – Region 14: Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, Switzerland	€ 500
<b>Group 2</b> (MEDIUM cost of living)	Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.	€ 450
<b>Group 3</b> (LOW cost of living)	Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Hungary.	€ 450

## Travel Contributions

As outlined in the [2025 Program Guide](#), the National Agency, in agreement with the National Authority MUR, has decided **not to apply travel contributions** for students and recent graduates undertaking long-term mobility to EU Member States, program-associated third countries, and non-associated third countries in Regions 13 and 14.

No additional contribution is provided for sustainable travel.

The disbursement of the EU mobility grants (i.e., monthly contributions) will be determined following the approval of the application submitted by the “Rosario Gagliardi” Academy of Fine Arts of Syracuse – MADE Program by the ERASMUS+ National Agency INDIRE and after the Agency communicates the number of months assigned to the Academy, and thus the related financial resources.

The criteria to be applied are defined nationally by the National Agency in agreement with the national authorities (including submission of the ISEE form).

Funding is granted exclusively for the completion of eligible activities abroad with a **minimum duration of 2 months** (no less than 60 days), to be carried out between **October 1, 2025, and July 31, 2026**, and upon submission of certifications confirming the completion of the planned activities.

NB: Any vacation period of the host company may be included but will **not** count toward the 60 days, nor will it be funded.

## ERASMUS+ Program for Students with Fewer Opportunities

Additional funding is available for students with fewer opportunities, that is, for those who, due to economic, social, cultural, geographic, or health-related reasons, linked to migration background, or due to disabilities, learning difficulties, or any other reasons—including those that may lead to forms of discrimination under Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union—face obstacles that prevent them from having effective access to the opportunities offered by the program:

- Certified physical, mental, or health-related problems



- Economic disadvantage documented with ISEE (according to guidelines to be subsequently provided in agreement with the National Authority MUR)
- Cultural differences, e.g., individuals from migration backgrounds and refugees, national or ethnic minorities, people with difficulties in linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion, etc.
- Students with minor children
- Students who are employed
- Students who are professional athletes
- Students who are orphans of at least one parent
- Students who are children of victims of terrorism or organized crime

The ERASMUS+ Program also provides **additional financial support for students with special needs** related to physical, mental, or health conditions (e.g., personal assistant, special transport, adapted accommodation, daytime/nighttime or permanent assistant, medical care, specific educational materials, gluten-free or other special dietary needs, etc.).

The amounts and funding methods will be evaluated on a **case-by-case basis** and explained in detail by the ERASMUS+ and MADE PROGRAM staff upon specific request.

## **2. REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

### **General eligibility requirements (who can apply):**

The ERASMUS+ internship/placement can be undertaken by students starting from the 2nd year of the three-year program and the 1st year of the two-year program, as well as by recent graduates. To apply for the ERASMUS+ Internship/Placement call 2025/2026, it is necessary:

*For those undertaking the internship as students:*

- Be enrolled at the “Rosario Gagliardi” Academy of Fine Arts of Syracuse – MADE Program for the current academic year 2025/2026.

*For those undertaking the internship (placement) as graduates:*

- Be enrolled at the “Rosario Gagliardi” Academy of Fine Arts of Syracuse – MADE Program for the academic year 2025/2026.

*For students graduating in the current academic year:*

- In this case, the student may participate in the ERASMUS+ Program provided they applied while their enrollment was still active.

*For recent graduates:*

- They may apply for the internship/placement. They must respond to the call and be selected **before graduation**.
- From the date of graduation, they must carry out and complete the internship abroad **within 12 months** of graduation.

It is understood that the ERASMUS+ internship must, in any case, be **completed by 31 July 2026**.

### **Incompatibility**

Students applying for the ERASMUS+ / Placement call **cannot receive any other EU mobility grant** for the same period in which they benefit from ERASMUS+ funding.

### **Language requirements**

Students applying for ERASMUS+ / Placement mobility are recommended to **improve their language skills before departure** in order to acquire the necessary tools for a work-based mobility period abroad.

During the selection process, the level of language knowledge will be assessed, and this factor is considered a **priority** (English: B1 level).

For this purpose, the European Commission provides online language courses via **EU ACADEMY**: <https://academy.europa.eu/>

### **Agreement with the company, activities to be carried out abroad, and training agreement**

After independently identifying the company where the internship will take place, the candidate must **agree with the company on the content of the training project**.

Subsequently, the **Training Agreement** must be completed. This agreement must be signed by

the company, the student, the legal representative (Director) of the Academy, and/or the Academic Coordinator.

### **Insurance Coverage**

Each student must verify the procedures for health coverage by contacting their local ASL (Local Health Authority), as the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) may cover medical assistance and hospitalization differently and to varying extents depending on the destination country.

For this purpose, the online consultation service provided by the Ministry of Health can be consulted at <http://www.salute.gov.it> under the section “Topics and Professions”, box “Assistance, Hospital, and Territory”, item “Health care for Italians abroad and foreigners in Italy”.

The Academy encourages all selected students to check, before departure, the safety notices and guidelines for the host country published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Selected candidates will be covered for Civil Liability and, for those undertaking internships, accident insurance, arranged through the “Rosario Gagliardi” Academy of Fine Arts of Syracuse – MADE Program.

For post-graduate internships (Placement), insurance coverage for Civil Liability and accidents will be the responsibility of the graduate.

### **Recognition of ERASMUS+ Placement Mobility**

For curricular internships, the recognition procedure is carried out according to the regulations and study plans of the respective degree programs.

For virtual (remote) or blended mobility, such periods will be fully recognized for all activities carried out during both the virtual and physical mobility periods.

Selected candidates are required to clarify all aspects of ECTS/credits recognition before departure with the ERASMUS+ Office and the Academic Secretariat, by completing or signing the Training Agreement.

Participation in the ERASMUS+ Program for a curricular internship (as a student) grants 1 point/110 for the final thesis.

The ERASMUS+ internship can also serve as an extracurricular (post-graduate) internship experience.

## Submission of the Application

Applications must be sent by email to the **ERASMUS+ Office** (exchange@madeprogram.it) on a rolling basis and will be accepted in **chronological order of receipt**, until available funds are exhausted, and in any case **no later than 31 July 2026**, the final date by which all mobility periods must be completed.

In the application (Attachment 1), the candidate must declare, under their personal responsibility, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, the following:

- Full name
- Date and place of birth
- Academic Diploma Program in which they are enrolled
- Student ID number
- Possession of the requirements specified in paragraph 2 (Requirements and Application Procedure)
- Duration of any previous LLP/ERASMUS and/or ERASMUS+ mobility
- Number of exams taken, credits earned, and weighted average grade (not less than 27/30)

Required documents (to be submitted or sent by email to exchange@madeprogram.it):

- Completed and signed application form (Attachment 1)
- Student academic record, including credits, grades, and weighted average
- Artistic portfolio
- CV in European format
- Optional letter of recommendation from an Academy professor (only if requested by the company offering the internship)
- Invitation/acceptance letter (if already available) from the company offering the internship or from the institution providing the professional training course

Applications will not be considered if they are:

- Illegible or incomplete, missing any required information
- Unsigned
- Missing the required attachments
- Submitted after the deadline of 31 July 2026

## Websites to consult:

- <http://ERASMUS+intern.org/>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/eures/public/it/homepage>
- <http://www.globalplacement.com/>

### 3. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Applications are reviewed by a dedicated **Commission** composed of the Director (or their delegate), the ERASMUS+ coordinator, and another faculty member appointed by the Director.

The Commission verifies that applicants meet the eligibility and admission requirements indicated in this call, the ERASMUS+ Program, and national regulations.

As no ranking list is established, admission is granted according to the **chronological order of complete and regular applications**, until available funds are exhausted and, in any case, **by 31 July 2026**, the final date for completing mobility periods.

The ERASMUS+ grant is awarded based on the funds allocated by the **ERASMUS+ National Agency INDIRE**.

The Commission will evaluate and award mobility grants to participating students based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the internship project
- Quality of artistic works/projects documented in the portfolio
- Merit (weighted average of grades and number of exams taken) **not less than 27/30**
- Language proficiency required by the host company or in English

#### **Acceptance, withdrawals, and replacements**

The confirmation of the grant award will be communicated to the candidate by email from the Director, Academic Coordinator, or ERASMUS+ Office Manager, following the evaluation of the submitted application materials.

Selected students must organize their internship and ensure the **Training Agreement** is signed by the student, the Academy, and the host company **before departure**.

Any withdrawal must be communicated promptly via email to the **MADE ERASMUS+ Office** (exchange@madeprogram.it), stating the reasons.

Any unassigned positions will remain available until funds are exhausted and, in any case, **by 31 July 2026**, the date by which the mobility must be completed.

#### **4. DEADLINE CALENDAR**

Applications can be submitted at any time from the publication of this call and **no later than 31 July 2026**, the final date by which the funded mobility periods must be completed.

Students will receive further instructions and operational deadlines from MADE regarding the submission of the acceptance letter from the host company and the completion of the *Training Agreement*.

Failure to submit the required documentation related to the host company will result in the forfeiture of the right to receive the grant.

#### **5. CONTACTS AND INFORMATION**

For information:

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Academy website: [www.madeprogram.it](http://www.madeprogram.it)

#### **6. ANNEX**

[Application for Internship/Placement \(Attachment I\)](#), available for download on the Academy's website on the Erasmus+ page, under the section INTERNSHIP/PLACEMENT ABROAD.

#### **FINAL NOTE**

Mobility is governed not only by this call but also by the regulations contained in the “ERASMUS+ Handbook” of the ERASMUS+ National Agency INDIRE for the academic year 2024/2025.

It is also governed by the minimum clauses included in the mobility contract that the student signs with the Institute before departure.

This call is to be considered sub condicione, in the event of modifications or additions by the ERASMUS+ National Agency INDIRE.