

Info sheet on additional funding for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus program

The target groups for Erasmus supplementary funding will be expanded from the 2022/23 academic year. This is intended to provide special support for students for whom a stay abroad may be more challenging.

In addition to **students with children, disabled or chronically ill students**, other groups can now receive a monthly supplement of 250 euros under certain conditions: **working students** and students from a **non-academic family background**.

There is also the possibility for all students to receive a grant of 50 euros if you decide to **travel sustainably**.

Below we inform you about the eligibility criteria and how to apply.

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 or more can receive a top-up on their grant of 250 euros per month.

If particularly high additional costs arise due to your stay abroad, a so-called "real cost application" can be submitted instead with a few months' notice, through which up to 15,000 euros per semester can be covered, e.g. for an accompanying person. It is also possible to receive a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early.

Top-up for students with additional needs due to chronic illness

Students with a chronic illness that leads to additional financial needs for the stay abroad can also receive an additional 250 euros per month.

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Top-up for students with children

Students who take their child or children abroad with them can also receive an additional 250 euros per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children is/are taken along during the entire stay. The allowance is 250 euros per month per family, regardless of the number of children. The application is also possible if a caregiver (partner) travels along.

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Top-up for students from a non-academic background

Studies have shown that students whose parents have not already studied themselves are less likely to consider a stay abroad. With additional funding, the Erasmus program aims to encourage these students to take the step abroad. In this case, students whose parents or caregivers do not have a degree from a university or university of applied sciences are considered first-time academics. Here, too, 250 euros are available in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant.

A degree from a university-like university of cooperative education is considered an academic degree. Likewise, courses of study completed abroad count as academic degrees, even if they are not recognized in Germany. A master craftsman's diploma is not considered an academic degree.

Top-up for working students

Students who earn a significant amount of their own living may be reluctant to embark on a stay abroad, as they are often unable to continue working while abroad and earnings are lost. To alleviate this problem, there is now a top-up amount of 250 euros if the following criteria apply:

- employment subject to social insurance
- or self-employment
- with **net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros in any month**
- **continuously employed for at least six months** during the two semesters prior to the stay abroad
The activity must have taken place during this period:
 - Stay abroad in/fall semester:
1 August of the previous year through 31 July of the year abroad
 - Stay abroad in spring semester:
1 February of the previous year through 31 January of the year abroadThe employment may be a single one or several immediately following each other. An interruption within the regular vacation period during employment is not a problem.
- the **activity is not continued during the stay abroad**, so that there is a loss of earnings

Application

Please apply for the additional funding by answering the relevant questions in the MoveOn follow-up form and submitting the additional proofs online.