

## **Information on additional funding**

### for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus+ programme

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.

#### **Attention!**

Your application can only be considered if you apply for the additional funding **in due time!**

**Since funds are limited, it is generally not possible to apply after the deadline. The questions will be visible in the portal after the “Additional Funding” e-mail is sent. You will receive this e-mail approximately 2-3 months before the start of your stay abroad. From this point on, the application is activated in the portal.**

You will find the **deadline** in the **e-mail concerning the additional funding!**

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## Combination of additional fundings

The following special grants can **all** be combined with the Green Travel grant. However, the 250 euro additional grant 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 50 euro for sustainable travel plus eventual travel days

+ if applicable one-time top-up of 250 euro per month for groups below

## Funding duration

Due to budget and financial resources your funding period is limited. For example, in some past university years, the funding period was e.g. a maximum of 4 or 5 months of funding per semester spent abroad, even if the stay lasted longer.

## Criteria for additional funding in detail

### Contribution for „green travel“

If you travel at least one way (outward or return) by a sustainable means of transport (e.g. bicycle, train, long-distance bus, carpool, ship) to/from the location of your host university, you can apply for the "Green Travel" grant. There is a one-time contribution for sustainable travel of 50 euros and additionally a maximum of 4 travel days (according to the distance) can be claimed. The travel days on which you have travelled 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). Partial trips by train and by plane are not eligible for additional funding.

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 or more can receive a top-up on their grant of 250 euros per month.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Additional Funding"

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. In this case, up to 15.000 euros/semester could be reimbursed, provided that the requirements are met. Please notice that this additional funding is only applicable if no other institution (insurance, social welfare offices etc.) is covering these costs.

In addition to the "real cost application", it is also possible to receive a grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions regarding your necessary medical and health support. Your submission needs to be handed in with a few months' notice, 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.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Additional Funding"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

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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.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Additional Funding"

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### 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:

- **net earnings of more than 450 euros and less than 850 euros in any month**  
An averaged calculation of the acquisition is permitted.
- **continuously employed for at least six months** during the two semesters prior to the stay abroad  
the **activity is not continued during the stay abroad**, so that there is a loss of earnings
- 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 January through 31 December of the previous year  
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.

Proof: Declaration of honour "Additional Funding"

You also agree to provide supporting documentation upon request.

### Application

Please apply for funding by answering the relevant questions in the MoveON portal and uploading the signed Declaration of honor by the deadline indicated in the "Additional Funding" email. Since funds are limited, it is generally not possible to apply after the deadline. The questions will be visible in the portal after the "Additional Funding" email is sent. You will receive this e-mail approximately 2-3 months before the start of your stay abroad. From this point on, the application is activated in the portal.

### Supporting documents

At the current time, your declaration of honor 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).