

Overview



Erasmus+ is a European education programme that promotes exchanges between university students (both undergraduate and postgraduate), teaching staff and administrative staff throughout participating countries.

The main specific aims of the Erasmus+ programme are to:

- Improve the mobility of student and staff
- Increase the degree of transparency and compatibility between higher education and advanced vocational education qualifications gained in Europe

UCC is an active participant in all aspects of the Erasmus programme:

- Student Mobility
- Staff Mobility

This provides opportunities for academic and administrative staff to travel to work or teach at partner institutions. Please see the "Teacher/Staff Mobility" section below for further information.

Teacher/Staff Mobility

Each year UCC receives funding to allow staff to travel under the following categories:

- [Teaching Assignments](#)
- [Staff Training at Enterprises and at HEI](#)
- [Organisation of Mobility Study/Placements-Traineeships](#)

The funding allocated to UCC by the Higher Education Authority is based on various criteria including the number of proposed visits and the destinations and durations of such visits. It is therefore important that staff observe the annual internal deadline for applications (February). Information regarding the application procedure is emailed to all departments in October.

How the funding is awarded:

All applications are reviewed by the International Office. The funding UCC receives each year is limited so funding will only be available for a certain number of

visits. Priority is given to teachers/staff applying for the first time. Successful applicants will be contacted by the International Office.

Teaching Assignments

Teaching assignments enables staff to spend a teaching period at a higher education institution in another participating country. A minimum duration of 5 working days is strongly recommended to provide a meaningful contribution to the teaching programme and international academic life at the host institution. Shorter periods should be exceptional.

There is an **obligation to deliver at least eight hours of teaching**.

The objectives of this staff mobility for teaching are:

- To encourage higher education institutions to broaden and enrich the range and content of courses they offer
- To allow students who do not have the possibility to participate in a mobility scheme, to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of academic staff from higher education institutions and from invited staff of enterprises in other European countries
- To promote exchange of expertise and experience on pedagogical methods
- To create links between higher education institutions and with enterprises
- To motivate students and staff to become mobile and to assist them in preparing a mobility period.

The teaching assignments may be carried out by teaching staff of higher education institutions and by invited staff of enterprises. In all cases, the activities of staff undertaking a teaching assignment should be integrated into the curricula of the host institution.

The partner higher education institutions/enterprise must have agreed on the programme of the activities to be undertaken by the visiting teachers (teaching programme) prior to the start of the mobility period. When the person carrying out the assignment is from a higher education institution, the assignment must be based on an inter-institutional agreement between the home and host institution.

In the case of staff mobility from an enterprise to a higher education institution, the mobility is arranged by an invitation of the higher education institution to the staff member of the enterprise. The grant is always managed by the higher education institution.

Staff members with special needs may apply for a specific grant after they had been selected for a mobility period.

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Staff Training at Enterprises and at HEI

Staff Training enables teaching and other staff of higher education institutions to spend a period of training between 5 working days and 6 weeks in an enterprise or organisation such as an HEI in another participating country (UCC is only in a position to fund 1 week).

The objectives of this staff mobility for training are:

- To allow the staff of higher education institutions to acquire knowledge or specific know-how from experiences and good practices abroad as well as practical skills relevant for their current job and their professional development
- To help building up cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprises
- To motivate students and staff to become mobile and to assist them in preparing a mobility period.

The stay in the partner enterprise, organisation or institution can be called a variety of names: short secondment period, job-shadowing scheme, study visit, workshop, conference etc.

Staff members are selected by the sending higher education institution. The sending institution and the receiving institution/enterprise must have agreed on the training programme undertaken by the staff member, prior to the start of the mobility period.

Staff members with special needs may apply for a specific grant after they had been selected for a mobility period.

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Organisation of Mobility Study/Placements-Traineeships

Funding is available to help with the promotion and organisation of the Erasmus programme. This can include visits to partner institutions or host enterprises to meet with both staff and UCC students studying/completing work placements abroad.

If you would like to make a claim for OM funding, please contact Clare Murphy, Erasmus Coordinator.

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Search for Erasmus+ Partner Universities

UCC has established a wide range of partner institutions which support key international activities such as staff and student exchanges, the development of joint academic programmes, research collaboration and other collaborative initiatives.

Please click on the following link to view a list of [UCC's Partner Universities](#)

Please click on the following links to download PDF list of partner universities:

- [List of Erasmus Partners by Country](#)
- [List of Erasmus Partners by Department](#)

Other Information

Institutional Details

Name of the Institution: University College Cork

Full Legal Name: National University of Ireland, Cork - University College Cork

Erasmus ID Code: IRL-CORK01

Erasmus University Charter: 28454

OID E10209380

PIC 999975717

Head of the Institution: Professor John O'Halloran

Legal Address: Western Road, Cork, Ireland

Inter-Institution Agreements

Inter-Institutional agreements are established with EU partners, primarily to facilitate student mobility. Provision in the agreement may also be made for teaching staff mobility.

The agreement indicates the subject area, the number of student/staff places on the exchange and at which level (undergraduate, PhD etc).

UCC has, over time, built up a stable complement of institutional partnerships and efforts have been made to ensure that student mobility “flows” are kept in reasonable balance.

All proposed inter-institutional agreements must be approved by the International Office. Agreements are signed by Clare Murphy, Erasmus Coordinator.

Any agreements which are sent to individual academic departments by EU institutions should be forwarded to the International Office.

Contact Us

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Erasmus team.