

Information sheet on top-ups for participants with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus programme

More students will be able to profit from Erasmus top-ups 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 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 if you decide to **travel sustainably**.

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

Attention!

Your application can only be considered if you apply for the additional funding **before signing the grant agreement!**

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Combinability of the top-ups

The following special grants can all be combined with the green travel top-up. However, the 250-Euro top-up can only be awarded once, even if several criteria apply to you. Therefore, your Erasmus grant can consist at maximum of the following components:

Maximum support =

regular [monthly rate](#) for your country

+ if applicable one-time top-up of €50 for sustainable travel (plus up to 4 travel days)

+ if applicable top-up of €250 per month for groups below

Funding duration

Ideally, the funding will be paid for your entire period of stay. However, since the budget of TU Bergakademie Freiberg is limited, in some years, depending on the financial resources, unfortunately not the full period of stay can be funded, but only a part of it. For example, in some past university years, the funding period was e.g. a maximum of 130 or 150 days of funding per semester spent abroad, even if the stay lasted longer.

Criteria for additional funding in detail

Top-up „green travel“

If you travel more than half the distance of your way from Freiberg to the host institution and back by a sustainable means of transport (e.g. bicycle, train, long-distance bus, carpool), you can apply for the "Green Travel" top-up. There is a one-time contribution for sustainable travel of €50 and additionally a maximum of 4 travel days can be claimed. The travel days on which you have traveled sustainably count as additional days of stay and will be financially supported with the valid daily rate of the corresponding country rate (subject to funds).

You may also apply for a top-up for green travel if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility.

Proof: Declaration of honour for "green travel"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 (GdB 20) or more can receive a top-up of €250 per month.

You may also apply for this kind of top-up if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility. The top-up is a one-time payment of €100 for a physical stay of 5 - 14 days, and €150 for a physical stay of 15 - 30 days.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Top-up"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

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

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 per month.

You may also apply for this kind of top-up if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility. The top-up is a one-time payment of €100 for a physical stay of 5 - 14 days, and €150 for a physical stay of 15 - 30 days.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Top-up"

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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 per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children is/are taken along during the entire stay. The allowance is €250 per month per family, regardless of the number of children. The application is also possible if a caregiver (partner) travels along.

You may also apply for this kind of top-up if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility. The top-up is a one-time payment of €100 for a physical stay of 5 - 14 days, and €150 for a physical stay of 15 - 30 days.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Top-up"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

If particularly high additional costs arise from taking your child/children with you for your stay abroad, a so-called "real cost application" can be submitted instead with a few months' advance notice, through which up to €15,000 per semester can be covered. 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 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 programme 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. €250 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.

You may also apply for this kind of top-up if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility. The top-up is a one-time payment of €100 for a physical stay of 5 - 14 days, and €150 for a physical stay of 15 - 30 days.

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You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

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 if the following criteria apply:

- employment subject to social insurance
- with **net earnings of more than €450 and less than €850 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 abroad

The 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

You may also apply for this kind of top-up if you participate in a Blended Intensive Programme or another blended mobility. The top-up is a one-time payment of €100 for a physical stay of 5 - 14 days, and €150 for a physical stay of 15 - 30 days.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Top-up"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

Application

Please apply for funding by answering the relevant questions in the Mobility online portal and uploading the signed Honorary Declaration. Since funds are limited, it is generally not possible to apply after the grant agreement has been signed.

Supporting documents

At the moment, your honorary declaration is sufficient as proof of eligibility. However, upon request, you must be able to provide supporting documents (depending on the additional funding, e.g. medical certificate, disability certificate, travel receipts, parents' declaration, salary slips or similar).