

## Call for Applications

### Scholarship to study at University of Cadiz (Spain) in the framework of the European Programme ERASMUS+ KA1

#### OBJECTIVE:

The Erasmus+ KA171 SMS IN programme (incoming student mobility for study purposes) offers students from non-associated third country partner universities the possibility to carry out a study stay at the University of Cadiz (hereinafter the UCA) during the first or second semester of the academic year 2024-2025.

Beneficiary students will be exempted from tuition fees and will be able to use UCA facilities without additional costs (excluding services whose fees are also applicable to UCA students). In addition to the above, in case funds are available for the country where the home university is located, students will receive an Erasmus+ funded grant for travel and subsistence costs.

The home universities beneficiaries, on the other hand, must recognise the totality of the study activities approved and satisfactorily completed in the Learning Agreement at the UCA. The application for participation, both the partner university and the students in this call for applications implies acceptance of the content of these rules.

The Erasmus+ Programme – mobility for study offers the possibility to spend a period of studies at **University of Cadiz** for **Bachelor, Master, and PhD Students** from the University of Sfax

#### 1. GENERAL STUDENT ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled in Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate studies in one of the partner universities of the UCA within the framework of the Erasmus+ KA171 programme, both at the time of application and during the stay.
- Be shortlisted and nominated by the home university.
- Not to have participated in the Erasmus+ programme in the same study cycle (Bachelor/Master/Doctorate) for more than 9 months.
- For undergraduate students: certify a B1 level or higher of Spanish according to the levels established in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The level of Spanish may be certified by means of the Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) of the Instituto Cervantes.

Those students who cannot accredit their language level by means of the DELE Certificate, but consider that they have the language skills established in the CEFR for level B1, may apply to take a free level test, which will be organised by the UCA's Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas before the end of the acceptance period. At the time of nomination, if applicable, the partner university must indicate the list of students requesting to take the Spanish level test to be sent to the UCA's Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas, which is responsible for the test.

Exceptionally, Master's and PhD students who are only going to carry out a research stay may present a certificate of English and/or French (minimum level B1). This accreditation must correspond to any

of those included in the list of acceptable accreditations published on the website of the Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas of the UCA:

<https://cslm.uca.es/subhome-servicios/acreditacion-oficial-de-nivel/reconocimiento-de-titulos/>.

However, your application will not be prioritised, and your eligibility will be conditional upon obtaining a letter of invitation (Annex V) signed by a professor at the UCA who agrees to supervise research activities in that language. Students whose mother tongue is Spanish will not be required to present any accreditation of Spanish. Students whose mother tongue is English or French are also not required to present accreditations in these languages.

## 2. PRE-SELECTION AND NOMINATION OF STUDENTS BY THE PARTNER UNIVERSITY

### 2.1. PRE-SELECTION

The entire pre-selection process at the home university will comply with the criteria of transparency and equal opportunities for applicants. The general eligibility requirements and the scale established by the UCA and the specific pre-selection criteria of the partner university must be published in the institutional media of the home university (physical or virtual notice board, website, social networks, etc.). So that the Evaluation Commission of the Vice-rectorate for Internationalisation could assess the suitability of the profile of the nominated students to the UCA Internationalisation Strategy and to the Erasmus+ Inclusion and Diversity Strategy, the scale must include the following criteria:

- Average grade.
- The consistency of the proposed research activities.
- Language skills.
- Any other elements indicated by the student in the application (other learning experiences, specific academic interests, etc.).
- Additional criteria i.e: membership in science clubs or associations, participation in conferences and other mobility programmes etc. (it is up to the sending institution to include the criteria or not)
- Students who meet one or more of the following inclusion and diversity criteria established by the Erasmus+ program:
  - disability (i.e. participants with special needs): people with mental (intellectual, cognitive, learning), physical, sensory or other disabilities;
  - educational difficulties: young people with learning difficulties; early school-leavers; low qualified adults; young people with poor school performance.
  - economic obstacles: people with a low standard of living, low income, dependence on social welfare system or homeless; young people in long-term unemployment or poverty; people in debt or with financial problems.
  - cultural differences: immigrants or refugees or descendants from immigrant or refugee families; people belonging to a national or ethnic minority; people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties.

- health problems: people with chronic health problems, severe illnesses, or psychiatric conditions.
- social obstacles: people facing discrimination because of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, etc.; people with limited social skills or anti-social or risky behaviors; people in a precarious situation; (ex-)offenders, (ex-)drug or alcohol abusers; young and/or single parents; orphans.
- geographical obstacles: people from remote or rural areas; people living in small islands or in peripheral regions; people from urban problem zones; people from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities).

CRITERIA NO.	CRITERIA	SCORE
1.	Average GPA	40
2.	<b>Language knowledge</b>	
	B1	5
	B2	10
	C1/C2/TOEIC/TOEF L	20
3.	<b>No previous Erasmus mobility</b>	30
4.	CV	
	Work experience/traineeship	5
	Social activities / Volunteering/ Clubs	5
5	Proof of inclusion	30

## 2.2. NOMINATION

Partner universities may nominate a maximum of as many students as there are places available for each country (Annex II). However, the nomination of students does not imply the granting of a scholarship, which will be subject to available funding and the final admission of the student by the UCA.

## 3. ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSIBLE STUDENTS BY THE UCA

Once the nomination period has closed, the Evaluation Commission of the Vice-rectorate for Internationalisation will proceed to the equitable distribution of the scholarships taking into account the score assigned to each student by the home university, the supporting documentation provided in the nomination and the funds available for each country.

At the beginning of May 2024, the list of admissible students will be published on the website of the call for applications. Admissibility does not imply definitive acceptance, which will be subject to the successful completion of the admission procedure of the students by the UCA.

### 3.1. ONLINE APPLICATION

Once the list of eligible students has been published, the Internationalisation Office will send them, at the beginning of May 2024, the link to fill in the online application form on the Erasmus+ UCA management platform.

### Fields of Education and Training

Academic offer: <https://asignaturas.uca.es/asig/>

### **AMOUNT OF GRANTS:**

A European Union contribution (individual support). An amount established according to the country of destination. In Spain the mobility contribution is 850€ per month. The funded period is to be from 3 up to 5 months (90-150 days).

A supplementary sum will cover the travel costs on the basis of the distance between Sfax and Cadiz according to the European distance calculator: [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

### **Beneficiaries are responsible for :**

- Contracting their travel arrangements.
- Visa expenses.
- Contracting insurance cover.

### **Application Documents:**

- Copy of passport valid at least until August 2025. If at the time of application the student does not have a valid passport or if the expiry date is before August 2025, he/she must attach the passport he/she has at that time on a provisional basis, and provide the new one by e-mail before 1 June 2024. A copy of Bachelor and Master degree (for PhD students)
- All Transcript of Records (**from the Bac**)
- Curriculum Vitae (European CV – Europass-)
- Motivation letter
- Proof of registration in the home university
- Spanish Language Certificate at least B1 according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- Language certificate (Spanish certificate at level B1 or higher)
  - Students whose mother tongue is Spanish must attach their passport again in the language certificate section.
  - Exceptionally, Master's and PhD students who will only undertake a research stay may present a certificate of English and/or French at level B1 or higher. The contact details of the international mobility coordinators in the UCA faculties/centres can be consulted in the FactSheet (<https://internacional.uca.es/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Fact-Sheet.pdf>.)
- Learning agreement for Bachelor and Master students (Annex VI)

- Abstract of research at UCA for PhD students (Annex V).
- Host acceptance letter (for PhD students)
- Certificate issued by the Home University informing of any disadvantaged backgrounds and fewer opportunities compared to peers (disability, educational difficulties, economic obstacles, cultural differences, health problems, social obstacles, geographical obstacles). The full description about the disadvantaged backgrounds are mentioned above (point 2.1)

Please apply for this opportunity via the following link: <https://forms.gle/2SAzzQ9McPVM1oL28>

**An incomplete application will be considered ineligible.**

**All documents in Arabic should be translated into English language.**

The deadline for applying is fixed on **30 March 2024**.

For any specific question or information, you can contact The International Relations Office ([fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn](mailto:fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn)) at your home institution.