

# Call for Student Mobility

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## **PNRR-TNE International Mobility Programme - Assessing Constitutional Crisis Impact and Security (IMP-ACCTS)**

### **Project Proposal TNE23-00057 – CUP B61I24000450006**

A selection process is announced for the assignment of mobility grants for study, internships, and thesis research at the partner universities of the PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS Project (CUP B61I24000450006).

The mobility must be completed by March 31, 2026.

The mobility opportunities must adhere to the following criterion: students from Italian universities can only carry out mobility at a foreign university, while students from foreign partners must carry out mobility at an Italian university.

### **1. Eligible Candidates**

Students enrolled in first, second, or third-cycle degree programs at partner universities of the PNRR/TNE project are eligible to participate in this selection notice.

Candidates must meet each partner university's academic and language requirements, as outlined in Article 5 of this selection notice and *Appendix A*.

Each partner university limits access to a particular level of study (first, second, or third cycle); therefore, only applications that align with the level of study required by the host university will be considered.

### **2. Duration of Mobility and Allowed Activities**

The mobility period for students must have a minimum duration of 2 months (60 days) and a maximum of 6 months, excluding travel time. The duration of mobility for the study will depend on the academic calendars of the partner universities and will be indicated in *Appendix A*.

Permitted activities during the mobility abroad include:

- Attending courses and workshops;
- Taking exams;
- Research aimed at thesis preparation;
- Internships.

Students must pass at least one of the didactical activities foreseen in the Learning Agreement (LA). If a student fails to pass one of the exams listed in the LA, they will be required to return the financial contribution received.

This does not apply to those participating in mobility for internships or thesis research. In these cases, participants must provide proof of attendance at the laboratory or internship. If the certificate of attendance is not provided, the participant will be required to return the financial contribution received.

### **3. Host Universities**

Applicants may choose up to four destinations from the partner universities listed in *Appendix A: "PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS: Destinations"*, which provides the number of available grants, areas of study, website, and academic requirements (study area, level of study, language requirements) for each partner institution.

If your home university has bilateral agreements with foreign partner Universities, it is recommended to choose as the first option one of those universities (see *Appendix B: "Bilateral Agreements"*).

### **4. Application Submission**

Applications must be submitted using the specific Application Form available at <https://sites.google.com/unisi.it/imp-accts-project> and on the international mobility pages of the partner universities.

The following documentation must be attached to the application:

1. Self-certification or documentation proving enrollment at home university and completed exams;
2. Self-certification of a bachelor's or master's degree, including the final grade (for candidates enrolled in a master's degree or PhD program);
3. Curriculum vitae;
4. Motivation letter;
5. A language proficiency certificate in either the host country's language or English, depending on the language of instruction for the courses to be taken (language requirements are listed in *Appendix A*);
6. A valid ID document.

Applications, along with the required documentation, must be submitted to the student's home university. After a pre-selection process outlined in Article 5, the home university will forward the selected applications to [imp-accts+STUDENTS@unisi.it](mailto:imp-accts+STUDENTS@unisi.it) by the following deadlines:

For study mobility:

**- November 22, 2024**

**- April 30, 2025**

For internship, laboratory activities, and thesis research mobility:

**- December 15, 2024**

**- March 31, 2025**

**- June 30, 2025**

**- October 15, 2025**

Applications will be reviewed, and grants awarded until the financial resources are exhausted.

## **5. Evaluation of Applications and Participant Selection**

The evaluation process will take place in two stages:

*First stage:*

The applicant's home university will check eligibility and rank the candidates based on the following criteria:

a) Academic merit:

1. Weighted grade point average (GPA): Evaluation of academic performance based on the student's weighted average of completed exams;
2. Academic progression and timeliness: Assessment of the student's ability to progress regularly through their academic program, completing exams and coursework within the expected time frame;
3. Relevant extracurricular experiences: Evaluation of additional activities such as internships, research projects, academic publications, or other extracurricular experiences related to the field of study;

b) Language proficiency;

c) Relevance of the proposed study program abroad;

d) Candidate's motivation;

e) Priority is given to candidates from linguistic, religious, or other cultural minorities;

f) Efforts will be made to ensure gender balance. To ensure gender balance, efforts will be made to admit an equal number of candidates from both genders. Any remaining spots will be reassigned based on the overall ranking.

*Second stage:*

All applications will be evaluated by a committee composed of the four scientific coordinators of the four Italian universities that are project partners of TNE23-00057, or their delegates. An administrative staff member will participate as a secretary. The committee will compile the final ranking based on the same criteria described above. The ranking will be approved according to the internal procedures of each university.

Candidates deemed eligible but not awarded a PNRR/TNE mobility grant will be placed on a reserve list. In the event of a withdrawal by a grant winner, these candidates may participate in the mobility program.

The list of selected candidates for each destination will be published on the <https://sites.google.com/unisi.it/imp-accts-project> website and the international mobility pages of the partner universities. Selected candidates and eligible candidates will also be notified by email.

## **6. Acceptance Procedures at the Host University**

The names of the selected candidates will be forwarded to the host university, which will provide final confirmation of acceptance. Candidates will be informed by the host university of the procedures for enrolment.

Selected candidates must submit the required documents to the host university following its instructions.

If the selected candidates do not comply with these procedures, the home university will not be held responsible for any rejection by the host institution.

The host university reserves the right to reject candidates who do not meet the required criteria or fail to submit the necessary documentation.

## **7. Obligations of Grant Recipients**

### **7.1. Before Departure**

- Learning Agreement: PNRR/TNE mobility grant recipients must prepare a Learning Agreement outlining the educational activities to be completed abroad, which must be approved by the relevant parties;
- Mobility Agreement: Grant recipients must sign a mobility agreement with the Italian university responsible for disbursing the financial support (mobility grant).
- Study Visa Application: The partner universities will inform incoming grant recipients about the visa application process. Italian universities will issue a declaration stating the amount of the PNRR/TNE grant. The host universities will issue an acceptance letter.

## **7.2. During Mobility**

- Arrival Certificate: Upon arrival at the host university, recipients must report to the relevant office to record their arrival date on the Certificate of Stay, indicating the official start date of the mobility period.
- Amendments to the Learning Agreement: If changes to the Learning Agreement are necessary during the mobility, the recipient must complete the "During the Mobility" section, have it signed by the host university, and send the document (including the "Before the Mobility" section) to their home university's relevant office.

## **7.3. Upon Return**

At the end of the mobility period at the host university, grant recipients must send the following documents to [imp-accts+STUDENTS@unisi.it](mailto:imp-accts+STUDENTS@unisi.it) :

- Confirmation of Stay: Attesting to the start and end dates of the mobility;
- Copy of travel documents or boarding passes;
- Final version of the Learning Agreement.

## **7.4. Transcript of Records (TOR)**

At the end of the mobility period, the host universities will issue a *Transcript of Records (TOR)* listing the courses attended, the exams taken, the grades received, and the number of credits earned. This certification will be sent to the student and his/her home university.

For students conducting thesis research or internships during their mobility, a report from the supervisor at the host university certifying the work completed will serve as the attendance certificate.

## **8. Financial Contributions and Payment Procedures**

### **8.1. Financial Support**

The PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS international mobility project provides financial support for the following, as outlined in the attached table (*Appendix C*):

1. Individual support;
2. Travel support;
3. Merit-based support for students who earn at least 8 credits at the host university.

The grant for partial months will be calculated based on the actual number of days spent in mobility.

## **8.2. Payment Methods**

1. An advance payment will be made to the participant within 30 calendar days after the financial agreement is signed by both parties. This pre-financing will represent 80% of the total grant amount.
2. The remaining balance will be paid after the end of the mobility, upon submission of the final documentation listed in Article 7.3.
3. Any merit-based grant will be paid after the receipt of the *Transcript of Records-TOR* (see Article 7.4).

If the actual duration of the mobility period exceeds the maximum limits set in Article 2, the extra period will not be considered part of the funded mobility and will be recorded as *zero grant* (without financial support).

## **8.3. Repayment of Grants**

If the mobility period is shorter than the minimum limits set in Article 2, the participant will be required to repay the entire grant that was advanced.

If the amount of the advance payment exceeds the total grant calculated based on the actual mobility period, the difference will need to be repaid. The participant will receive an email with repayment instructions.

If the participant fails to pass at least one of the exams listed in the Learning Agreement or its Amendment, they will be required to return the financial support received.

Participants in mobility for internships or thesis research must provide proof of attendance at the laboratory or internship. Failure to provide this certificate will require repayment of the financial support received.

## **8.4. Other Contributions**

The financial support provided by the PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS international mobility project is compatible with other grants provided by regional authorities or other entities, as long as these funds do not originate from European sources, in compliance with the ban on double funding.

## **9. Recognition of Educational Activities Undertaken During Mobility**

At the end of the mobility period, the partner universities guarantee full recognition of the academic activities completed abroad and certified by the host university through the *Transcript of Records-TOR*. Recognition of study periods will be carried out in accordance with the internal regulations of each university.

## **10. Insurance**

The partner universities of the IMP-ACCTS project offer insurance coverage for accidents and third-party liability at the study/work site for all participants.

Participants are responsible for ensuring adequate health insurance coverage during their stay abroad, under the regulations of the host country.

## **11. Safety Conditions**

All mobility is subject to an assessment of the security conditions in the destination countries, based on local and national provisions. For students departing from Italian universities, the guidelines of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) will be followed.

The PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS Commission reserves the right to exclude applications to countries or regions deemed unsafe due to political crises, armed conflicts, or humanitarian crises.

## **12. Personal Data Processing and Confidentiality**

Regarding the processing of personal data submitted by applicants in connection with the PNRR/TNE IMP-ACCTS project, reference should be made to the privacy notice provided by the partner universities. This notice can be found in *Appendix D*.