



International possibilities for PhD students and postdocs

Mobility within Europe – the Erasmus+ programme

As a PhD student you have several identities, and each identity enables you to apply for a variety of EU-funding, when you wish to travel and pursue research within Europe.¹

Student

- *Exchange studies* – if your faculty supports it, you may apply for studies at another university (minimum 3 months, maximum 12 months). Contact your faculty's International Office in order to find out what European partners that would be feasible to reach out to. The Erasmus scholarship for studies amounts to between 400–500 € per month. If you travel with your family and bring children you can receive additional 200 € per month.

<https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/current-students/study-abroad-opportunities/grants-scholarships/erasmus-mobility/applying-for-erasmus-mobility-grant>

- *Internship* – spend at least 2 months abroad doing PhD research (maximum 12 months). You need a host enterprise. The Erasmus scholarship for internship amounts

¹ It is possible to travel with Erasmus+ funding to countries which are not members of the EU, like Norway and Switzerland, through various additional agreements. As for the United Kingdom, the results of the current Brexit process will reveal what – if any – possibilities there will be in the future, as regards mutual cooperation within the Erasmus+ programme.

to between 500–650 € per month. You may also apply for the Erasmus+ internship after your PhD period, during your postdoc.²

<https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/current-students/study-abroad-opportunities/internships-abroad/applying-for-an-erasmus-traineeship-grant>

Employee

- *Staff mobility* – apply for Erasmus+ staff mobility funding and visit another university, organisation, company, or enterprise of your choice (minimum 2 days, maximum 2 weeks). You can job shadow, take a language course³ or engage in any other activity that can be deemed of relevance for your future work situation. During your days abroad, you can do research, network, visit a conference, and/or receive supervision on the side – however, this cannot be the reason for your trip nor the content of your application for funding. You need a host. Apply before 1 June for the autumn semester, before 1 December for the spring. Funding comprises an amount based on the duration of the stay (daily subsistence allowance) and a travel allowance based on the distance between the home university and your destination. You can also receive compensation for travelling days to and from the destination. The money will be paid by the External Relations Office at Lund University once you have completed a travel report. Please note that the grant from the Erasmus+ programme is not intended to cover all the costs for the trip. It is therefore important that you come to an agreement with your division manager/head of department about how you will cover the costs of the exchange that may exceed the scholarship amount.

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships/funding-mobility/erasmus-staff-training>

Teacher

- *Teacher mobility* – apply for Erasmus+ teacher mobility funding and teach at another university (minimum 2 days, maximum 2 weeks). You need to teach during 8 hours per week. You can give lectures but also take part in workshops, seminars, join an

² In this case, your internship period needs to be finalised within 12 months from the date you received your formal doctoral exam.

³ Please note that the Erasmus+ funding does not cover course or conference fees.

examinations committee, participate in supervision of master students, or the like. Do you think 8 hours seem a lot? Then please note that you can combine teacher and staff mobility (4 hours teaching and 4 hours job shadow, for example). During your period abroad you can do research, network, and receive supervision on the side; as with staff mobility, however, this cannot be the reason for your trip nor the content of your application for funding. You need an invitation from an Erasmus-based university in Europe. As regards funding, please see above (staff mobility).

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships/funding-mobility/erasmus-teaching-staff-mobility>

If you apply for and receive Erasmus+ funding regarding, for example, staff mobility (job shadowing), then you may consider prolonging your stay, at your own cost. Erasmus+ funds a maximum of two weeks abroad, but there is no problem if your train or flight back home is due at a much later date than the actual mobility period you applied for. Stay longer, keep on networking and interacting!

Mobility outside Europe – the Erasmus+ ICM programme (International Credit Mobility)

Each year, Lund University applies for EU-funding for mobility outside Europe. There are some countries (different each time) that are in focus. Information regarding the application is forwarded to the Heads of the Departments. There is very little money available for mobility to developed countries such as Japan and Canada, while there is plenty for neighboring countries, bordering the EU. The call for proposals usually opens and closes in October each year, and the application deadline follows in February:

[https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships/funding-collaborations/erasmus#Utomeuropeisk_mobilitet_\(ICM\)](https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships/funding-collaborations/erasmus#Utomeuropeisk_mobilitet_(ICM))

Additional information

As a PhD student at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology, you automatically receive a certain grant for doctoral students (ograduerade medel).⁴ Use this money wisely! Apply for Erasmus+ funding within Europe, and save your “ograduerade medel” for that very important research or conference trip outside Europe.

Read more about international opportunities and Lund University partnerships here:
<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships>

On funding mobility for all employees:

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/international-opportunities-and-partnerships/funding-mobility>

Travel and research grants at Lund University:

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/research-support/travel-and-research-grants>

The faculties' travel and research grants:

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/research-support/travel-and-research-grants/faculty-travel-and-research-grants>

Other grants and scholarships:

<https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/research-support/travel-and-research-grants/other-grants-and-scholarships>

Research Professional (choose “Lund University” and log in with your LUCAT ID):

<https://www.researchprofessional.com/0/rr/home>

EURAXESS Sweden:

<https://www.euraxess.se/sweden/information-and-assistance/mobility-and-research-outside-sweden>

⁴ In 2019, the sum is 25 000 SEK.

In addition:

Make sure to sign up for the newsletter from the External Relations Office! You will receive updates, announcements and deadlines for applications – every second week. Subscribe by sending an email to:

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Additional funding opportunities

You can of course apply for research grants and choose which university in the world you want to visit. It is, however, important that you have an on-site contact at the receiving university, who writes an invitation letter. Not just as a formality, but as a commitment from your counterpart. Below you can find some foundations and organisations that provide opportunities for funding.

STINT, the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education

<https://www.stint.se/en/>

The Swedish Institute

<https://si.se/en/>

The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)

<https://www.vr.se/english.html>

The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond)

<https://www.rj.se/en/>

Axel and Margaret Ax:son Johnson's Foundation

<http://axsonjohnsonfoundation.org/eng/>

Helge Ax:son Johnson's Foundation

<http://haxsonj.se/www/> (in Swedish)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien)

<https://www.kva.se/en/startside>

The Crafoord Foundation

<https://en.crafoord.se>

The Wallenberg Foundations

<http://wallenberg.org/>

Vetenskapssocieteten i Lund

<https://projekt.ht.lu.se/vetenskapssocieteten>

Wenner-Gren Foundations

<https://www.swgc.org/welcome.aspx>

Anérs stiftelse

<http://www.anerstiftelsen.com/>

The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities (Kungl. Vitterhetsakademien)

<http://www.vitterhetsakad.se/hem?language=en>

Vinnova "Horizon 2020"

<https://www.vinnova.se/en/m/horizon-2020/>

The Fung Global Fellows Program at Princeton University

<http://piirs.princeton.edu/funggfp/>

Forskraftstiftelsen

<http://www.fstam.se>

University Positions (Universitetsjobb)

<https://www.universitetsjobb.se>

Global Grant (comes at a cost)

<https://www.globalgrant.com/en/search>

Swedish Research Institutes abroad (in Rome, Capri, Athens, Kavalla, and Istanbul)

<http://www.isvroma.it/>

<http://www.villasanmichele.eu/sv/valkommen>

<http://www.sia.gr/>

<https://www.sia.gr/en/about.asp?aboutid=7>

<http://www.srii.org/>

L'institut suédois, Paris (housing for researchers)

<https://paris.si.se/en/>