



MOBILITY STIPEND PROGRAMME FOR MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS AND EARLY-STAGE (R1) RESEARCHERS

Across Alliance

Call for Applications (2026–2027)

DISCLAIMER:

The official and legally binding call for applications is in Italian only.
This document cannot be used for legal purposes and is only meant to provide information in English on the call for applications (Decree of the Rector n. 782/2026). Please refer to the official call published on: <https://www.uniud.it/it/albo-ufficiale>

Any change and integration will be made available on the above-mentioned web page.

Art. 1 - Objective

The Across Alliance invites eligible applicants from the University of Udine to submit applications to the Across Mobility Stipend Program, considered as financial contribution that aims to fund Master's Degree Students and Early-Stage (R1) Researcher mobilities within the Alliance framework in 2026 and until 30th September 2027.

The programme aims to strengthen networking and collaboration among researchers within the Alliance, promote cross-border academic exchange, and support the learning and professional development of early-stage researchers.

A total budget of € 23.000,00 is available under Task 2.3 funds for the purposes of this call. Financial support will be granted to eligible applications, subject to the availability of funds and until the allocated budget has been exhausted.

Art. 2 - Scope

Mobility must take place at an [Across partner institution](#):

- Bialystok University of Technology (Poland)
- University of Chemnitz (Germany)
- University of Girona (Spain)





- University of Perpignan (France)
- University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)
- University of Ruse (Bulgaria)
- University of Banja Luka (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- University of Craiova (Romania)

The duration of the mobility shall be up to one month uninterrupted (considered as 4 weeks or 20 working days), corresponding to the maximum period eligible for funding under the grant programme.

The mobility may be implemented in hybrid format. **However, the physical presence at the host institution must be of at least two consecutive weeks.**

Art. 3 - Eligibility

The call is addressed exclusively to:

- R1 researchers (PhD);
- Master students who are currently undertaking their Master's thesis, or are formally expected to begin it during the implementation period of the mobility, with the intention of subsequently enrolling in a PhD programme.

Applicants must meet these requirements by the application deadline.

Art. 4 - Funding (Annex I)

The grant covers travel and accommodation related exclusively to the physical component of the mobility.

No financial contribution shall be granted for the online component of the mobility. For hybrid mobilities, the financial contribution shall be calculated proportionally according to the duration of the physical mobility period.

The unit for planning the stay and for contribution calculation purposes is the week (5 working days excluding travel days). The physical presence at the host institution must be at least two consecutive weeks (10 working days). The calculation of the contribution shall be based on the applicable Erasmus+ reference rates for travel and accommodation stated in the Programme Guide for Erasmus+.

Anyway, the individual financial contribution for a one-month physical mobility period may not exceed € 1.250,00, as provided for in the approved



budget of the Across project (see Annex I for the calculation of the contribution and illustrative examples).



Art. 5 - Application Procedure

Applications shall be submitted in English, using the official Mobility Agreement (Annex II) together with any other required supporting document. Under this call, applicants may submit proposals for mobility activities to be carried out and finished by 30 September 2027.

Each application must include the following information:

- Duration, modality, and identification of sending and hosting units
- Detailed description of the knowledge sharing and scientific and research networking activities
- Detailed description of teaching and training activities to be carried out during the mobility.
- Applicants shall include the description of how the mobility helps the applicant in their career, how to strength the links between the sending and hosting research groups or units and between universities.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Once published the call is open for the next 6 weeks. Participants are invited to submit applications under this call to mobility_across@uniud.it and to across@uniud.it.

Art. 6 - Selection Criteria

All eligible applications will be evaluated through a competitive review process according to the evaluation criteria and indicative scoring scales as follows:

- A. Quality, feasibility and expected impact of the networking, teaching, training and knowledge-sharing programme** (0–10 points), considering:
- Scientific networking and academic quality of the proposed activities (0 - 3 points),
 - Potential contribution to long-term collaboration within the Across Alliance (0 -2 points),
 - Expected impact on the applicant's academic and professional development (0 - 2 points),





- Added value for participating research groups and institutions (0 - 2 points),
- Interdisciplinary and cross-border cooperation dimension, where relevant (0 - 1 point).

B. Duration of mobility (0–5 points). Mobilities in presence of one month, shall receive the maximum score of 5 points. Hybrid mobilities must comply with the minimum physical presence requirements established in the programme (2 weeks) and will receive for:

- 3 weeks physical presence mobility: 3 points,
- 2 weeks physical presence mobility: 1 point.

Among applications with the same score, to those with a higher score based on criterion “Scientific networking and academic quality of the proposed activities”. If it is still not possible to determine which of the evaluated applications is selected, the application with the higher score based on criterion “Potential contribution to long-term collaboration within the Across Alliance” will be selected.

Art. 7 - Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will convene after the call is close and will consist of at least three Professors who will be appointed ad hoc by a Rector’s Decree following the closure of the call.

The Committee will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating all applications received and selecting the candidates in accordance with the established criteria. Financial support will be granted to eligible applications, based on the ranking list and until the allocated budget available under this call has been exhausted.

Art. 8 - Communication of results

The selected and non-selected mobility applicants will be communicated by e-mail to the beneficiaries within one month following the closure of the call. Also, the selected mobility applicants list will be published on the UNIUD website.

Art. 9 - Contact

Applicants should contact mobility_across@uniud.it for further information.

