

The call is announced for PhD students of the first, second, third and fourth* semesters of TSU to obtain the scholarships at the Universidad de Málaga (Spain) within the Erasmus+ program funded by the European Commission!

!!! The implementation of physical mobility will depend on the epidemiological situation in Georgia and Spain, as well as on the regulations related to the entry and stay in the host country.

The call is open for PhD students of the first, second, third and fourth semesters of Tbilisi State University from the following field of study: computer sciences, geography, geology, law

Mobility period: **spring semester 2023**

The applicants for the given call should meet one of the below listed prerequisites:

- a) The following certificates taken no earlier than 4 calendar years before the end of the registration of the current competition:
- In case of English language: TOEFL (90 iBT), IELTS (6.5 minimum average score) or Cambridge B2 First (Cambridge English First /FCE) certificate;
 - In case of Spanish language: DELE (B2)

b) The result of institutional testing of foreign languages organized by the university (not less than 71 points), which is valid for the semester of testing and the next following 1 semester (therefore for the purposes of this competition is valid the results of the tests of March 7, 2022; October 5, 2022 and January 18, 2023);

- b) Official certificate confirming attendance of studies at least 1 semester in a foreign higher educational institution, indicating the language of instruction English/Spanish.

d) The official certificate confirming the attendance of research internship in a higher educational or research institution abroad, indicating the language of the research internship English/Spanish. The minimum duration of research/internship should be 3 months and maximum - 5 months;

Selection process:

1. Eligibility check (Tbilisi State University)
2. Interview with the selection committee (Tbilisi State University)
3. Nomination for mobility (Tbilisi State University)/scholarship award (host University)

Required documents:

1. Identity card or passport copy (scanned PDF version);
2. European CV format in English;
3. Certificate of enrollment at TSU (in English, scanned PDF version);
4. A Transcript of Records of current academic level (in English; the document should indicate the GPA, scanned PDF version);

5 A certificate of English language competence (see conditions above). Applicants who have a positive result of the TSU institutional language test do not need to upload a document);

6. Official certificate/document confirming the status of a disabled person (scanned PDF version);

7. Scanned PDF version of master's diploma;

8. A scanned copy of the Diploma Supplement in English (with GPA);

9. Duly filled and signed learning agreement (check carefully the web page of the University of Málaga), make note of courses relevant to your home faculty study level and program, consult with the home faculty Quality Assurance Service and then fill in the first page of the document; once filled, the document should be signed by a relevant representative of the home Faculty QA service and the applicant), Appendix 1. (Please see Order N15/04; Order N33/04; order N 1/04);

10. A letter of recommendation (recommendation should be submitted electronically by filling in the questionnaire available in the mobility management portal (mobility.tsu.ge), by a recommender indicated in the application form by the applicant; the questionnaire is sent automatically to the e-mail address entered in the portal by the applicant).

11. Motivation letter in English/Spanish language no more than 1 page; with the following technical characteristics: font - Times New Roman, font size - 12, line spacing - 1.0, fields - 2 cm.;

12. Letter of interest/pre-acceptance from the host university;

13. Applicant's acceptance form (please download Appendix 2, fill the required fields, sign, scan and upload pdf version);

Students interested in applying for an exchange program must register and upload the complete list of application documents to the portal: mobility.tsu.ge (in PDF format) and send the application electronically on February 17th, 2023, until 14 o'clock!

- It is impossible to modifying the submitted application and/or replacing the uploaded document(s).
- Application cannot be sent without filling, make certain that the recommender is well informed about the deadline of the application.

* Fifth and upper semesters PhD students:

For the attention of the fifth and upper semester PhD level students wishing to apply for PhD scholarships: for the fifth and upper semester PhD level students, who fail to complete their studies within 6 academic semesters (due to the difficulty of the topic), in case of presenting the certificate issued by the faculty on the above-mentioned problem, they will be allowed to the competition. It is necessary that the above mentioned notice must be sent to outgoingmobility@tsu.ge on the February 17th, until 2 p.m.

Scholarship includes:

- Tuition waiver

- Monthly stipend in the amount stipulated by the EACEA
- International travel costs (within the financial limit set by the EACEA, see the distance calculator for details)

!!! Visa and travel insurance related costs are not included in the scholarship and should be paid for by the selected student(s).

Additional important information:

a) Electronic registration portal mobility.tsu.ge

- ✚ Please note that the mobility management portal mobility.tsu.ge:
- ✚ Does not allow submissions after the deadline (14:00, February 17, 2023);
- ✚ Does not allow registering an incomplete application package.
- ✚ The application form is considered electronically submitted only after pressing the send button.
- ✚ Upon successful submission of the application, the applicant will receive a relevant email notification.
- ✚ The date and time of the interview will be communicated individually to all applicants on the e-mail address indicated in the portal mobility.tsu.ge.

b) Finances and restrictions related to Covid-19

Please note that:

Physical mobility may be related to compliance with administrative rules and regulations regarding entry into the host country, such as PCR examination (once or repeatedly), stay in quarantine space, travel, health and accident insurance that is related to the financial costs. All such costs should be paid for by the selected student(s).

c) The rule of organizing the committee and selection procedure:

The joint order of the rector of TSU and the head of the administration - approval of selection rules for participation in exchange and mobility programs TSU.ge change

In accordance with Article 492, Paragraph 4 of the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, students retain active enrolment at their home universities while on a study abroad. Therefore, successful completion of the administrative registration at TSU at the beginning of each semester spent abroad is absolutely mandatory! Noncompliance with this rule will result in the suspension of mobility.

Manuel for electronic registration portal for the management of exchange and mobility programs mobility.tsu.ge https://tsu.ge/assets/media/files/42/OutboundMobilities/UserGuide_mobility.tsu.ge_v1.pdf

For additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team at outgoingmobility@tsu.ge