

# 2025 – 2026 Erasmus+ Study International Credit Mobility (ICM) Application

## 2025 Application Call

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# Why Exchange and Erasmus+



- Gain an international network
- Discover different cultures
- Improve your language skills
- Stand out in the job market
- Access a wider range of subject areas
- Acquire an international perspective and experience a different academic system
- Build up motivation, independence, and confidence

# What is Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility?

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- The Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) program enables students to study as an exchange student for a term or two at any of the partner institutions in generally non-European countries. Eligible applicants can receive Erasmus+ grant support.
- The biggest difference from the Erasmus+ Study Mobility for EU or EU candidate countries is
  - *the destination countries*
  - *the student grant amounts*

# General Information

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- **Fall or Spring Semester must be chosen** & minimum 2 months study period (*for Lebanon and Russia, only Spring semester* can be chosen)
- **Slots are institution-based** / not semester-based
- **Multiple participation** in the Erasmus+ program is possible
- **Double major students** should select one of their programs when applying.
- **Full recognition** - Courses taken abroad will be transferred with grades and credits.
- **No tuition fee at the host institution**, continue to pay OzU tuition fee.
- Accommodation, travel, insurance, food, visa/residence permit, etc. **costs are your responsibility** during the exchange

# Application, Evaluation & Placement I

## ➤ Application Requirements / Eligibility Criteria:

- Being a full time OzU student
- CGPA should be minimum of **2.20**/4.00 for undergraduate students
- CGPA should be minimum of **3.00**/4.00 for graduate students - academic advisor's approval should be sent to our office before the application deadline.
- Getting a minimum of 60/100 points from the Erasmus Language Exam 2024 or 2025; or having a minimum 60/100 points from the 2025 ELE on 12 August 2025
- Having completed a minimum of 24 ECTS credits at the time of the application.
- Prior to the exchange term, students must have completed at least 54 ECTS credits in the programs
- Prior to the exchange term, the student must have a minimum of 30 ECTS credits remaining for graduation.

# Application, Language Exam and Evaluation Process

- Online Application Period: **28 July – 11 August 2025, 13:00** Application must be submitted before the deadline.
- Applications are submitted via TURNA Portal - <https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/>
- After the application period, students who did not enter the ELE 2025 in February or March will be invited to the Erasmus Language Exam (ELE).
- The Erasmus Language Exam (ELE) 2025 will be held on 12 August 2025, Wednesday, at 13:00 physically on campus.
- The 2025 ELE result will be valid for two years (for 2025 & 2026 application calls). If you have, you may use the 2024 ELE result for your application and if you will have ELE scores from both 2024 and 2025, the higher score will be taken into consideration. **Students who entered ELE 2025 cannot enter ELE on August 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- Other standardized language exam scores (IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, etc.) **will not** be considered valid for the application.
- Ranking, placement and grant allocation results will be announced in late March, and the objections will be collected in 3 days.
- **The placed students must submit the Commitment Form by Wednesday, 10 September 2025. If you don't submit your commitment form, your application will be automatically canceled.**

# Application, Evaluation & Placement II

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- Students who meet the application requirements and submit their application before the deadline will be evaluated.
- A ranking score is calculated for all applicants considered for evaluation.
- Students will be ranked within their faculty/school.
- Ranking will be based on Erasmus score, which is the sum of a **base score** and a **benchmark score**:
- **The base score** is determined by adding up **50% of the Erasmus Language Exam score and 50% of the CGPA on a 100-scale** determined by the Higher Education Council.
- **The benchmark score** is determined based on the current criteria published by the Turkish National Agency. The benchmark score can be positive or negative.



# Additional Criteria for the Benchmark Score

To qualify for extra points, students must submit the relevant documents at the time of application. Benchmark scores will be applied to the Erasmus score.

(+) Students with disabilities will be given an extra 10 points\*

(+) Students who are the children of Veterans/Martyrs will be given extra 15 points\*\*

(+) Students whose first-degree relatives or themselves receive disaster victim financial support from AFAD will be given an extra 10 points.

(+) Extra 10 points will be given to the students who are under protection, care, and shelter by the Act No. 2828 Social Services and 5395 Child Protection Law. It is necessary to submit a letter stating that there is a protection, care or shelter decision in accordance with the law.

(-) Students who wish to participate in the program in their countries of citizenship will have 10 points deducted.

(-) Placed students who do not attend the mandatory orientation sessions without a valid excuse will have 5 points deducted if they apply for the Erasmus+ ICM again.

(-) Students who participate in the ICM program at the same study level will have 10 points deducted if they apply again.

(-) Students who withdraw from the program after submitting the commitment form will have 10 points deducted if they apply for the Erasmus+ ICM again.

\* The student must submit the Disability Health Board Report included in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults" published in the Official Gazette dated 20 February 2019 and numbered 30692.

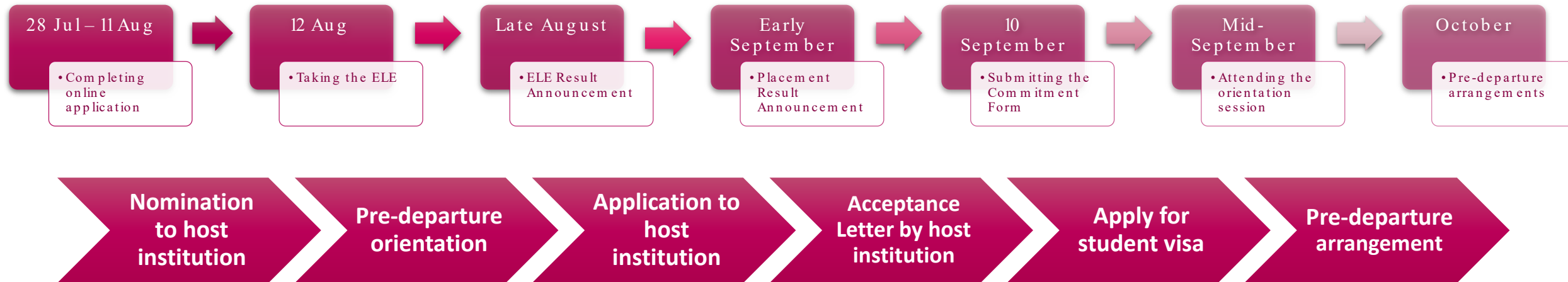
\*\* In addition to the spouses and children of war veterans and war martyrs, when applying for Erasmus+ mobility, priority is given to the spouses and children of public officials who, "while performing their duties domestically or abroad, or even after the termination of their status, become victims of terrorist acts, get injured, disabled, or killed" as outlined in Article 21 of the Law on the Fight Against Terrorism numbered 3713, dated 12/4/1991. Furthermore, in line with Article 7 of Decree numbered 667 dated 23 July 2016, priority is granted to civilians who became disabled, and the spouses and children of these civilians, as well as the spouses and children of those who lost their lives due to the coup attempt and terrorist acts on 15/07/2016, when applying for Erasmus traineeship mobility.

# Evaluation and Placement

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- The evaluation and placement results are planned to be announced at the end of March.
- **Students are required to confirm their placement results by submitting the Commitment Form via the Turna Portal system by Wednesday, 10 September 2025, 23:59 at the latest; otherwise, they will not be nominated to the partner institutions, and their applications will be canceled automatically.**
- Changing the partner university you are placed in will not be possible.
- Objections to results will be collected with a written petition within 3 days from the result announcement date. The Exchange Programs Commission will evaluate the objections, and related students will be notified about the outcome as soon as the evaluation is complete.
- If placed students change their academic program at OzU (Horizontal and Vertical Transfer) after the placement result, their exchange mobility will be canceled.

# Timeline



- Submitting necessary documents and keeping track of deadlines
- Acceptance by the host institution is never guaranteed!
- You may apply for Erasmus+ and Global Exchange Program but you may need to withdraw from one within the deadline given by our office since it is not possible to participate in both programs in the same semester.

# Partner Institutions

All students are highly encouraged to check out the infosheets and details about the partner institutions before applying.

Country	Partner Institution	Program	Study Cycle	Slots	Semester	Additional Info
Russia	<a href="#">ITMO University*</a>	Computer Science	Undergraduate	1	Spring only	<a href="#">Info sheet</a>
Lebanon	<a href="#">American University of Beirut**</a>	Faculty of Business	PhD	1	Spring only	<a href="#">Info sheet</a>

\* ITMO evaluates the applications of students who are at least a 3rd year Bachelor's student at their home university by the time they participate in the exchange periods.

\*\*PhD students will either need to take Master's degree courses at AUB, or find a supervisor for their thesis period. Students must inform OzU IEPP Office beforehand for eligibility check.

# Tips for Institution Selection

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- **Academic Calendar** - Is there an overlap?
- **Course Catalogue** - Check the partner institution website and see the most suitable institution and semester for you.
- **Language of Instruction** - Available courses in English? Additional PTE/TOEFL requirements?
- **Services Offered** - housing, orientation, etc. They may not offer on-campus residence halls
- **Cost of living** - accommodation, health insurance, transportation, food etc.
- **Visa and resident permit procedure** – bank statement, processing time.  
*Visa and residence permit regulations are subject to change each year*
- **Cultural & Social Opportunities**

# Course Registration, Transfer of Credits and Grade Conversion

## ❑ Course registration

- 30 ECTS credits per term
- approval prior to the exchange term by the program coordinator

## ❑ Transfer of credits and courses

- Exemption from OzU courses
- Full recognition for successfully completed credits
- Failed courses will not be transferred
- Receiving the official transcript from the host institution (6-8 weeks)

## ❑ Grade Conversion

- Grading scales vary at each partner institution

<https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/student-services/semester-and-course-registrations/exemption-courses>

# Erasmus+ Mobility Grants

- Availability of Mobility Grant based on ranking within the faculty/school. It will be allocated for the whole study duration of the selected participant.
- It is planned to allocate the Erasmus+ grant (mobility & travel) to **2 students in total** as follows:
  - Russia - 1 placed students – under 2023 Erasmus+ ICM project (2023-1-TR01-KA171-HED-000162528).
  - Lebanon - 1 placed student - under 2024 Erasmus+ ICM project (2024-1-TR01-KA171-HED-000237669).
- Please note that these are subject to change and based on the number of eligible applications.
- *Erasmus+ grants support the participants partially and are not intended to cover all expenses.*

Host Country	Monthly Grant Amount
Russia & Lebanon	700 EUR

# Travel Support and Green Travel

- Students who receive the Mobility Grant will also receive travel support in order to contribute to the travel expenses.
- Grant for travel support can be allocated according to the distance from the host institution's city and to granted students. [The distance calculator provided by the European Commission](#) determines the km value between the starting point of the mobility and the place where the activity takes place, according to the table below:

Receiving Country	Standard Travel Grant Amount	Green Travel Grant Amount
Lebanon	309 €	417 €
Russia	360 €	410 €

- The kilometer shown in the distance band calculator is the round-trip figure for the grant in the table below, and the amount in question is not multiplied by two. As a general rule, participants are expected to travel with low-emission transportation vehicles for distances under 500 km.
- Students who receive travel support are able to receive more grants if their trip is applicable for “green travel”. Green travel is defined as travel that uses low-emissions modes of transport for the main part of the travel, such as bus, train, or car-pooling. In the case of only one direction of travel for the exchange term, the student cannot benefit from the green travel support. Electric car use is not considered green travel unless shared with another participant. All green travel support requests will be evaluated individually, and support can only be provided after the approval of the Turkish National Agency.



# Additional Grant Support for Disadvantaged Students (applicable for Lebanon only)

Granted exchange students who are financially and/or socially disadvantaged may receive an additional grant during their exchange term. In order to benefit from this additional grant, students must submit the required document(s) from the official authorities. **The monthly amount of the additional grant is 250 EUR per month.**

- Students who are subject to the decision of protection, care, and shelter based on Act No. 2828 Ministry of Family and Social Services Law;
- Students who are subject to the decision of protection, care, and shelter based on Act No. 5395 Child Protection Law;
- Students who receive orphan's pension (Yetim/Ölüm Aylığı); (For Russia, the other parent must have no income)
- Students who are children or spouses of martyrs/veterans and veterans themselves (for Turkish citizens only)
- Students whose families or themselves receive support due to financial hardship (Muhtaçlık Aylığı);\*
- Students with one parent or guardian that receive support due to disability or financial hardship\*\*
- Students whose first degree relatives or themselves receive disaster victim financial support from AFAD\*\*\*
- Students with disabilities\*\*\*\*

**KYK Scholarship/Loans, one-time aids will not be considered.**

\*Students must submit the official document provided by Municipalities, Public Institutions or Official Public Organizations (such as Ministries, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, General Directorate of Foundations, Turkish Red Crescent, AFAD, etc.) attesting that the benefit from the official financial support at the time of the application.

\*\*Within the scope of the Law No. 2022: "Law on Pensions to the Needy, Powerless and Orphan Turkish Citizens and Disabled Persons Over 65", dated 01.07.1976; (<https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/MevzuatMetin/1.5.2022.pdf>)

\*\*\*This criteria can be applied only once. Students who participate in the mobility cannot use this criteria for their future applications. Additional grant support can be given for future applications if the student does not participate in the mobility.

\*\*\*\*Disabled people with at least 50% disability documented by the Disability Health Board report in the "Regulation on Disability Assessment for Adults" published in Official Gazette No. 30692 dated 20 February 2019

# Inclusion Support

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- Additional special need funding is available for participants whose individual physical, mental or health-related conditions are such that participation in Erasmus+ would not be possible without extra support.
- Additional grant requests can be made before the student's mobility period starts.
- In order for a student to be considered for the Inclusion Support, students must inform the IEPP of their circumstances and provide official documentation of their disability and declare the specific needs related to their condition. If the participant has an additional grant request, the approximate costs and justifications must be declared to IEPP. IEPP will submit requests to the Turkish National Agency for evaluation.
- Students may check out the LINK Network, supported by the European Commission, and our website for more about studying abroad with disabilities.

# How to Apply: Turn a Portal System

Application instructions in detail are shared in the guideline.

- Login to TURNA Portal with your e-government (e-devlet) account credentials.
- You should create a brand-new application in the portal.
- Applicants are responsible for carefully checking and completing all sections of the application form. When all mandatory parts are filled in, students should submit the application form.
- The application form is available only in Turkish, so international students are encouraged to use Google Translate.
- There are technical restrictions on logging outside Türkiye in the e-government system. Therefore, it will not be possible to submit the application form while abroad.

➤ **FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** To log in, international students obtain an e-government password from the PTT post office. Students who have a bank account in Türkiye can also log in using their online banking information. If they still encounter any issues with the e-government system, please contact our office immediately, and a single-use application link will be provided.

# Thank you & Good Luck!

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Online Meeting Request](#)

[Erasmus+ Program Coordinators @OzU](#)

[Application Form – Turna Portal](#)

[International Exchange & Partnership Programs Office](#)

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