

## Information

### ‘Additional funding for students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus programme’

The target groups for additional Erasmus funding have been extended from the 2024/25 academic year. This is intended to provide special support for students who may find a stay abroad more challenging.

In addition to **students with children, a disability or a chronic illness**, other groups will be able to receive a monthly supplement of 250 euros under certain conditions: **working students** and **students from a non-academic family**.

Below you will find information on the eligibility criteria and how to apply.

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## Combinability of additional funding

The following special grants can all be combined with funding for travel expenses. However, the 250-euro additional grant can only be awarded once, **even if several criteria apply to you**. Your Erasmus grant can therefore consist of a maximum of the following components:

Maximum funding = regular [monthly instalment](#) for your country  
+ additional travel days if applicable (see information sheet on funding for travel costs)  
+ travel allowance (see information sheet on funding for travel costs)  
+ top-up of 250 euros per month for the groups listed below, if applicable

## Criteria for additional funding in detail

### Top-up for students with disabilities

Students with a degree of disability of 20 or more can receive a top-up amount of 250 euros per month.

Proof: Declaration on Honour

You also undertake to submit the relevant evidence together with the declaration on honour (medical certificate, decision of the state social welfare office, severely disabled person's pass)

If your stay abroad incurs particularly high additional costs, a so-called 'real cost application' can be submitted a few months in advance instead, which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester, e.g. for an accompanying person. A grant for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early on.

### Top-up for students with a chronic illness

Students with a chronic illness that leads to additional financial requirements for the stay abroad can also receive an additional 250 euros per month.

Proof: Declaration of Honour

In addition, you undertake to submit appropriate evidence together with your declaration of honour (medical certificate, notification from the state social welfare office or other evidence by which an impairment can be made credible, e.g. confirmation from a licensed therapist).

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### Top-up for students with children

Students who take their child or children abroad with them can also receive an additional 250 euros per month. The prerequisite is that the child or children are present during the entire stay abroad. The grant is 250 euros per month per family, regardless of the number of children and whether or not a carer (partner) is travelling with them.

Proof: Declaration of Honour

You also undertake to submit the relevant supporting documents together with your declaration of honour (birth certificate of the child/children, travel documents of the child/children, proof that the child/children regularly live with you in the household, if applicable).

If particularly high additional costs arise due to taking your child/children with you for your stay abroad, a so-called 'Realkostenantrag' (application for real costs) can be submitted a few months in advance instead, which can cover up to 15,000 euros per semester. A grant for a preparatory trip to familiarise yourself with the local conditions is also possible. This requires a lot of time in advance, so we ask students to seek advice early on.

### Top-up for students from a non-academic background

Studies have shown that students whose parents have not already studied themselves are less likely to consider going abroad. With additional funding, the Erasmus programme aims to encourage these students to take the plunge and go abroad. In this case, students whose parents or carers do not have a degree from a university or university of applied sciences are considered first-time graduates. Here as well, 250 euros are available in addition to the regular monthly Erasmus grant.

A degree from a university-like vocational academy counts as an academic degree.

Degree courses completed abroad also count as academic qualifications, even if they are not recognised in Germany.

Proof: Declaration of Honour

You also undertake to submit supporting documents **on request**.

### Top-up for working students

Students who earn a considerable amount of their own living may be reluctant to go abroad, as they are often unable to continue working abroad and lose their earnings. To alleviate this problem, there is now a top-up amount of 250 euros if the following criteria apply:

- **Net earnings of over 450 euros and under 850 euros per month**
- **continuously employed for at least six months** during the two semesters prior to the stay abroad
- the activity is not continued during the stay abroad, resulting in a loss of earnings.

The activity must have taken place during this period: Stay abroad in the winter semester: 1 August of the previous year to 31 July of the year abroad

Stay abroad in the summer semester: February of the previous year to 31 January of the year abroad

This may be a single employment relationship or several that immediately follow one another. An interruption within the regular holiday period during employment is not a problem.

Proof: Declaration of Honour

You also undertake to submit supporting documents **on request**.

### Application

When you registered in MoveON, you had already specified the additional funding that applied to you.

**Multiple funding is not possible, even if several criteria apply to you.**

**For example, students who have specified several criteria for additional funding, such as e.g. that they are employed and are also first-time graduates, will only receive the monthly top-up of 250 euros once.**

Please send us the declaration of honour digitally signed via e-mail.

As the funds are limited, it is not possible to apply retrospectively.

### Proof/ Receipts

At the moment, your declaration on your honour and the evidence listed in the respective categories are sufficient proof of eligibility. However, you must be able to submit all supporting documents upon request.