# **Call for Application for Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility - KA107**

## About the Erasmus+ Program

The European Commission has established an initiative program called Erasmus+. The program is to fund mobilities among EU countries and between EU countries and Partner Countries from the rest of the world. This program has been set up for the period 2014-2020 and, a new call for proposals will be open every year in order to promote socio-economic changes, the key challenges that Europe will be facing until the end of the decade, and to support the fulfilment of the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion.

Although the Erasmus program was initially earmarked only to the Program Countries (EU), in 2015, for the first time, part of the EU funding was allocated for mobility actions between Program Countries and Partner Countries. In this regard, the Erasmus+ Program is planned to support efforts of Program Countries to efficiently use the potential of Europe's human talent and social capital, while confirming the principle of lifelong learning by linking support to formal, non-formal and informal learning throughout the education, training and youth fields. The program also enhances the opportunities for cooperation and mobility with Partner Countries, notably in the fields of higher education and youth.

# **General Information**

This call for applications is made in accordance with the framework of Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility Projects in the Field of Education, Training and Youth between Program and Partner Countries. This action aims to contribute to the cooperation between the EU and eligible Partner Countries and reflects the EU external action objectives, priorities and principles.

This Erasmus+ Action 1 project between the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) provides an opportunity for two **Ph.D. students** to spend a period at USC (Spain) for study and receive a grant as a contribution to their costs for travel and subsistence.

In accordance with this agreement, the home university (TUMS) will fully recognize all learning activities and courses which are successfully completed. The home universities will be responsible for announcing this call, selecting students and sending them to USC (including preparation, monitoring and recognition related to the mobility period).

Applicants are expected to carefully read all the information before proceeding to fulfill and submit their applications.

## 1. Students

#### 1. Type of Mobility, Number of Grants and Duration

Under this Mobility and for this call, **two TUMS PhD students** are able to study at **USC** (Spain) for **five months**. After the mobility phase, the students return to the sending institution (TUMS) to complete their studies and get recognition for the obtained credits.

#### 2. Admission Requirements

All TUMS PhD students at Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, Advanced Technologies in Medicine, and Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics, are welcome to apply for this position. The USC International Centre for Doctorate and Advanced Studies (CIEDUS) has established which **PhD Programmes** are open to doctorate students from Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) partner universities. Applicants have to apply to do their research only in the **research topics** published in <u>this link</u>.

#### 3. Application

The candidates shall <u>hand their application request and the required documents</u> to the International Relations Office of the above mentioned TUMS Schools. Application deadline will be September 2022.

#### **Required Documents**

- CV
- Motivation Letter
- An English language proficiency certificate (at least B1)
- A Spanish language proficiency certificate (recommended)
- A proof of your scientific, research, social and cultural activities (recommended)

#### 4. Evaluation and Selection of Applications

The selection process at TUMS will meet the following criteria:

- 1. Average grade
- 2. Academic performance
- 3. Language competencies
- 4. Letter of Motivation
- 5. Other social and volunteering experiences

#### 5. Funding

The grants offered to students in the Erasmus+ Mobility between Program and Partner Countries are merely a contribution to bearing the additional cost of the stay abroad and do not cover all the expenses.

The Erasmus+ ICM Key Action (KA) 107 programme will pay the grantee an amount of **850**  $\notin$ /month for the duration of mobility to the USC. With this money, the grantee will have to pay for accommodation, meals and other expenses. If the mobility is for five months (only PhD students), the grantee has to be present at USC for five complete months. If leaving one day before, he/she will not be complying with Erasmus regulation and should pay back all the grant.

The grantee will also receive a single and fix payment for travel expenses once arrived at USC, calculated according to the distance between TUMS and the USC appearing below. You can calculate the distance in the Distance Calculator <u>here</u>.

Between 500 and 1999 km	€ 275
Between 2000 and 2999 km	€ 360
Between 3000 and 3999 km	€ 530
Between 4000 and 7999 km	€ 820

### **Important Notes:**

- 1. All Applicants may refer to <u>this link</u> for more information regarding health insurance, visa, travel and accommodation.
- 2. All Applicants have to apply for the visa; USC will send the acceptance letter in due time for this purpose.
- 3. All Applicants shall fill in the Survey established by USC and TUMS.
- 4. Grantees must have a Learning Agreement signed by home (TUMS) and host universities (USC), before starting the mobility period. These agreements define the target learning outcomes for the learning period abroad, specify the formal recognition provisions and list the rights and obligations of each party.
- 5. Students have to attend the lectures as approved in the learning agreement of the research program, and commit himself/herself to inform the host and home universities, in case of an earlier departure.