

EU education programme Erasmus+ Key Action 131 – Exchange with programme countries
Call for applications Erasmus+ Mobility support for student mobility for study purposes in the
2026/27 academic year

Call for applications opens: 1 December 2025

Call deadlines:

- 10 January 2026 – UMG students only (medicine, molecular medicine, and dentistry)
- 31 January 2026 – students of all faculties except UMG

Applications must be submitted online via the [Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#) of the Göttingen International department.

Target group: Regularly enrolled students at the University of Göttingen (BA, MA, PhD)

Mobility period:

- **Winter semester 2026/27**
- **Winter semester 2026/27 and summer semester 2027**
- **Summer semester 2027**

The Göttingen International department, responsible for coordinating the Erasmus+ programme, is advertising exchange places for the 2026/27 academic year throughout the university with the aim of promoting student mobility abroad. The advertisement refers to contractually agreed Erasmus+ places and the option of financial mobility support, including pro-rata zero grant periods. Erasmus+ funding is not a full scholarship.

Admission requirements:

- 1) Registration in the mobility portal of the Göttingen International department with an @stud.uni-goettingen.de address (registrations with a private email address are formally invalid)
- 2) Proof of enrolment
 - Students must be regularly enrolled at the time of application (winter semester 2025/26)
 - In exceptional cases, provisional admission will be accepted; this requires the subsequent submission of enrolment for the summer semester 2026 by 1 April 2026 at the latest via the [Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#). Otherwise, the application will be rejected.

3) Proof of sufficient language skills by the application deadline of 10 January (UMG) or 31 January 2026 (all faculties except UMG), (for examples of proof, see appendix). It is generally recommended that you acquire prior knowledge (at least level A2) of the national language if it is not the language of instruction.

Required language level:

- Minimum language level **B1 in English** (however, a B2 level is generally recommended) for host institutions where English is the language of instruction, or
- Minimum language level **B1 in French, Portuguese, or Spanish** for host institutions where one of these three languages is the language of instruction, or
- Minimum language level **B1 in Italian (proof of A2 with application; proof of registration for B1 language course by 30 April)**.
- Minimum language level A2 in the language of instruction for host institutions where English, French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish is not the language of instruction.

4) If you have already participated in an Erasmus+ mobility programme (study or internship) at your current level of study (e.g. Bachelor's), you can only reapply if you have not yet reached the 360-day quota and have at least 60 days remaining.

Information on ZESS language exams/tests and language courses offered by [the Department of Romance Philology \(SRP\)](#)

- ❖ Students applying for a stay in summer semester 2027 can optionally submit the required proof by 31 July 2026 ([upload to the Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#)). This applies if, for example, an exam needs to be retaken or the application for a place on a language course in the 2025/26 winter semester was unsuccessful.
- ❖ A FlexNow printout as proof of registration for the ZESS language **course examination** in February 2026 will be accepted with the application. Proof of the examination result must then be submitted to the mobility portal by 28 February 2026 at the latest ([upload to the Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#)). The procedure also applies to SRP language courses.
- ❖ Students who have registered for a [ZESS language test \(language certificate for a stay abroad\)](#) or [for a language course in the 2025/26 winter semester](#) should upload the appointment confirmation they receive by email from ZESS after registration as proof when uploading the application. The examination result must be uploaded to the mobility portal ([upload to the Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#)) by 28 February 2026 at the latest. The procedure also applies to SRP language courses.
- ❖ If a ZESS language course examination is not passed, proof of failure must be uploaded to the portal ([upload to the Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#)) within the deadline for submitting the examination result, thus, 28 February 2026, and the date for the repeat examination (before 30 April 2026; otherwise, an exchange is only possible in the summer semester 2027 if the proof is submitted by 31 July 2026). The procedure also applies analogously to SRP language courses.

General information:

Failure to provide proof will be considered a missing requirement and will result in exclusion from the application process.

The language certificates required apply to the central application process at the University of Göttingen. The requirements (level and proof) of the partner universities may differ.

Funding and payment criteria

The following funding and payment criteria specified for the programme by Georg August University Göttingen apply:

- [Call for applications](#)
- Funding in accordance with nationally determined funding rates per month by country category, [see Erasmus+ KA 131 homepage](#) The figures for 2025/26 are for guidance only. Current information on funding will be available in June 2026 and will be published.
- Financial funding subject to sufficient funds being available
- Exclusively financial funding for full months (1 month = 30 days) and pro-rata zero grant funding (period without financial funding); minimum funding period 60 days (= 2 months).
- Complete mobility documentation
- The grant is paid in two instalments (75% upon arrival at the host university; 25% upon completion of the mobility period).
- Minimum number of ECTS credits to be earned **per semester** is **10 credits**, as evidenced by a transcript of records (ToR) from the host institution
- Additional [social top-up amount for participants with fewer opportunities](#)
- Travel allowance
- Real cost applications for students with a disability of 20% or more, chronic illness or students with children
- Real cost applications for students with disabilities from 20 GdB, chronic illnesses or students with children for preparatory travel

Selection process at the faculties by the programme coordinators

The application procedure must be applied uniformly across all departments, and uniform selection criteria apply throughout the university in order to ensure procedural transparency and equal treatment for all applicants.

Online application procedure at the faculties

After registering on the mobility portal of the Göttingen International department with your @stud.uni-goettingen.de address, the application process involves completing the online application form (one form per faculty) including the data protection declaration and uploading the following documents:

- 1) Certificate of enrolment for the application semester, i.e. WS 2025/26 ([upload to the Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#))
- 2) [FlexStat ranking](#) or, if applying in the first semester of an undergraduate programme, please submit your university entrance qualification ([upload to the Erasmus+ mobility portal](#))
- 3) Language certificate(s) ([upload to the Erasmus+ mobility portal](#)) (see examples in the appendix; students of philology are exempt from the obligation to provide proof and should instead submit their current certificate of enrolment).

Places are allocated by the responsible programme coordinator at the faculty.

The programme coordinators at the faculties are responsible for checking the central admission criteria and selecting candidates according to the specified selection criteria which apply equally to all faculties. After checking the admission requirements (proof of enrolment and language proficiency), the applications are evaluated according to the following central criteria with the specified weightings:

- Personal motivation: 25%
- Academic motivation: 30%
- Outline of financing: 10%
- Belonging to the [Fewer Opportunity](#) group: 5%
- Grade: 30%

A ranking of applicants will be created based on these assessments. Applicants who withdrew from an accepted exchange place in the previous application round 2025/26 without giving valid reasons will be given lower priority in the ranking if they have the same number of points.

Notes

- Proof of language proficiency includes, for example, successful completion of a [ZESS language course](#) followed by an examination, or the grade obtained in the 2022 university entrance qualification, see appendix.
- Only valid Erasmus+ KA 131 exchange agreements from the respective faculty or, in the case of the Faculty of Philosophy, from the respective seminar may be used.
- The minimum requirements of the partners should also be taken into account during the selection process in order to avoid subsequent rejection of applicants by the partners. In particular, reference should be made to minimum requirements in terms of language skills and necessary language certificates.
- Maintaining a digital decentralised list of applicants¹ and, if applicable, waitlisted applicants is mandatory. Submissions must be made digitally (upload) via the Erasmus Cloud (managed by the Göttingen International department) by 30 April 2026. Programme coordinators at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities should note the information under Nomination deadline (see below).
- Only nominations received by the deadline will be accepted by the Göttingen International department for further processing. Late submissions will result in exclusion from the process.
- Successfully nominated students will receive the accepted exchange place. The replacement lists will primarily be used to fill the place. The Göttingen International department will decide on funding, see the next chapter, "Central Funding Allocation".

¹ Applicant lists contain the criteria with the corresponding evaluation per student.

- The majority of credits must be completed in the relevant subject area.
- Furthermore, courses should predominantly be taken in the language specified in the application and for which the required minimum level has been demonstrated.
- Please ensure that the courses agreed in the Learning Agreement or revised Learning Agreement are listed in the Transcript of Records in order to guarantee subsequent recognition.

Please note: In the event of an audit by the National Agency (NA DAAD), it can be assumed that the courses will be checked for compliance and recognition.

Nomination deadline

The selection and ranking are organised decentrally by the faculties or departments.

The faculties (except for the Faculty of Arts) will set a decentralised deadline after 1 March but before 30 April 2026 by which the selected students must accept their places via the [Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#). The programme coordinators will communicate the deadline to the students to be nominated and to the Göttingen International department.

The programme coordinators will submit the digitally signed and verified list of applicants via the Erasmus+ Cloud by 30 April 2026.

The programme coordinators of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities will submit the preliminary list of applicants via the Erasmus+ Cloud by 31 March 2026. The Göttingen International department will then send a nomination and acceptance of places to the selected students via the portal. They must declare their acceptance via the [Erasmus+ KA 131 portal](#) by 15 April 2026. The Göttingen International department will inform the programme coordinators by 20 April 2026 whether the selected students have accepted or rejected their places. The programme coordinators will communicate the deadline to the students to be nominated in good time.

The programme coordinators shall submit the final, digitally signed and verified list of applicants via the Erasmus+ Cloud by 30 April 2026.

Central funding allocation – mobility funds

Assumption #1: sufficient funds are available for all selected applicants

- Funding commitment (place + funding + zero grant shares, if applicable) to all selected students on the list of applicants.
- The programme requirements concerning the documents necessary apply.

Assumption #2: sufficient funds are **not** available for all selected applicants

In this case, a central allocation procedure is carried out, which is essentially based on a lottery system.

- Application of an award table (gradation) developed by Göttingen International
- Establishment of a commission (dual control principle is sufficient)
- Lottery procedure and creation of a reserve list (nominations not covered by the award table in the first step). Any remaining funding will then be allocated according to the order on the reserve list.

- If funding becomes available due to cancellations, it will be allocated according to the order on the reserve list. The prerequisite is that the academic mobility has not yet begun and a fully signed Learning Agreement is available so that the Grant Agreement can be issued before the start of the mobility (programme requirement).
- If waitlisted students end up receiving an exchange place from their programme coordinator in accordance with the applicant ^{2/} reserve lists (30 April 2026) and accept an offer of an exchange place, they will be placed at the end of the reserve list (in chronological order of receipt).

Notes

- The programme requirements (EU, NA DAAD, Göttingen International Department) regarding the documents to be submitted apply without restriction until the end of the respective funding period.
- There is no legal entitlement to receive Erasmus mobility funding or a specific amount of funding.

APPENDIX:

Overview of generally accepted language certificates (not exhaustive):

- Proof of passing a ZESS language course (e.g. via FlexNow transcript) – please note the required proficiency level for each language
- [ZESS language certificates for stays abroad](#), e.g. "DAAD or Erasmus+" – please note the required proficiency level for each language.
- [Language certificates from the Department of Romance Philology](#)
- UNIcert – please note the required proficiency level for each language
- University entrance qualification (2022) with reference to the application of the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)"
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 - Abitur (G8 and G9): Proof of B2 level if a foreign language was studied until the Abitur and a grade point average of at least good was achieved in the last four school years
 - Abitur (G8): Proof of B1 level if foreign language was successfully studied for at least 6 school years up to Year 11
 - Abitur (G9): Proof of B1 level if the foreign language was successfully studied for at least 7 school years up to grade 12
- or the language to be assessed was completed as a subject up to and including the year of graduation – please note the required proficiency level for each language
- Other proof according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), e.g. Volkshochschule, language institute – please note the required proficiency level for each language
- Confirmed internship abroad (at least 1 month) including a note that the working language was English, French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish.

² Applicant lists contain the criteria with corresponding assessments for each student.

General information:

- As a rule, language certificates should not be more than three years old. An exception is university entrance qualifications, which must not be more than four years old. Certificates that are more than five years old should not be accepted.
- Please note: assessment tests at ZESS or from other language course providers are not accepted!
- [ZESS examination week January 2026](#)

English B1 level:

- Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic) minimum band 4
- Test of English as a Foreign Language, paper-based test (TOEFL PBT) with a minimum score of 487 points
- Test of English as a Foreign Language, internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) with a minimum score of 57
- The European Language Certificates (TELC) with at least B1

French B1 level:

- German-French Higher Education Agreement of 4 November 1988 (applies to bilingual schools and German-French grammar schools where French or German is taught up to the Abitur and French or German is taken as an examination subject in the Abitur/Baccalauréat)
 ↳ "On the basis of the agreement... the grade achieved in French as a major subject in the context of obtaining the general higher education entrance qualification exempts students from the language examinations for enrolment at French universities."
- "Diplôme approfondi de langue française" (DALF) with at least B1
- "Diplôme d'études en langue française" (DELF) with at least B1
- "The European Language Certificates" (TELC) with at least B1

Italian B1 level

- CILS Uno – B1, CILS Due – B2, CILS Tre – C1; Certificate of Italian as a Foreign Language
- CELI – B1; CELI3 – B2; CELI4 – C1; Italian language certification
- PLIDA-B1, PLIDA – B2; Dante Alighieri Society

Portuguese B1 level:

- DIPLE – Diploma Intermédio de Português Língua Estrangeira

Spanish B1 level:

- "Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera" (DELE) with at least B1
- "The European Language Certificates" (TELC Español) with at least B1
- Diploma Internacional de Español (DIE) with at least B1

Other languages – Level A2:

Bulgarian, Danish, Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Irish Gaelic, Croatian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Romanian, Swedish, Slovak, Slovenian, Czech, Turkish and Hungarian:

- FlexNow printout
- Proof of completion of a recognised language course offered by other providers outside the university