Erasmus Study Program Call 2025-2026

SECTION 1: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ERASMUS+ STUDY MOBILITY

This call is part of the Erasmus+ programming for 2021-2027, governed by Regulation (EU) No. 2021/817 of the European Parliament and Council, dated May 20, 2021, and by the Erasmus+ Program Guide for 2021-2027.

For the academic year 2025/2026, the call for the allocation of Erasmus+ scholarships is open to students enrolled at the Academy, starting from the second year of the bachelor's program for the First Level Diploma, and including students enrolled in the second year of the specialization program for the Second Level Diploma. Accademia del lusso offers the opportunity to carry out a study period at another institution in one of the Program Countries and to have this period recognized as an integral part of the course of study in Italy.

ART. 1.1 – OBJECTIVES AND DESTINATIONS OF STUDY MOBILITY

As part of Action 1 of the Erasmus+ 2021/2027 program, student mobility for study purposes (Student Mobility for Studies - KA131) is included.

The Erasmus+ study program aims to offer students the opportunity to enrich their educational, linguistic, and cultural experiences. The purpose of the Erasmus+ study mobility period is to:

a) Attend the courses offered by the host institution's curriculum and complete the corresponding exams.

b) Develop the thesis or part of it, based on a work plan approved by the supervisor from this Academy and the responsible faculty member at the host institution.

The study period abroad will be recognized by the student's home institution, and exams/credits completed at the host institution will be validated. The European exchange program offers the opportunity to enhance and improve foreign language proficiency while engaging with the different cultures of the host countries.

ART. 1.2 – DESTINATIONS OF STUDY MOBILITY

Destination Countries

Table No. 1: Countries and Universities			
The Netherlands	Saxion University of Applied Sciences		
Portugal	ESAD College of Arts & design		
The Czech Republic	VSKK Vysoka skola kreativni komunikace		

The candidate may choose one of the following destination countries:

ART. 2 - REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM

Accademia del Lusso, ensuring gender equality, allows all students who are regularly enrolled to participate in the Erasmus+ Study program.

Participation in the Erasmus+ Study program is conditional upon regular enrollment at Accademia del Lusso for the academic year 2025/2026.

The following Table No. 2 specifies the participation requirements for the Erasmus+ program.

Table No. 2: Participation Requirements for the Erasmus+ Program		
Characteristic of the Mobility	Enrollment Constraints	
Mobility in Years Other Than the First Year of a Bachelor's or Master's Degree Program	Enrollment for the academic year 2025/2026 must be completed before the start of the mobility, in compliance with the deadlines set by the administrative procedures. For mobility periods starting before the opening of enrollments, the enrollment for the previous academic year will be considered valid. However, enrollment for the academic year 2025/2026 must be formalized through the payment of the first installment of the student fees, in accordance with the established deadlines.	

ART. 3 – Duration of Erasmus+ Mobility

The duration of Erasmus+ mobility is established in each inter-institutional agreement signed between Accademia del Lusso and the individual foreign university.

In order to promote high-quality international mobility, Accademia del Lusso emphasizes the importance and academic value of completing the Erasmus+ mobility in accordance with the duration (number of months) outlined in the inter-institutional agreement for the chosen destination, should the student be selected. However, the temporal criteria that mobility must necessarily adhere to are as follows:

- A mandatory minimum duration of 2 months (60 days)
- A maximum duration of 12 months (360 days)

ART. 4 – Obligations and Rights of the Erasmus Student in Mobility:

Before departure, it is necessary to:

• Sign a financial agreement between the Academy and the student awarded the scholarship;

• Prepare a plan (Learning Agreement for Studies – Before the Mobility - OLA) outlining the study program to be followed abroad, signed and approved by the student, the institution (academic tutor at ADL) of the home program, and the host institution;

• Have a personal bank account in the student's name where the scholarship amount will be deposited.

At the end of the mobility, instead:

• The host institution must issue a certificate to the student, or directly to the home institution, confirming the duration of the mobility as well as the academic results achieved (Learning Agreement for Studies – OLA - After the Mobility);

• The Academy commits to fully recognizing the activities performed and certified using the ECTS system.

Selected students benefiting from Erasmus status:

• Are exempt from paying tuition fees at the host institution (but are responsible for travel, accommodation, and living expenses);

- Can participate in language courses, if offered by the host institution;
- Can take advantage of services available (e.g., canteen, student housing, etc.);

• The study activities carried out abroad (attendance, exams taken, credits earned) are fully recognized by ADL and its professors.

Any additional credits earned by students during their Erasmus study mobility, after attending and passing exams at the host institution, will be included in the **Diploma Supplement**.

ART. 5 – Financial Contribution

The total financial contribution for the mobility period is provided through:

Community funds allocated by the National Erasmus+ Agency INDIRE.

The financial contribution consists of:

• A **mobility grant**, which varies based on the destination country, the student's personal financial situation and/or fewer opportunities.

• An **optional travel grant**. This has a variable amount and is provided only for specific mobilities, depending on factors such as the destination country, the type of travel undertaken, and the student's financial situation and/or fewer opportunities.

ART. 6 – Composition and Beneficiaries of the Erasmus+ Study Financial Contribution

The scholarship, provided to support Erasmus+ Study mobility, is composed of the following components:

Part A - Monthly Community Grant:

This grant is awarded to all successful applicants of the Erasmus+ Study Call. The monthly community grant varies based on the DESTINATION COUNTRY and corresponds to the following amounts:

Table No. 3: Part A - Amounts of the Monthly Community Grant for Erasmus+ Study Mobility		
Destination Countries: PROGRAMME COUNTRIES	Amount	
	<u>Part</u> A	
Group 1 - High Cost of Living: Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden. Note: This group also includes the following Partner Countries: United Kingdom, Switzerland, Faroe Islands.	€ 350,00 monthly	
Group 2 - Medium Cost of Living: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain.	€ 300,00 monthly	
Group 3 - Low Cost of Living: Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Turkey, Hungary.	€ 250,00 monthly	
Destination Countries: PARTNER COUNTRIES	Amount <u>Part</u> A	
All Partner Countries (except for the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and the Faroe Islands, which belong to Group 1)	€ 700,00 monthly	

Part B - Additional Monthly Contribution for Participants with Disadvantaged Economic Situations and/or Fewer Opportunities

The additional contribution is:

- Granted based on specific requirements to be met before the mobility starts and upon return.
- The amount is variable and defined based on the economic situation and/or individual condition.

Economic and Financial Requirements (condition to be met before the mobility starts): ISEE-PIL value from 0 to €50,000.00, according to the following table/distribution:

Table No. 4: Amounts for ITEM B - Additional Erasmus+ Study Contribution		
ISEE-PIL value*	Monthly Amount Part B	
ISEE-PIL ≤ 13.000 o studenti con minori opportunità	€ 450	
13.000 < ISEE-PIL ≤ 21.000	€ 400	
21.000 < ISEE-PIL ≤ 26.000	€ 350	
26.000 < ISEE-PIL ≤ 30.000	€ 300	
30.000 < ISEE-PIL ≤ 40.000	€ 200	
$40.000 < ISEE \le 50.000$	€ 150	
ISEE-PIL > 50.000	€0	

Fewer Opportunities (Condition(s) to be met before the mobility starts):

For the purposes of this Call, students considered to have fewer opportunities are those who meet one or more of the following conditions:

- Disability with a degree of disability of 50% or more;
- Refugee status;
- Subsidiary protection status;
- Refugee status;
- Careleavers status (Art. 1, Paragraph 250, Law No. 205 of 2017);
- Recipient of scholarships from the Italian government;
- Children of beneficiaries of disability pensions, war orphans, blind civilians, and those wounded or disabled due to war, work, or service, as well as their children, as defined by the Tuition and Fees Regulations for the academic year 2024/2025.

One or more of these conditions, which must be registered by the relevant offices at the **Accademia del Lusso**, guarantee equivalence to an ISEE value of €13,000 or lower. Based on meeting one or more of these conditions, students are entitled to:

- Receive an additional grant of **€450 per month**;
- Access any additional contributions/benefits provided by this call.

Merit Requirements (to be achieved at the end of the mobility):

At least one of the following:

- Recognition of a credit average of at least 2 CFA per month for the period of mobility carried out;
- Documented thesis and/or internship activity that results in the recognition of at least 1 CFA for international mobility.

Part C - Additional Community Contributions for Students with Special Needs

These are contributions allocated by the European Commission and intended for individuals with specific physical, mental, or health conditions. The availability of these contributions will be communicated directly to those selected for the Erasmus+ Study call. To access them, it will be necessary to submit a specific request according to the procedures and timelines defined by the Erasmus+ National Agency (INDIRE).

The financing of Erasmus+ mobility scholarships is subject to the allocation of funds from the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE. If the financial coverage is not fully or partially available, students will be able to carry out the assigned mobility, benefiting from the status described in **Table No. 2 of Article 6** of this call, but will need to cover the expenses independently.

Please note that, in case of insufficient funds:

- The number of months covered by the Country-specific contribution (Part A) may be reduced proportionally.
- For the disbursement of the additional contribution for students in disadvantaged economic situations and/or with fewer opportunities (Part B), priority will be given to those with a lower ISEE value, until the available budget for this item is exhausted.

Below is a summary of the contributions for mobility under the Erasmus+ Study program (Table No. 5).

Table No. 5: Summary of the contributions for mobility under the Erasmus+ Study		
program		
Type of Contribution	Beneficiary Requirements	Amount of the Contribution

PART A Community Contribution	All winners of the Erasmus+ Study Call. Note : Mobilities to Switzerland, if directly funded by the Swiss government, will not receive the contributions related to part A from the ADL.	Table n° 3
PART B Additional Contribution	 Income Requirements - BEFORE DEPARTURE: Possess an ISEE value between 0 and €50,000.00*. Merit Requirements - AT THE END of the mobility: At least one of the following merit requirements: Recognition of a credit average of 2 CFA for each month of mobility carried out; Documented activity for thesis and/or internship with recognition of at least 1 CFA in the academic career. 	Table n° 4
PART C Special Needs Contribution	 Possession of specific physical, mental, or health conditions; Submission of a specific application based on the guidelines provided by the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE. 	Reimburse ment provided based on expenses considered eligible.

ART. 7 – BENEFICIARIES AND TRAVEL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS UNDER ERASMUS+

In order to make international mobility inclusive and sustainable, a travel contribution is available for those who meet specific requirements to help cover the travel expenses related to Erasmus+ mobility. Access to the different types of travel contributions, which are exclusive and non-cumulative, depends on:

- Destination country;
- Economic situation and/or fewer opportunities;
- Type of journey undertaken.

The Erasmus+ 2021/2027 program aims to encourage **green transport**, meaning travel methods that use low CO2 emission modes of transportation (such as trains, car-sharing, buses).

Based on these parameters, two main types of travel contributions are provided, which are not cumulative:

TYPE 1 - TRAVEL GRANT:

The Travel Grant is:

A contribution available only to those who meet specific requirements, as detailed in the tables below;

The amount varies based on the distance category between the Accademia del Lusso and the Erasmus+ Partner Country destination.

1.1 Standard Travel Grant

A contribution granted, without the need to submit travel receipts, to those who use standard transportation means (such as flights, etc.) to reach their Erasmus Partner Country destination. The amounts and requirements for the Standard Travel Grant are indicated in Table No. 6.

Table No. 6.: TRAVEL GRANT "STANDARD"		
Beneficiary Requirements	Distance Category	Amount of Standard Travel Grant
 ISEE ≤ 26,306.25 euros and/or being students with fewer opportunities as per Article 7.1* Amount set annually based on Ministerial Regulations Mobility to Partner Countries. Note: Not all countries are Erasmus Partner Countries! 	among 10 and 99 KM	€23
	among 100 and 499 KM	€ 180
	among 500 and 1999 KM	€ 275
	among 2000 and 2999 KM	€ 360
	among 3000 and 3999 KM	€ 530
	among 4000 and 7999 KM	€ 820
	8000 KM o more	€ 1.500

Travel Grant "Green"

Contribution granted to those who use environmentally friendly transportation methods (such as trains, car sharing, buses, etc.) to reach their Erasmus+ Partner Country destination.

Receipts for these transport methods must be kept in order to prove the actual use of eco-friendly travel. These receipts will be required at the end of the mobility.

The amounts and requirements for the "Green" Travel Grant are indicated in Table No. 7.

Table No. 7.: The amounts and requirements for the "Green" Travel Grant			
Beneficiary Requirements	Distance Category	Amount of Green Travel Grant	Amount of Daily Allowance

SEE \leq 26,306.25 euros and/or being	among 100 and 499 KM	€ 210	Part A/30 DAYS + possible
students with fewer opportunities as per Article 7.1;*	among 500 and 1999 KM	€ 320	Part B/30 DAYS = daily allowance amount due for:
 Undertaking a Green journey to reach the Erasmus+ Partner Country destination; Providing receipts for travel expenses incurred. 	among 2000 and 2999 KM	€ 410	 Each day of green travel (round trip); A maximum of 4 total days.
Amount set annually based on Ministerial Regulations.			
	among 3000 and 3999 KM	€610	
*Amount set annually by Ministerial Regulations.			

TYPE 2 - TOP UP Travel Green:

The **TOP UP Travel Green** is a travel contribution for beneficiaries of the Erasmus+ Study mobility for the academic year 2025/2026 who meet the following requirements:

- They are not entitled to the Standard Travel Grant or the "Green" Travel Grant as described in **Type 1**;
- They will undertake a green journey to reach their Erasmus+ Programme Country destination.

The **TOP UP Travel Green** contribution applies to distances up to 4,000 km and consists of:

- A one-time travel contribution of **50.00 euros**;
- A daily allowance corresponding to the daily amount of the monthly grant (i.e., ITEM A/30 DAYS
 + possible ITEM B/30 DAYS = applicable daily allowance). The daily allowance will be provided
 for each day of green travel (both to and from the destination) required to reach the
 destination, for a maximum of 4 days.

ART. 8 EVALUATION OF ECONOMIC ASSETS REQUIREMENTS: ISEE

In relation to the ISEE/ISEE Equivalent/PPA per capita, the following exceptions apply:

• Those falling into the "with fewer opportunities" category, as outlined and specified in point n°2 of Article 6 of this call, do not need to present the ISEE/ISEE Equivalent for this call, as they are considered equivalent to an ISEE value of €13,000 or less.

ART. 8.1 – MODALITIES AND TIMELINES FOR THE DISBURSEMENT

The disbursement of contributions is conditional upon the acceptance of the international mobility contract by the beneficiary. The contract will detail the timelines and modalities for disbursement of the contribution, summarized below.

At the start of the mobility, the financial contribution due is estimated based on the mobility period specified in the international mobility contract. At the end of the Erasmus+ mobility, the financial contribution will be recalculated based on the actual number of days spent on mobility and according to the counting methods established by the Erasmus+ program.

Disbursement includes:

- An initial advance, subject to the respect of the timelines for signing the contract with ADL and its acceptance by the foreign institution, corresponding to:
 - 100% of the Country Contribution (Part A);
 - 70% of the Supplementary Contribution (Part B), if applicable;
 - 100% of the value of the Travel Grant "Standard", if applicable.
- A final payment, disbursed according to the timelines indicated in the contract, corresponding to:
 - The balance of 30% of Part B, if applicable;
 - Payment of any difference between the initially paid Travel Grant "Standard" and the one expected for Travel Grant "Green", or payment of the TOP-UP Travel Green if applicable.

In case of residual funds, financial coverage may be provided for authorized extension days.

However, the contributions received may be subject to total or partial reimbursement. Total reimbursement of Part A and any Part B and Travel Grant "Standard" is required in case of:

- Withdrawal from the mobility period;
- Mobility shorter than the minimum mandatory period, unless the force majeure clause applies after assessment by the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE;
- Cancellation of the mobility period by the Accademia del lusso due to failure to comply with the terms set out in the signed mobility contract.

The total return of Part B will be required if the merit requirements stated in Article 6 are not met.

Partial reimbursement of the disbursed contribution is required if the mobility period is reduced compared to the financial contract (reimbursement of an amount proportional to both Part A and Part B corresponding to the number of days of mobility not completed).

At the end of the mobility and the procedure for the recognition of the activities undertaken during the

mobility, the Accademia del lusso will verify the actual duration of stay and the number of CFA credits recorded in the career for international mobility and/or the documented research or training activity related to the Erasmus+ Study program for academic year 2025/2026, and will proceed to calculate the amount due, which may result in a credit or debit.

SECTION 2: SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION ART. 9 – SUBMISSION OF THE CANDIDATE APPLICATION ART. 9.1 – CHOICE OF DESTINATION

The application requires selecting one destination, up to a maximum of three, in order of preference. The foreign universities set **deadlines** for:

- **Nomination** (receipt of names) for those who will carry out an Erasmus+ mobility at their university. This process is carried out by the Accademia del Lusso.
- **Application** (admission application) for those who have been nominated. This process is managed by the student selected for the Erasmus+ Study Mobility.

If the above deadlines are earlier than the conclusion of the ADL selection process, departure is **NOT** guaranteed and consideration for a later departure will be necessary.

All students applying are invited to check the **nomination/application deadlines** and any language requirements by consulting the foreign university's website, especially in cases where mobility is planned for the first semester.

ART. 9.2 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following documents must be submitted when applying for Erasmus+:

- Erasmus+ mobility scholarship application (Attachment 1 available on the ADL website under the Erasmus+ section).
- Personal motivation letter (maximum 3 destinations).
- Transcript of records.
- Book of personal works (digital portfolio) to be sent via <u>www.wetransfer.com</u>.
- Official certification (if required by the Partner Institution) of the language proficiency level for the host country's language or English.

Non-EU students enrolled at the Accademia del Lusso can apply for this call and request the visa from the competent authorities of the destination country, should the destination institution accept them.

The documents must be properly filled out, signed, and sent by email to <u>erasmus@accademiadellusso.com</u> no later than Monday, April 28, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

The number of mobilities will be linked to the amount granted/credited by the National Agency, which is currently unknown.

No application supplements will be allowed after this deadline.

SECTION 3: SELECTION CRITERIA, SCORES, AND RANKINGS ART. 10 – SELECTION CRITERIA AND RANKINGS ART. 10.1 – ASSIGNMENT OF POINTS

The committees of the academic departments will assign points to students, up to a maximum of 100 points, by evaluating the application based on the following parameters (A+B):

Academic Merit:

The merit score will be calculated based on the type of candidate and will be determined as follows:

$$A = A1 + A2$$

A1. Weighted average grade evaluation: A maximum of 35 points will be awarded, proportional to the weighted average on a scale where the highest and lowest values are:

- Grade 30/30 = 35 points.
- **Grade 18/30** = 0 points, calculated according to the following formula:

$$A1 = \frac{(media \ ponderata - 18)}{12} \times 35$$

A2. Evaluation of acquired credits (CFA): A maximum of 35 points will be awarded, proportional to the number of credits obtained relative to the years of enrollment, according to the following formula:

$$A2 = \frac{(CFU \ conseguiti)}{(numero \ di \ anni \ di \ iscrizione - 1) \times (CFU \ massimo)} \times 35$$

where

• Maximum CFA = 60 for full-time enrollment.

If the **A2** value exceeds 35 (e.g., if the student has taken exams early or their study plan requires more than 60 CFA in a year), **A2** will be capped at 35.

For students enrolled from the third year onwards, the merit score will be 0 (A=0).

B. Additional Points

Up to 30 points will be awarded as follows:

• Up to 15 points for motivation and coherence of the academic career with the activities planned during mobility. It should be noted that for mobility related to experimental theses, the additional motivation points will only be awarded if the student has made arrangements with their thesis advisor. The advisor will direct the student to the relevant laboratories for thesis work, ensuring the academic path aligns with the lab's research activities. Approval from the thesis advisor must be provided by attaching an email from the advisor to the application. If approval is not granted, the student will not be able to carry out the thesis in the specified laboratories but can still participate in Erasmus+ for study, although they will not receive the additional points related to motivation.

- Up to 10 points for language skills (host country language for courses and/or the host country language and/or English for thesis and internships). Skills must be certified, with certifications issued no more than 3 years before the application date.
- Up to 4 points for previous Erasmus+ experience.
- **1 point** for participation in Collegial Bodies as a representative.

Each candidate will receive a total score based on the sum of academic merit points and additional points (B) for each selected destination.

In case of a tie in the total score, priority will be given to the candidate with more years of enrollment (not in the "out-of-course" category), and secondarily, to the younger candidate.

ART. 10.2 – GRADUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS

The results of the evaluation will be published on the Accademia del Lusso website.

Phase 1: Provisional Ranking

The provisional ranking of merit is prepared by considering the overall score obtained for each destination and, as much as possible, respecting the order of preference indicated by the candidate. If there are no available spots for the preferences expressed, the candidate will not be assigned to any destination.

In this first ranking, candidates can only be assigned to one of their preferences. Changing the assigned destination is not allowed.

At this stage, it is possible only to **verify the outcome** of the evaluation for each selected destination.

Phase 2: Requests for Review

In case of any discrepancies identified after verifying the evaluation outcome, a request for revision can be submitted, properly motivated. Requests can only be made for the following reasons:

- Incorrect allocation of additional points.
- Incorrect exclusion from the list.

Requests for revision can only address material errors made by the committee during the preparation of the ranking. Requests for additional information or modifications to the information provided in the application or for generic or unmotivated inquiries about the points assigned will not be considered.

The revision request must be submitted **within 3 calendar days** from the publication of the provisional ranking. It must contain explicit motivation and any supporting documentation. Any documents not submitted at the time of the application will not be considered.

Revision requests will be reviewed and evaluated by the committee of the school/department for which the application was made. Students who submit a revision request will receive feedback by email about the acceptance or rejection of their request from the designated committee. After

communication from the committees regarding the revision requests, the **final ranking** will be published.

Phase 3: Final Provisional Ranking

The assignment to destinations will be done in descending order of score, keeping in mind the preferences expressed during the application process, as much as possible.

Phase 4: Acceptance/Refusal of Mobility

Those assigned to a destination will need to accept or refuse the Erasmus+ destination within the timeframe outlined in Article 10 of this call.

If a student refuses or fails to accept the mobility, they will not be reassigned to any other destination and will lose the right to participate in Erasmus+ mobility for study in the 2025/2026 academic year. Further details on the acceptance process can be found in Article 10.

Phase 5: Reserve List and Reassignments

After Phase 4, the reserve list for destinations with available spots due to refusals or failures to accept will be processed. Students who were not assigned in the initial phase may be placed in available spots through reassignments handled by the committees.

Phase 6: Publication of the Final Ranking

At the conclusion of Phase 5, the final ranking (second definitive ranking) will be published.

Phase 7: Acceptance/Refusal of Mobility

The students placed in the final ranking will need to accept or refuse the Erasmus+ destination within the timeframe specified in Article 10 of this call.

Further details on the acceptance process can be found in Article 10.

Article 11 – Acceptance of the Erasmus+ Study Grant

For the purposes of this call, the rankings and all communications will be published on the Accademia del Lusso website at:

https://istituzione.accademiadellusso.com/internazionalizzazione/.

NOTE: The winners (assigned students) in the first and second final rankings must accept or decline their mobility via the online procedure **within 5 calendar days** of the publication of the ranking.

Students who do not confirm their acceptance of the Erasmus+ mobility within the established timeframe will be automatically excluded from the rankings.