A call is announced for TSU undergraduate, master and PhD to apply for Erasmus+ program scholarships Powiśle (Poland) and Crete (Greece) University, funded by the European Commission.

Eligible students must be enrolled in the following majors:

- 1. In the case of the **University of Powisle:** Undergraduate Students of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth semesters.
- 2. In the case of the **University of Crete:** third, fourth, fifth and sixth semesters of the bachelor's degree, first and second semesters of the master's degree and the first, second, third and fourth semesters of the doctoral degree students.

Poland

University	Powiśle University
Degree	Bachelor
Fields of Study	Economics
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Important note	Minimum 3.0 GPA
Website	https://powislanska.edu.pl/uczelnia/psw/projekty-unijne/

Greece

University	University of Crete
Degree	Bachelor, Master, PhD
Fields of Study	Physics, Mathematics.
Language of instruction	English
Mobility Period	Spring Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year
Website	https://www.uoc.gr/en/home/international-relations/

Admission to the competition requires one of the following:

1. For the English language:

- TOEFL (90 iBT), IELTS (minimum average score of 6.5), or CAMBRIDGE (FCE) certificate;
- B2 level proficiency certificate CERTUS (https://naec.ge/#/ge/post/1704). For further details, please visit the National Testing and Assessment Centre page.

- b) Based on the results of 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) Studying in a foreign-language program at TSU where the language of instruction corresponds to the language used in the university/program you are applying for.
- e) 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.

For doctoral students:

- 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).

<u>List of Documents required for submitting the Application:</u>

1. A copy of the Identity card or a passport (scanned pdf version);

- 2. CV in the Europass format in English: https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv;
- 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;
 - 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;
- 6. 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 home faculty Quality Assurance Service, 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 Appendix 1. (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).
- 7. A letter of recommendation in English or in Georgian languages (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).
- 8. Motivation letter no more than 1 page; with the following technical characteristics: font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.0, fields 2 cm.; (the motivation letter must be written in the language of the program you are applying for);
- 9. 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 December 11, 2024 at 16:00.

- 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.

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 the European Commission

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 (December 11, 16:00 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 https://www.tsu.ge/ka/foreign-relations/page/8837

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 (https://tsu.ge/assets/media/files/42/OutboundMobilities/UserGuide mobility.tsu.ge v1.pdf).

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 outgoingmobility@tsu.ge