APPLICATIONS FOR THE ERASMUS+ STUDY PROGRAM

It's that time of the year again! Explore Europe via Erasmus+ Study Mobility Program! Erasmus+ Study Mobility first round of applications are now open! Please check the Erasmus+ Study program page for rules and detailed procedures.



Application Dates

The first round of applications will be open between **12.02.2024 - 07.03.2024, 16:00.**

The applications must be submitted by 07.03.2024, 16:00 the latest and late applications will not be accepted.

The applications will be collected for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Semesters. The second round of applications, which will open in July will be for Spring 2025 term only. For more information on scheduling, please check OIP's <a href="https://example.com/application/a

Info Sessions

Date	Day	Time	Location
13.02.2024	Tuesday	14:00 – 15:00	Student Council Room (Student Center 1st Floor)
15.02.2024	Thursday	15:00 – 16:00	Student Center B335
21.02.2024	Wednesday	14:00 - 15:00	Student Center B335
23.02.2024	Friday	12:00 – 13:00	Microsoft Teams (Online) Meeting Link
26.02.2024	Monday	14:00 - 15:00	Microsoft Teams (Online) Meeting Link

We kindly ask our students to familiarize themselves with our FAQ document and program rules on our website before attending these sessions.

How to Apply

NEW: Students will be **required** to submit their applications through https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/ as well. A guide for the e-government application will be provided when the applications begin.

- The application system will open on February 5th. Submitting the application on both portals by the deadline (07.03.2024, 16:00) is mandatory.
- The online application is made via https://kuapp.ku.edu.tr and https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/.
- Upload scanned or digital copies of the application documents onto both Kuapp and turnaportal. Please make sure you upload the most up-to-date and correct application documents onto the system.
- Please note that University names might be different (in their original language or system on the TurnaPortal
 website. Please do a quick google search about the university name in case you cannot find it in English. If
 you still cannot find the university on TurnaPortal, kindly fill out the form below.
- We highly recommend our students complete their applications a few days before the application deadline to avoid any complications or system errors.

IMPORTANT: Students facing a technical issue on one of these portals are required to fill out this form to notify us about their issues. The OIP team will contact these students to assist them with their inquiries.

Erasmus+ FAO

We have gathered the most frequently asked questions by our students and created a new FAQ document to guide our students through the Erasmus+ application process and further steps. We kindly ask our students to read our FAQ document's application process section before completing their applications. You can find the document on our <u>website</u>.

Partners & Destinations

Students are advised to check KU's <u>Institutional Partner List</u> before their application. Please note that the quota information might change due to partner universities' yearly requests and discussions. We ask our students to take the Quota and Language Proficiency Information on the application start (February 5th) into consideration while deciding on their preferences. The quota & language proficiency (KUEPE) information when the applications open (February 5th) will be valid. Please be careful about the following:

Make sure to select the program type as Erasmus+;

- Read the details on partner institutions' web pages such as Departments/Colleges included, quota, Fact Sheet, Course List, Language and GPA requirements, etc.
- Students with KUEPE scores can only apply to universities where "KUEPE 60" is indicated on the partner pages.
- Please do your research beforehand by checking partner universities' incoming exchange websites and fact sheets as the most important and up-to-date information will be available at those resources. If you have specific questions about partner universities afterwards, you can contact us.
- Please note that you can list up to 6 universities in your preferences while you are making your application. OIP strongly encourages KU students to select more than 1 university during the application process.
- If you have any academic questions related to course equivalency and course transfer procedures, please
 contact your <u>exchange coordinator</u> at your department for more information and academic advising.
 Engineering students are advised to consult their advisors and faculty administrative personnel for course
 planning.

Application Requirements

- The minimum required CGPA is 2.20 for undergraduate and 2.50 for graduate and postgraduate students.
- Students will be able to apply for exchange programs with the following required language scores, even if the language scorecard is expired;
- Koç TOEFL (TOEFL PBT): minimum 550
- TOEFL IBT: minimum 80
- **IELTS:** minimum 6.5
- **KUEPE:** minimum 60

Important: Please also note that even though expired language scores are accepted during the application phase, partner universities might require a valid language score to accept the students. We highly recommend our students check partner-specific requirements.

Important note for KUEPE

- Students with KUEPE scores can only be placed in one of the universities where KUEPE 60 is indicated. Students can check partner university webpages and see "KUEPE 60" among the exams listed in the language requirement section.
- <u>If students make any other preferences (by selecting universities not mentioned on the list), those preferences will be invalid and will not be considered in the placement.</u>

In addition to this, Graduate students can apply with the GRE Verbal Reasoning (min. 157 is accepted), and GMAT Verbal Session (min. 35 is accepted). If you have further questions about the language requirements, please visit our website to see the announcement.

Application Documents

- Transcript of Records (Registrar's Office can issue your transcript online and send it to you via e-mail. Please request your transcript on KUSIS and ask the Registrar's Office to send you your transcript. Please upload ALL PAGES of your transcript as <u>one single PDF</u> file. You can also download your transcripts from E-government as a PDF File and upload the document with the official barcode for your application.)
- Language Proficiency Test Score (Students who wish to apply using their KUEPE scores will need to take a screenshot of their KUSIS homepage, where KUEPE scores are shown. If students have any technical issues with screening their KUEPE results on their KUSIS homepage, they must contact the IT department to solve the issue. Students can also contact the Registrar's Office and English Language Center to get their KUEPE results as well.) Students applying with their TOEFL or IELTS scores must submit an official document, screenshots will not be accepted.
- Photo
- Supervision Confirmation Letter for PhD Students (PhD students who would like to conduct research activities during their exchange must provide a confirmation letter to show that their research activities will be supervised at the host institution. PhD students may contact OIP for further information)
- Special Needs Statement & Proving documents (if applicable)
- Substitutive documents for children of the martyr and veteran people (if applicable)
- Substitutive documents for students who are covered by 2828 numbered Social Services Law or 5395 numbered Child **Protection Law (if applicable)**
- Substitutive documents for students affected by earthquakes (If applicable, please see below)

Placement Criteria

- 50% of your CGPA and 50% of your Language Score
- Previous participation in any Erasmus+ program in the same study cycle: -10 points
- Students with special needs receive +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Children of martyrs and veterans receive +15 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Students who are covered by 2828 numbered Social Services Law or 5395 numbered Child Protection Law receive +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Students who want to participate in mobility programs in their birth country receive -10 points.
- Not attending the required orientation/pre-departure orientations organized by OIP in previous Erasmus+ mobility exchange experience will result in a deduction of 5 points.
- Not notifying OIP about the participation after being selected for the program in the previous applications will
 cause -10 points in this round of applications.
- Applying to multiple Erasmus+ programs at the same time will cause in -10 points in one of the programs that students choose.

Important: Students who receive or whose 1st-degree relatives are registered and receive financial aid as disaster victims from The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application. 1st degree relative information will be cross-checked with KUSIS. Students must upload the document in the "**Other**" field in the documents section on KUAPP.

Erasmus+ Grant

The Erasmus+ Study program provides a monthly stipend to students based on the table below. OIP holds the right to determine the students who are eligible and the duration for the grant based on the budget allocated to Koç University.

The budget for the next academic year will be announced by the Turkish National Agency in August and selected students will be notified about the grant allocation after the budget is announced. Students will receive information about their grant allocation results in September. Our office cannot disclose any information about the grants before the announcement by the Turkish National Agency is made. We strongly recommend our students pay attention to this point and make their applications accordingly.

Countries In accordance with Daily Expenses	Host Countries	Monthly Study Mobility Grant (€)	
1st and 2nd Group Program Countries	Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Cyprus, Netherlands, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Greece	600	
3rd Group Program Countries	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Macedonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia	450	

For more Information regarding additional grant opportunities, travel grant and zero grant participation, please visit our <u>website</u>.

Contact Us

Please send an e-mail to outgoing@ku.edu.tr if you have any questions about the program. You can also contact our Outgoing Student Advisors by booking an appointment during their office hours. You can use audio or video call on Micosoft Teams for advising on exchange programs. To book an appointment with our outgoing advisors please click here.

Sincerely,

Office of International Programs