

# Erasmus+ Program

Erasmus+ – A non-profit program of the European Union existing from 2014 to 2020 supporting cooperation and exchange of students and professors among universities of EU member states as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Norway, Turkey. More than 4,000 educational institutions from 33 countries participate in Erasmus+.



The name of the program comes from the Dutch philosopher Erasma Rotterdam, who lived and worked in many European cities to broaden his horizons and gain new knowledge. At the same time, the word Erasmus is an acronym decrypted as the «European Community Action Scheme to Increase the Mobility of University Students» (European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students).

Since 2007, the program has supported employment in foreign companies. Employers usually welcome Erasmus on a candidate's resume. Since its launch in 1987, the program has attracted more than 2.2 million students. One in five European students is scheduled to participate in the program in 2020.

**Erasmus students are accepted into the program on a competitive basis.**

## Requirements for candidates

- ✓ be students for at least 2 years of study at home university;
- ✓ have an average score above the university-defined level;
- ✓ be proficient in the language of study at the host university.



The choice of the winner is made by the home university. The duration of study and internship ranges from 3 months to 1 year, in total - up to 2 years. Participation in the program is possible only once for the educational purposes and once for the work practice. Erasmus assures participants that time spent abroad will be counted by the university upon their home arrival.



Students do not pay for studies at the host university; all costs are covered by the European Union and the home university. Most students also receive a scholarship to cover living expenses abroad.



For many European students, participation in the Erasmus program is the first opportunity to live and learn abroad. As a result, the «Erasmus experience» is known as a cultural phenomenon. It is an opportunity not only to receive additional education, but also to connect with peers from other countries.



## The list of required documents:

- ✓ a copy of RK citizen's passport;
- ✓ a transcript on current achievements certified by SU seal;
- ✓ a document confirming the proficiency level in a foreign language (applicant provides one of the following documents):
  - a) a certificate obtained through international systems for assessing

foreign language knowledge, if available (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.);

b) a letter of consent of a foreign university to accept a student with an available level of foreign language;

c) the result of testing of the Kazakhstani university (not lower than B2).

- ✓ written consent of parents, guardians, legal representatives of the applicant to travel abroad, if he does not reach the age of 18 at the time of departure from the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- ✓ a document on the composition of the family, to confirm the large family of the student;
- ✓ a document confirming the absence of the student's parents (for the category of students related to orphans or students left without parental care);
- ✓ a document confirming the student's disability.
- ✓ Motivation letter (the letter should contain answers to the questions: Why will the Erasmus + program contribute to my future professional career? Why am I worthy of the Erasmus + scholarship? What are my expectations from the program?)
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from the Professor or Director of the relevant institute;
- ✓ The documents are submitted both in paper form in folders and in electronic version, indicating the full name, specialty and its code, department, institute and contact details of the candidate.

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