

**ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY PROGRAMME
EXTRAORDINARY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MOBILITY BETWEEN A4U
UNIVERSITIES AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES IN RUSSIA AND SOUTH AFRICA
2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**

An extraordinary call for applications is convened for **6 grants for faculty mobility between A4U universities and Russian partner universities, and 1 grant for faculty mobility between A4U universities and South African partner universities**. These grants became available due to their rejection by previously selected candidates and the absence of candidates on the waiting list.

1. Purpose of the Call

Alliance of 4 Universities (A-4U) is a strategic partnership of four Spanish public universities: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, and Universitat Pompeu Fabra en Barcelona. One of the objectives of A4U internationalization strategy of A-4U is to promote mobility with leading universities in countries with emerging economies such as Russia and South Africa.

A4U has been awarded funds under Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Programme, which enables Faculty from A4U universities and its partner universities in Russia and South Africa (see list below) to undertake a mobility stay in Russia, South Africa and Spain respectively.

The main purposes of this call are:

- To offer training, research and study development opportunities to Faculty at participating universities in Spain, Russia and South Africa.
- To help Faculty achieve sustained improvements in knowledge, teaching and research skills.
- To improve participants' language and cultural skills, promoting mutual enrichment and understanding.
- To forge and deepen lasting links between A4U universities and its partner universities in Russia and South Africa, thus enhancing transnational academic cooperation.

Mobilities announced in this call should be undertaken during 2016-2017 academic year, and end before 31 July 2017.

2. Participating Higher Education Institutions

The participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Spain, Russia and South Africa are:

Spain	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Universidad Carlos III de Madrid Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona
Russia	Higher School of Economics Kazan State Technological University Lomonosov Moscow State University Moscow Power Engineering Institute Moscow State Law Academy New School of Economics North-West Institute of Management Omsk State University Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) Russian State University for the Humanities Southern Federal University St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University St. Petersburg University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics (ITMO) Strelka Institute
South Africa	University of Pretoria University of the Witwatersrand Stellenbosch University University of Cape Town

3. Grants to be awarded

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

There are 6 grants available, distributed as follows:

Mobility between countries	Level	Number of grants	Maximum duration of stay
Spain - Russia, both IN and OUT	Faculty	5	5 days
Spain - South Africa, both IN and OUT	Faculty	1	5 days

The mobility period for Faculty is 5 days maximum plus 2 days for travel. In total, 7 days will be covered by the grant. Any additional period will not be covered by the grant.

The final award of the grant is subject to the (expected) approval of SEPIE, Spanish National Agency for the Internationalisation of Education, which provides funds for grants under this call.

An Interinstitutional Agreement between the sending and the receiving universities must be signed before the start of the mobility.

4. Subject areas

The call is open to all subject areas. However, the applicants must check that the requested mobility matches the offer available at the host university. Please refer to Annex 1 for web links to course and research offer at each participating university.

5. Eligibility requisites

To be eligible, applicants must fulfill the following general condition:

- Assume responsibility for performing the mobility **during 2016-2017 academic year, and always end the mobility before 31 July 2017.**

Specific requisites for **Faculty**:

- Have a contractual relationship with their sending institution at the time of application and during the mobility.
- Submit a **Mobility Agreement Proposal** for teaching staff, which includes at least 8 hours of teaching activity, signed by the receiving and the sending institutions. Please refer to the templates published together with the call.
- If the planned mobility activities will be conducted in a language that is not the native language of the applicant, to have an appropriate level of the language of instruction, **B2 being the minimum level. Please check with the sending institution that you have the level required.**

It is important that at the time of application mobility agreement proposals be signed by the mobility participants, the receiving and the sending institutions. Scanned signatures will be accepted.

6. Timeline

Below is the timeline for the activities that will take place before the mobility. The call will open upon its publication on A4U website.

Deadline for submission of applications	31 March
Publication of the eligibility results	4 April
Period for amendments to the application	4-6 April
Publication of final results	7 April

If after the publication of the final results, there are still grants to be awarded, the call will reopen. Applications will be received, evaluated and grants awarded on the on-going basis.

Please note that A4U universities will be closed for Easter holidays from 10 to 17 of April 2017.

7. Application process

The call will be published on A4U website <http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/>. Partner universities websites will refer to it by publishing an announcement.

Applicants must complete an online application form and attach the following documentation:

Level	Documents to be submitted
Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – On-line application form – Abridged CV – Mobility Agreement Proposal signed by the applicant, sending and receiving institution – Motivation letter

In case Faculty applicants want to apply for more than one university, they must prioritize their choices on the application form and produce their mobility agreement proposal for their first choice only.

Final selection results will be published in A4U website <http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/> and will be announced to the beneficiaries and partner universities by e-mail.

8. Evaluation criteria

The selection process will be based on the principles of equity, fairness and transparency.

Evaluation criteria for **Faculty**:

- Academic record according to CV (40%)
- Quality of the Mobility Agreement Proposal and expected contribution to common academic interests between the sending and receiving partner institutions (40%)
- Relevance to institutional ties between sending and receiving institutions (20%)

9. Selection process

Applications will be evaluated by A4U Selection Committee consisting of Vice-rectors for International Relations of A4U universities and Directors of International Relations Offices, with the support of mobility personnel from A4U universities and A4U Mobility Coordinator. The final

results will be published on A4U website <http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/>.

10. Grant amount and payment procedure

The mobility grant is a flat rate grant calculated at a monthly rate. It consists of a travel allowance (tax free) and a monthly/daily subsistence allowance (tax free) according to the flat rates determined by the Erasmus+ Programme.

From	To	Level	Subsistence allowance	Travel allowance	Maximum duration of mobility
Russia	Spain	Teaching staff	120€ daily	530€	5 days ¹
Spain	Russia	Teaching staff	160€ daily	530€	5 days ²
South Africa	Spain	Teaching staff	120€ daily	1100€	5 days ³
Spain	South Africa	Teaching staff	160€ daily	1100€	5 days ⁴

Grants are a **contribution** towards the costs of the planned Erasmus+ mobility period.

In addition to the grant, A4U will arrange for and cover the costs of the medical insurance for each beneficiary during their mobility period.

Payment of grant to Faculty

The grant will be paid in one instalment to the beneficiary once the certificate of attendance from the receiving university has been issued and the participant has completed the online EU survey.

Grants amounts will be calculated according to the real arrival and departure dates reported by the receiving institutions, taking into consideration their academic calendars.

Important: Beneficiaries will need to book flights and accommodation in the country of destination. For this, they will need to advance their own funds since the mobility grant will be paid only once their stay ends as in the case of Faculty. Receiving universities can provide assistance to participants in finding suitable accommodation.

11. Rights of the beneficiary

- To perform the entire mobility period awarded (5 days for Faculty) without extensions. The grant received must coincide with the actual dates of the mobility period.
- To receive the grant according to the amounts set out in the Erasmus+ Programme guidelines. The expenses not covered by the grant will be borne by the beneficiary (fees for the use of certain services or activities at the receiving university might be applicable).

¹ The grant will cover 7 days in total: 5 working days plus 2 days of travel.

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- To receive information and advice on the application procedure, as well as pre-departure and on-site guidance, from the receiving university.
- To have the study or teaching period abroad recognized by their sending university.

12. Obligations of the beneficiary

- To be in possession of adequate insurance throughout the mobility period according to Erasmus+ programme rules. Insurance will be arranged and paid for by the Alliance 4 Universities.
- To obtain the visa for the stay in the receiving country. The costs of the visa will be borne by the beneficiary.
- To book flights and accommodation in the country of destination. For this, beneficiaries will need to advance their own funds since the mobility grant will be paid only once their stay ends. Receiving universities can provide assistance to participants in finding suitable accommodation.
- To carry out the mobility stay according to the proposal and dates committed, during 2016-2017 academic year, always ending before 31 July 2017.
- To complete all procedures and fill in the required documents as required by the Erasmus+ Programme before, during and after the mobility period, meeting the deadlines established by A4U. Before mobility: signature of the Grant Agreement and the Mobility Agreement Proposal. After mobility: submission of the Certificate of Attendance and online EU survey.
- Any other obligation inherent to the Erasmus+ Programme and the internal regulations of the sending and receiving institutions.

13. Information

Should any doubt arise over the interpretation of this Call, the Selection Committee will decide, and will interpret, in any case, in the light of the guidelines of Erasmus+ Programme.

A4U Mobility Coordinator will be in charge of the general coordination and management of this call, and will be the first point of contact for applicants and beneficiaries.

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International Relations Services at each A4U receiving institution will take care of their respective incoming and outgoing mobility Faculty.

Updated information and selection results derived from this Call will be published on A4U website <http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/>

Barcelona, 15 March 2017

Jaume Casals Pons
President of Alliance 4 Universities

Annex 1

Course and research offer at partner universities

SPAIN	
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	www.uab.es/degrees www.uab.cat/postgraduate http://www.uab.cat/web/research-1345666325304.html
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	http://www.uam.es/UAM/(en)-Grados/1242662979898.htm?language=en&nodepath=Undergraduate%20Studies http://www.uam.es/UAM/(en)M%C3%A1steres-Oficiales-2014/2015/1242670751438.htm?language=en&nodepath=Official%20Master%20Degrees https://www.uam.es/ss/Satellite/es/1234895363737/listadoEstudios/Listado_de_Programas_de_Doctorado.htm https://www.uam.es/UAM/%28en%29Investigacion/1242665129461.htm?language=en&nodepath=Research&pid=1242665129461
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	www.uc3m.es/bachelor_list http://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/Doctorado/en/PortadaMiniSite/1371210283738/ Research Groups: http://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3MInstitucional/en/TextoMixta/1371211779619/Research_groups Research Institutes: http://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3MInstitucional/en/ListadoCategorias/1371206581851/Research_Institutes
Universitat Pompeu Fabra	www.upf.edu/undergraduate www.upf.edu/mastersdegrees www.upf.edu/doctorate https://www.upf.edu/research

RUSSIA	
Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)	www.rsc.ranepa.ru http://rsc.ranepa.ru/events/1981/
Higher School of Economics	hse.ru/admissions
New School of Economics	http://www.nes.ru
Moscow State Law Academy	
Russian State University for the Humanities	http://rggu.com/intstudents/list/ https://www.rsuh.ru/ruslang/en/
Lomonosov Moscow State University	www.msu.ru/en/
Moscow Power Engineering Institute	http://mpei.ru/lang/en/Pages/default.aspx
Strelka Institute	
St. Petersburg University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics (ITMO)	http://en.ifmo.ru/en/page/295/Majors_&_Courses.htm
St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University	www.spbstu.ru , http://eng.spbstu.ru/academic-programs/academic-programs/
North-West Institute of Management	http://www.sziu.ru/publication/1236/for-incoming-students/
Kazan State Technological University	http://kstu.kstu.ru/knrtu/article.jsp?&id_e=15009
Southern Federal University	http://sfedu.ru/www/stat_pages22.show?p=INR/N12344/P
Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University	
Omsk State University	http://www.omsu.ru/about/structure/general/omp/kursy-na-angliyskom.php/

SOUTH AFRICA	
University of Pretoria	http://www.up.ac.za/research-innovation http://www.up.ac.za/faculties
University of the Witwatersrand	https://www.wits.ac.za/research/ https://www.wits.ac.za/research/
Stellenbosch University	http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/ http://www0.sun.ac.za/research/?lang=english
University of Cape Town	http://www.research.uct.ac.za/ http://www.research.uct.ac.za/