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What is it?
The European Erasmus+ program ‘International Credit Mobility’ (ICM) enables BA/MA student, PhD and staff exchange between European universities and universities outside the European Union by means of individual scholarships and travel allowances. All fields of study and research are equally eligible.

Goal
The overall goal of the program is to improve knowledge, competences and sector specific and personal skills of students and staff members through international exchange projects. The program is ideal for exploring new partnerships for exchange with universities outside Europe and for enabling student and/or staff exchange in regions where financial limitations normally restrict exchange possibilities. The ICM program can also be used as a tool to consolidate already existing academic ties with partners outside Europe.

Planning
The application, containing all participating projects, is submitted by the International Relations Department at Student- and Educational Affairs (SEA) on behalf of Leiden University on 20 January 2020. The results of the application will be published in May 2020. The running time of a project is 3 academic years/36 months; Projects under the new 2020 call will run from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2023.

Student mobility
The minimum duration of a student mobility period is 3 months, the maximum duration of the student mobility is 12 months. Student mobility can concern study or internship activities and includes the mobility of PhD students. Students receive a fixed travel allowance based on the distance between Leiden and the partner university and a scholarship of 850 euro/month for incoming students and 700 euro/month for outgoing (Leiden) students.

Staff mobility
Staff exchanges can be used for teaching and for training for a minimum of 8 hours/week. The minimum duration of the mobility period is 5 days; the maximum duration is 2 months. Staff members receive a financial contribution of 160 euro per day (incoming staff) or 180 euro per day (outgoing staff) for the first 14 days. From the 15th day onwards the grant drops to 70% of the
amount. Staff members also receive a fixed travel allowance based on the distance between Leiden and the partner university.

**Available budget**
Projects are submitted on country level. Within each country project, Leiden University can enter into partnerships with multiple universities. After a project has been awarded, a partnership agreement will be drafted and signed between cooperating institutions. For each region outside of Europe, a specific budget and number of available mobilities is allocated to The Netherlands by the European Commission. There can be mobility restrictions attached to cooperation with certain regions.

**Deadlines**
Staff members of Leiden University representing educational and/or research programs, institutes or Faculties can submit a project proposal. If you are interested in a project application under the 2020 Call, the following internal deadlines and procedures apply:

1. Deadline for expression of interest: **15 November 2019**
2. Results of the pre-selection: **6 December 2019**
3. Deadline submission 1st draft version: **6 January 2020**
4. Absolute deadline for final version: **20 January 2020**

**Application**
Interest to apply for projects under the International Credit Mobility (ICM) application 2020, should be expressed by submitting the ‘Expression of Interest’ form to the Subsidy Advisor of the International Relations Office of Leiden University by email no later than **15 November 2019**.

This form consists of 5 questions that will be assessed based on pre-set criteria displayed in the template form. An internal selection will take place only in case multiple expressions of interest are received for exchange with the same partner country. The pre-selection is made by the International Relations Department in cooperation with the Regional Groups for China, Indonesia and Latin America & Caribbean for exchange projects seeking cooperation within these focus regions. You will be informed about the results of the pre-selection of Expressions of Interest no later than **6 December 2019**. Only selected expressions of interest can be submitted under the final application to the Call 2020.

If your project is selected for application under the Call 2020, you are asked to fill in the template form for project applications: the ‘Quality Questions’. The Subsidy Advisor will ask you to submit a 1st draft version of the ‘Quality Questions’ no later than **6 January 2020**. First draft versions of the Quality Questions received later than 6 January 2019 cannot be guaranteed quality feedback or inclusion in Leiden University’s 2020 application.

The deadline of the final version of the ‘Quality Questions’ is **20 January 2020**. Project proposals received after the final deadline of 20 January 2020, can no longer be included in the Leiden University application to the Dutch National Agency for Erasmus+.
The Subsidy Advisor will be available throughout the process to answer your questions and to provide feedback and input on your project proposal.

More information
If you are interested to apply for funding in the Erasmus + International Credit Mobility program or if you are looking for more information, please contact Dorien Jansen.

If you would like to know more about the other funding opportunities that Erasmus + has to offer, such as the Joint International Master Program, the Capacity Building Program, Strategic Partnerships, Jean Monnet Activities and Knowledge and Sector Skills Alliances, you can visit SEA’s webpage for subsidies for education.

Other Erasmus+ funding opportunities

Joint International Master Programs
For joint or double degree master programs offered by a consortium of European universities. This program provides funding for scholarships for excellent students, for teaching mobility and for the management of these programs.
**Deadline: February 13, 2020**

Strategic Partnerships
For international cooperation aimed at the development and implementation of innovation within the education sector or between sectors: universities, governments, organizations and businesses.
**Deadline: March 24, 2020**

Capacity Building
Collaborative projects of European universities with universities outside the EU that are aimed at the modernization of curricula and educational institutions and systems.
**Deadline: February 5, 2020**

Knowledge- & Sector Skills Alliances
Aimed at cooperation in a broader socio-economic context between European universities and companies. The goal is to raise creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship by connecting the education sector with the labour market.
**Deadline: February 26, 2020**

Jean Monnet
This program focuses on activities that support the European integration process by increasing the knowledge and awareness of European integration through education, training and research. This can be done by establishing a center of excellence, a chair, a network or by academic teaching and research focused on European studies and related subjects.
**Deadline: February 20, 2020**

Information and application
Application to one of these programs requires thorough and timely preparation. Participants should assume a preparation time of 5 to 12 months. In the case of the Joint International Master Programs, preparation can take up to 18 months or longer.

If you are interested to apply for funding under one of the Erasmus+ programs or if you are looking for more information, you can visit the subsidies for education webpage or contact Dorien Jansen.

**Participating as partner in an Erasmus+ project**

It is possible that you wish to participate in one of the Erasmus+ programs as partner university, having a smaller/specific role in a project rather than coordinating a project on behalf of a consortium of universities. In that case, the submission and the project management is coordinated by another university.

If you plan to participate in an E+ project as partner university, please do notify the subsidy advisor in good time, as you will need to provide specific information to the partnership application, such as PIC code, previously-funded EU programs, a description of Leiden University as an institution and a partner mandate signed by the Rector Magnificus. The subsidy advisor can help you gather information and can arrange partner mandate forms when contacted in time (at least 10 days before the application deadline). If needed, you can be advised about the partnership and your role, tasks and responsibilities as a partner to one of the Erasmus+ project applications.