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## Call for Applications

**Scholarships to study at the University of Messina (Italy) in the framework of the European Programme ERASMUS+ KA107 A.Y. 2020/21 (Project n° 2019-1-IT02-KA107-061485)**

### Objective

The University of Messina (UniME) offers the possibility to spend a mobility period for study for students (**bachelor, master and PhD**) enrolled at the University of Sfax (USF) within the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Programme.

According to the Inter-institutional Agreement signed between UniME and USF, scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in Bachelor, Master and PhD degree course in:

**Engineering, Manufacturing and Constructions, Business Administration and law, Health, ICT, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Humanities and Languages**

Selected students will attend courses, carry out research, use all UniME facilities on an equal basis as UniME enrolled students. A fee waiver policy will be adopted (except the fees due by all enrolled students – urban mobility, labs etc).

The sending institution commits to recognize the approved credits obtained/research period carried out by students during the mobility period spent at UniME as encoded in the approved learning agreement.

### Scholarship

The Erasmus+ for study scholarships are contributions to support living costs in the hosting country. Scholarships awarded will cover the following costs:

- A fixed contribution by the European Union. It varies according to the European Country of destination and the number of days spent at the hosting institution. The scholarship for Italy (Group 1 Country) is of **850 € per month (30 days)**.
- A supplementary sum will cover the travel costs on the basis of the distance between the home town and Messina, 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)

### Conditions and Application procedures

#### *General conditions for admittance*

The candidate must be enrolled, for the whole duration of the mobility, at the University of Sfax

Please find the relevant dates for this Call for applicants awarding period (**2020/2021**):

**\*Starting/end of the II semester:** February/March 2021/July 2021

\*For PhD mobilities these dates are not relevant.

Applications must be submitted to the Sending Institution, that will be in charge of pre-selecting the students and officially communicate the list to UniME.

#### *Application Procedures*

The academic offer and relevant modules and procedures can be found at the following webpage:

<https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/erasmus-icm-incoming-extra-eu>



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The following documents are mandatory:

- Application Form duly filled in (Kindly see annex)
- Learning Agreement signed by the home institution for Bachelor and Master students (kindly see annex)
- Learning Agreement **signed by the academic tutors at home and host institutions** (only for PhD students) along with a short description of the research proposal kindly see annexes)
- Copy of the Passport
- Italian B1 Certificate/English B1 Certificate if available, Assessment of language level by the home institution
- All Transcript of Records (from the BAC)
- Short CV
- passport photo (jpeg file)
- Motivation letter
- Proof of registration in the home university

Application Form and Learning Agreement must be filled in, signed and submitted, along with the other requested documents, on a single PDF file.

Please note that in order to be preselected, at the time of application PhD applicants must have a Learning Agreement already pre-accepted by UniME with a short description of the research proposal.

To apply for this opportunity, please send your applications (in one pdf file) to [icm@usf.tn](mailto:icm@usf.tn)

Kindly use the call title (**Scholarships to study at the University of Messina (Italy)**) as the email subject line.

The home Institution will be responsible of selection procedures on the basis **transparent and fair criteria**.

The deadline for applying is fixed at **09 October 2020**.

For any specific question or information, you can contact Ms. Fatma GHORBEL by e-mail [fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn](mailto:fatma.ghorbel@usf.tn)

### Selection criteria

The selection process is under the responsibility of the home Institution that will make every reasonable effort to conduct it in a fair, clear, transparent and equal base. No discriminations based on gender, religion, and social bias will be made. At equal conditions, priority will be given to disadvantaged students. The home Institution will submit a list of selected candidates to the host Institution. Selections will respect the following criteria:

#### **Bachelor and Master Students**

- Average mark
- Relevance of proposed activities in the Learning Agreement according to the University studies



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Language skills (Italian or English B1)</li> <li>- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/motivation letter</li> </ul>
<p><b>PhD Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Degree final mark</li> <li>- Learning Agreement along with an outline of the research proposal <b><u>signed by home and host institutions</u></b></li> <li>- Language skills (Italian or English B1)</li> <li>- Other relevant experiences included in the CV/ motivation letter</li> </ul>

**Please note that if language skills are not certified but self assessed, UniME reserves the right to assess the language skills of selected candidates by means of Skype interviews.**

### Duties of the University of Messina

After receiving the nominations and relevant dossiers of each student by the home Institution, UniME will send a letter of acceptance. UniME International Cooperation and Education Unit will provide support for visa release and housing facilities. A communication will be sent to all accepted students with all relevant information about university life in Messina and the necessary procedures.

After the arrival, UniME will organize a welcome meeting in order to provide all relevant information to incoming students.

Each student will have an academic tutor.

UniME will support students with all the procedures linked to the issue of the residence permit once in Italy, the opening of the bank account and all university administrative procedures.

At the end of the mobility, UniME will issue a Transcript of Records (for BA and MA students) of all the exams taken in the respect of the learning agreement and a letter of work accomplishment for PhD students.

### Duties of the Student

The student must send the application form and all relevant documents to his/her Home Institution's International Office within the deadline.

If selected, the student will receive a communication and will have to return the acceptance letter duly signed.

After the arrival, the selected student will have to sign the financial agreement that will be provided by UniME (an email containing instructions to this effect will be sent to students).

The student must apply for the visa at the Italian Embassy in his/her Country of origin; UniME will send the letter of acceptance in due time for this purpose.

The student is responsible to make reservations and pay the travel costs and must have **enough funds to cover the costs of the first period of stay in Messina.**

The participant shall have adequate insurance coverage. The **participant must have an Health Insurance before leaving his/her Country.** A private liability insurance is highly recommended, while a health insurance policy against the risk of illness and injury, valid throughout Italy and for the entire period of validity of the visa/residence permit, is mandatory. Alternatively, students can decide to enrol to the National Health Service, Sistema Sanitario Nazionale (SSN):



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[http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2\\_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=2522&area=Assistenza%20sanitaria&menu=vuoto](http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=2522&area=Assistenza%20sanitaria&menu=vuoto)

Once in Messina, the student must attend classes or carry out his/her research, as stated in the Learning Agreement/Research proposal.

**The student must inform the home and host Institutions about a potential anticipated departure.**