Case study

Thanks to ICM funding, the University of Warwick partners with HEIs in Australia, Kazakhstan and Israel, developing its current links and building new international ties. Students taking part learn about new cultures, develop academically and personally, and gain an insight into international career opportunities. The students whom the university hosts create a more international classroom, allowing other students to benefit from different outlooks. Staff are able to work more closely with their peers abroad, helping to develop their own programmes through international collaboration.

“The students are not only developing their academic learning, their wider learning, and their personal development, but they are opening their eyes to opportunities in other countries beyond Europe.”

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Extending the reach of Erasmus+

Recognising the importance of the extra-European international dimension, the European Commission enables higher education institutions (HEIs) which hold the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education to apply for Erasmus+ funding to support student and staff mobility to and from countries outside Europe. Known as International Credit Mobility (ICM), the action builds on the experience and success of former European Union programmes in higher education (Alfa, Edulink, Erasmus Mundus and Tempus). HEIs can apply for staff mobility, student mobility, or a combination. In 2018 funding is also available for student traineeships.

Different budgets are allocated to support mobility to and from the different regions of the world. In 2018 the annual budget for the UK is expected to be around 9.5 million euro, split across the regions listed below:

- African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.
- EU’s Neighbourhood regions: Eastern Partnership; South Mediterranean; Russian Federation.
- Western Balkans.
- Development Co-operation regions (DCI): Asia; Latin America; Central Asia; South Africa; Middle East.
- Industrialised countries: Industrialised Asia; Industrialised America.
- New budget available for 2018 for West Africa.

In 2018 there is one deadline for applications for ICM funding, on Thursday 1 February at 11am (UK time).

ICM funding supports:

- a grant and a travel contribution for eligible students and staff, based on the distance they are travelling; and
- administrative funding of €350 per mobile participant for both incoming and outgoing students and staff, shared between the two institutions taking part in the exchange.

Why apply?

- An additional funding opportunity to support mobility with current partners.
- Internationalise your institution through incoming students and staff.
- Provide an expanded international offering.
- Raise awareness of your institution with international students.
- Promote mobility to your home students and widen participation in Erasmus+.
- Use pre-existing partnerships through the Tempus and Erasmus Mundus programmes to expand your offering.
- Offer funding to support staff mobility/professional development to establish strong connections with new institutions for future courses and partnerships.

Next steps

Visit erasmusplus.org.uk/icm to find details on:

- deadlines
- how to apply
- rules and regions
- guidance – such as the ‘Dos and don’ts for applicant higher education institutions’
- higher education partner opportunities for finding non-European HEI partners
- European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and European Grade Conversion System project (Egracons) information

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