A call is announced for TSU PhD students in their first, second, third, and fourth semesters to apply for Erasmus+ program scholarships, funded by the European Commission.

!! Please be aware that the list of universities may change, therefore, please periodically check this announcement on the TSU website!

Students may apply to a maximum of three universities

The list of scholarships by country, university, and field of study, as well as detailed information on participation in the call:

Belgium

University	Catholic University of Louvain
Fields of Study	Humanities
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://uclouvain.be/fr/index.html
Additional Information	To obtain a letter of interest, please contact Prof. Axel Gosseries
	(axel.gosseries@uclouvain.be). In the email subject line indicate: 'TSU Erasmus+'.

Bulgaria

University	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
Fields of Study	Geography
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://uni-sofia.bg/index.php/index/index

Germany

University	University of Stuttgart
Fields of Study	Educational Sciences, Education Phycology
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/

University	Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg
Fields of Study	Educational Sciences, Mathematics, Informatics
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://www.hw.uni-wuerzburg.de/international/erasmus/incoming/

France	
University	Bordeaux Montaigne University
Fields of Study	Germanic Philology, French Philology, Arabic Philology, Slavic Studies
Language of instruction	French
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/fr/index.html

University	University of the Côte d'Azur in Nice
Fields of Study	Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Business, Faculty of Law
Language of instruction	English/French (DALF C1)!
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://univ-cotedazur.eu/

Serbia

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University	University of Belgrade
Fields of Study	Philology, Literary Studies, Linguistics
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://www.bg.ac.rs/search-programs/

Hungary

University	Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)
Fields of Study	Social Geography
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year (30 days)
Website	https://www.elte.hu/en/

Czech Republic

University	Palacký University Olomouc
Fields of Study	Sociology, Cultural Studies, Education, Psychology
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://international.upol.cz/en/exchange-programmes/im-an-exchangestudent/news-
	general-information/#c69000

Poland

University	Opole University
Fields of Study	English Philology (For students of the Faculty of Humanities)
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://uni.opole.pl/en

Türkiye

University	MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (METU)
Fields of Study	Psychology, Educational Sciences, Political Sciences, International Relations,
	Economics
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://ico.metu.edu.tr/

Admission to the competition requires one of the following:

The following certificates, obtained no earlier than 4 calendar years before the end of the current competition registration, are required:

For English language:

- TOEFL (90 iBT), IELTS (minimum average score of 6.5), or CAMBRIDGE (FCE) certificate;
- B2 level proficiency certificate CERTUS (<u>https://naec.ge/#/ge/post/1704</u>). The next round of testing is scheduled for 13 November. For further details, please visit the National Testing and Assessment Centre page.

For German language: TestDaF (TDN 3), DSH (DSH 1), DSD (B2), Goethe Certificate (90-100);

For French language: DELF (B2).

b) Based on the results of the institutional exam in foreign languages organized by the university (with a minimum score of 71), the result is valid for the semester in which the test was taken and for the following semester. Therefore, for the purposes of this competition, the test results from March 6, 2024, and/or October 4, 2024, are considered valid.

c) An official certificate confirming attendance at a foreign higher education institution for no less than one semester, indicating the language of instruction, must be provided. The language used in the program at that university should correspond to the language of instruction for which you are applying.

d) Based on an official certificate confirming attendance at a research internship at a foreign higher education or research institution, which states the language used in the program aligns with the language of instruction for the program you are applying for. The research/internship period spent abroad must be a minimum of 3 months.

e) Based on an official certificate verifying teaching experience at the university level, the applicant must have completed at least 2 semesters during the previous academic year. Each semester should have entailed a course load of at least 5 credits, with the language of instruction matching the language used in the program at the host university where the applicant seeks to participate in an exchange program.

f) Students enrolled in fully foreign-language educational programs at TSU are exempt from the requirement of foreign language testing for the language of their program, except in cases where the host university requires proof of foreign language testing from specific scholarship recipients.

The selection process for scholarship recipients:

- > Review of the electronic application and relevant documentation (Tbilisi State University)
- Interview with the candidate selection committee (Tbilisi State University and/or the host university)
- Final selection/granting of the scholarship (host university).

List of Documents required for submitting the Application:

- 1. A copy of the Identity card or a passport (scanned pdf version);
- 2. CV in the Europass format in English: <u>https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv;</u>
- 3. Certificate of enrollment at TSU (in English, scanned 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). The applicants who have passed the threshold of 71 points at the TSU institutional test, do not need to upload the reference;
- 6. PDF version of the Master's degree diploma;
- 7. Master's degree certificate with a GPA in English;
- 8. Additional support for applicants with fewer opportunities (If available, scanned pdf version):
 - A person with disabilities (status must be confirmed by a 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;
- 9. Duly filled and signed learning agreement (scanned pdf version).

To fill out the agreement please, check carefully the web page of the University(s) you'd like to apply to, make note of courses/subjects relevant to your home faculty study level and program, consult with the <u>home</u> <u>faculty Quality Assurance Service</u>, only after this stage 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 <u>Appendix 1</u>. (aave a look through the appropriate regulation); In the case of the University of Santiago de Compostela please complete the learning agreement provided by them (Appendix 3).

- 10. A letter of recommendation in English (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. Outline of the research plan, no more than 2 pages. Technical specifications: font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.0, margins 2 cm. The outline must be written in the language of instruction applicable to the program you are applying for.
- 12. A letter of interest from the host university is required. It does not need to be a formal letter; an email confirmation of interest will suffice. This confirmation will be issued by the relevant academic department or professor at the host university.
- 13. 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 the exchange program must register on the electronic registration portal for the management of exchange and mobility programs mobility.tsu.ge, upload a complete list of application documents (in PDF format) and send the application electronically no later than November 27, 2024 at 17:59.

- It is not possible to change the submitted application and/or replace the uploaded document(s).
- It is not possible to submit the application without the recommender filling out and sending the recommendation first. Therefore, it is important that the recommender is well-informed about the deadline for sending the application.

* Attention to PhD students in their fifth semester and above who wish to apply for doctoral scholarships: PhD students in the fifth semester and above who are unable to complete their studies within 6 academic semesters will be allowed to participate in the competition, provided they present a certificate issued by the faculty regarding this matter. The certificate must be submitted no later than November 27 at 13:59 PM to the following email address: outgoingmobility@tsu.ge. The selection interviews will be conducted on November 28-29 in person.

Erasmus+ exchange program, the scholarship includes:

- exemption from the registration fee at the host university,
- > monthly stipend at the rate set by the European Commission,
- Reimbursement of round-trip international travel expenses at the rate established by <u>the European</u> <u>Commission</u>

Selected fellows must cover the cost of the visa fee and monthly international insurance themselves!

Additional important information:

- a) Please note that the mobility.tsu.ge portal does not register applications after the above deadline (November 27, 17:59 p.m.);
 - Portal mobility.tsu.ge does not register an incomplete application package. The application is considered to be submitted electronically only after pressing the **submit** button. After the successful submission of the application documents, the applicant will receive a corresponding notification by e-mail.
 - The time and date of the interviews will be sent individually to all applicants on the e-mail indicated on the portal [mobility.tsu.ge];

b) The basis of the organization of the competition and the selection procedure

Joint order of the rector of TSU and the head of the administration on the approval of the selection rules for the participation in the international exchange and mobility programs of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University of Tbilisi <u>https://www.tsu.ge/ka/foreign-relations/page/8837</u>

According to paragraph 4 of Article 492 of the Law of Georgia "On Higher Education," the status of a student participating in an exchange educational program cannot be suspended. Such students are considered active students at their home university and must undergo administrative registration every semester.

For detailed instructions on how to use the mobility.tsu.ge electronic registration portal for managing exchange and mobility programs, please refer to the "Guide to Using mobility.tsu.ge Electronic Registration Portal" available at tsu.ge (<u>https://tsu.ge/assets/media/files/42/OutboundMobilities/UserGuide_mobility.tsu.ge_v1.pdf</u>).

c) Contact information of Quality Assurance Services

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Please note that all students who have been selected for the exchange program (prior to the mobility) must complete the mandatory certificate course "<u>Intercultural Competences</u>". In case of additional questions, contact the Department of Foreign Relations at <u>outgoingmobility@tsu.ge</u>