The call is announced for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth semester of TSU BA level, the first and second of TSU MA level, the first, second, third and fourth semester of doctoral level students at the <u>University of Groningen</u> (The Netherlands) within the Erasmus+ ICM program funded by the European Commission!

Implementation of physical mobility will depend on the epidemiological situation in Georgia and the Netherlands!!!

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth semester of the TSU BA level, the first and second of TSU MA level, the first, second, third and fourth semester of PhD level students from the following fields of study: <u>Political Science, Law, and Economics</u> can participate in the competition.

Mobility Period: Fall Semester of 2023-2024

Regarding the information on proposed courses, English language certificates and the minimum score (which varies according to the study programs) you should contact the following faculties at the University of Groningen:

- Political sciences;
- Law;
- Economics

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

A) The certificates: TOEFL (90 IBT), IELTS (6.5 minimum average score) taken no more than 4 calendar years before the end of the current application period.

## Selection process:

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

## List of the required documents:

- 1. Identity card or passport copy (to be scanned and uploaded in the pdf version);
- 2. CV in Europass format in English: https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv;
- 3. Certificate of enrollment at TSU (in English, to be scanned and uploaded in the pdf version);

4. A Transcript of Records of the current academic level (in English; the document should indicate the GPA, to be scanned and uploaded in the pdf version);

5. A certificate of English language competence (see conditions above).

6. Bachelor's Diploma pdf version (for master's level student);

7. A scanned copy of the Bachelor's Diploma Supplement in English (with GPA, only for MA degree seeking students);

8. Scanned pdf version of an applicant's Master's diploma (for PhD degree seeking students);

9. A scanned copy of the applicant's Master's Diploma Supplement in English (with GPA, in English, for PhD degree seeking students);

10. Additional support for applicants with fewer opportunities (If available, scanned pdf version):

- A person with disabilities (status must be confirmed by medical reference issued by a relevant authority);
- Socially vulnerable person (status must be confirmed by a relevant authority);
- Internally displaced person from the occupied territories of Georgia;
- A person living in the occupied territories (status must be confirmed according to the statement issued by a relevant authority);
- The parent of a minor child (status must be confirmed by a birth certificate of the minor);
- Representative of the national minority

11. Duly filled and signed learning agreement (check carefully the web page of the University of Groningen), make note of courses relevant to your home faculty study level and program, consult with the home faculty Quality Assurance Service and with the Erasmus Coordinator of the Faculty at the University of Groningen, then fill in the first page of the document; once filled, the document should be signed and sealed by a relevant representative of the home Faculty QA service and the applicant (please see the Appendix 1).

12. 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).

13. Motivation letter in English language with a length of no more than 1 page; with the following technical specifications: *font - Times New Roman, font size - 12, line spacing - 1.0, fields - 2 cm;* 

14. For PhD level applicants – an outline of the research plan in English with a length of no more than 2 pages; technical specifications: *font - Times New Roman, font size - 12, line spacing - 1.0, fields - 2 cm;* 

15. For PhD level applicants – a letter of interest/pre-acceptance from the host University issued by the Host University (an official letter is not mandatory, an email confirmation that states clearly the email author's availability, relevance and willingness to host a PhD student is sufficient).

16. Applicant's informed consent form (please download Appendix 2, fill the required fields, sign, scan and upload a 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 <u>no later than 2pm (Tbilisi time) on April 13th, 2023</u>!

- The portal does not allow modifying the submitted application and/or replacing the uploaded document(s).
- An incomplete application cannot be submitted, therefore, please make sure that the recommender is well informed about the deadline of the application.

## The 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) The mobility management portal **mobility.tsu.ge** 

Please note that the mobility management portal mobility.tsu.ge:

- Does not allow submissions after the deadline (2pm, April 13, 2023);
- Does not allow registering an incomplete application package;
- The application form is considered electronically submitted only after pressing the send button;

b) Upon successful submission of the application, the applicant will receive a relevant email notification;

c) 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:

<u>The joint order of the rector of TSU and the head of the administration -</u> approval of selection rules for participation in exchange and mobility programsTSU.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.

https://tsu.ge/assets/media/files/42/Outbound%20Mobilities/UserGuide\_mobility.tsu.ge\_v1.pdf

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