



Erasmus+

Guide for Palestinian Students and Individuals



What is the Erasmus+ Program?

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme supporting **education, training, youth, and sport** across Europe, with a budget of around **€26.2 billion** for 2021–2027. The programme focuses on **social inclusion**, the **green and digital transitions**, and encouraging **youth participation in democratic life**.

It contributes to key EU initiatives, including the **European Education Area**, **Digital Education Action Plan**, **European Skills Agenda**, and supports the **European Pillar of Social Rights** and the **EU Youth Strategy 2019–2027**, while promoting a **European dimension in sport**.

Erasmus+ provides opportunities in higher education, vocational and school education (including early childhood), adult education, youth activities, and sport projects.



Why Erasmus+ is Important for Palestinian Students and Individuals

Erasmus+ provides Palestinian students with valuable academic, cultural, and personal opportunities, helping them develop skills, improve career prospects, build international networks, experience new languages and cultures, gain independence, and contribute knowledge back to Palestinian universities.

Programme Opportunities

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM)

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) allows **students, staff, and higher education institutions** to participate in short-term mobility between **European Union (EU) countries and partner countries outside Europe**.

Key points:

- Supports **study periods, teaching, and training stays** abroad
- Enables students to earn **credits recognized by their home institution**
- Promotes **academic cooperation, international experience, and cultural exchange**
- Typically involves **short-term mobility** (from a few weeks to a full semester)
- Funded by Erasmus+, covering **travel, living costs, and insurance**

ICM helps participants **gain international exposure, enhance skills, and strengthen institutional partnerships** between EU and non-EU higher education institutions.

Who Can Apply for the Erasmus+ ICM?

Eligible applicants include:

- **Undergraduate, Master's, and PhD students.**
- Must be enrolled at a **Palestinian university participating in Erasmus+**.
- **Academic and administrative staff** may also be eligible for certain mobility programs.

General requirements:

- Completion of at least one academic year.
- Good academic standing.
- Adequate language proficiency (English or the host country's language).
- Academic and behavioral commitment.





Types of Erasmus+ Mobility (Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility)

1. Study Mobility

- Study at a European university for one semester or a full academic year.
- Courses are recognized and credited after returning.
- Requires an active agreement between the home and host universities.

2. Traineeship / Internship Mobility

- Practical training in companies, research institutions, hospitals, international organizations, or technology/media companies.
- Duration: 2 to 12 months.
- Suitable for senior students and recent graduates.
- Requires an active agreement between the home and host universities.

Host Countries

EU Countries (27 countries) and countries associated to the program
(Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Turkey, United Kingdom)

Participating Palestinian Universities

Palestinian higher education intuitions

Program Duration

- Typically **2 to 12 months**.
- Can be **one semester or a full academic year**.
- Duration depends on the type of mobility and university agreements.

Funding and Costs

- **✗ No tuition fees** at the host university, except minor administrative fees.
- **✓ Erasmus+ grants may include:**
 - Monthly living allowance (around €800 depending on the country).
 - Travel allowance (partial or full depending on distance).
 - Health insurance and additional support for students with special needs (sometimes).

Application Process (Step by Step)

1. Monitor Erasmus+ announcements at your university's **International Relations Office**.
2. Choose a host university and a suitable program.
3. Prepare required documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Academic transcript
 - Motivation letter
 - Language certificate (if available)
 - Recommendation letter (sometimes required)
 - Learning agreements
4. Submit the application before the deadline.
5. Attend selection interviews or internal evaluation if required.
6. Wait for nomination results.



Selection Criteria

- Academic performance (GPA).
- Language proficiency.
- Motivation letter.
- Relevance of the study field.
- Sometimes a personal interview.

After Being Nominated

- Receive acceptance from the host university.
- Sign the **Learning Agreement**.
- Apply for a visa (if required).
- Arrange accommodation and travel.
- Open a bank account if needed.
- Attend pre-departure orientation sessions.

Tips to Increase Acceptance Chances

- Write a clear and strong motivation letter.
- Improve your language skills.
- Choose a program aligned with your field of study.
- Follow instructions and deadlines carefully.

Further Opportunities

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters



Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJMDs) are prestigious **international postgraduate programmes** offered by **consortia of universities** across Europe and beyond. They provide students with the opportunity to **study in at least two different countries**, gain **joint or multiple degrees**, and benefit from **full scholarships covering tuition, travel, and living costs** for outstanding candidates.

Students can explore available programmes and apply through the **Erasmus Mundus Catalogue**, which lists all participating master's courses:

- ❖ Erasmus+ EMJMD opportunities
- ❖ Erasmus Mundus Catalogue



These programmes are ideal for students seeking **international experience, high-quality education, and career opportunities** across Europe and worldwide.



❖ European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

The **European Solidarity Corps (ESC)** is an EU initiative that gives young people (typically 18–30 years old) the chance to **take part in meaningful volunteer or work activities** that **benefit communities** across Europe. Participants can engage in projects related to **solidarity, social inclusion, environmental protection, education, and more** — either through **volunteering, traineeships, or jobs**.

ESC opportunities help young people **develop new skills**, gain **practical experience**, and make a **positive impact** while meeting peers from different countries. The programme also supports **inclusion and equal opportunities** by providing additional support for participants with fewer opportunities.

Learn more here:

👉 https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity_en

❖ SALTO Youth – Your Gateway to Youth Mobility & Learning

SALTO-Youth is a European support network that strengthens **youth work** and **youth mobility** across EU programmes like **Erasmus+ Youth** and the **European Solidarity Corps**. It provides **training, resources, tools, and expertise** to help youth workers and organisations improve the quality and impact of their activities. SALTO-Youth offers capacity-building courses, practical materials, and thematic support (e.g., inclusion, digital skills, non-formal learning) so that young people can have richer, more meaningful experiences through European opportunities.

Learn more about related youth opportunities here:

👉 https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity_en



The Erasmus+ Experience

Erasmus+ is more than studying abroad;

it is a comprehensive educational and cultural experience:

- ❖ **Live in a new country.**
- ❖ **Learn a new language.**
- ❖ **Build international friendships.**
- ❖ **Develop academically and personally.**

Sources of Information

- ❖ **National Erasmus+ Office, Palestine**
- ❖ **International Relations Office at your home university**
- ❖ **Erasmus+**



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