



ERASMUS+ Mobility Grants

Study Visit Abroad Travel Grants for PhD students in Sociology/Philosophy

Call for Applications, AY 2025_2026

Within the EU Erasmus+ mobility framework, GSSR invites students in the first, second, or third year pursuing their PhD in Philosophy or Sociology, to apply for funding toward covering the costs of participation in a Study Visit abroad. The purpose of the Study Visit is to strengthen your doctoral dissertation research, for example by opening access to new research methodology and developments in theory relevant to your research, or by working with a faculty abroad with expertise in your field of study, among others.

Grants will be awarded on competitive basis for stays lasting from five days to up to two months, excluding travel days. Funds can be used toward covering travel expenses, visa and living costs while abroad.

Mobility grants are only available for study visits at institutions with which IFiS PAN has signed an Inter-institutional Agreement. A **list of these institutions** is available at the end of this document. Dr Fells will provide information about how grant amounts vary depending on the country you go to, and how long you plan to stay.

It is possible to close Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements with HEIs outside Poland in addition to those shown on the list. GSSR will assist with this process. As soon as you have identified the foreign HEI for your study visit, please contact Dr. John Fells, who will initiate institutional negotiations. The likelihood of securing a new agreement is greater if a faculty member at the HEI abroad provides a Letter of Support for your study visit, and, more generally, for the closing of a collaboration agreement with IFiS on student mobility within Erasmus+.

IFiS partner institutions abroad **set their own deadlines** for Erasmus+ applications. For some universities, the deadlines for application for study visits in the first semester of the 2025-26 will be about to pass or will have already passed. **If you are planning a study visit in the first semester of the academic year 2025-26, you should check host institutions' application deadlines as soon as possible.**

Dr. John Fells is available (office hours: room 258 Monday 11:00-15:00, Thursday 13:00-15:00) to explain the ERASMUS+ competition procedure. You can set up an appointment via email (john.fells@gssr.edu.pl).

Eligibility requirements:

If you are a doctoral student at GSSR and pursuing your degree in Sociology or Philosophy, you are eligible to apply for the Erasmus+ study visit abroad grants, irrespective of what year of study you are in. Students of all nationalities qualify to apply.

To apply, please submit the following documents:

- Completed Application form (see p. 3)
- Rationale for study visit abroad (750-1000 words). Please discuss (i) the purpose of your Study Visit abroad, including the type of activities you plan to do undertake; (ii) why and how these activities will enhance your doctoral research and academic skills; and (iii) what makes the foreign HEI/research institution that you selected the best choice for your study visit.
- Academic CV
- The Opinion of your supervisor on how participation in this study visit benefits your doctoral research.

Optional, but would benefit the grading of the application: Letter in support of your study visit from a PhD (faculty, researcher) at the HEI abroad.

The deadline for Applications is **May 23 , 2025**. Please send in your Application package via email to Dr. John Fells, Erasmus Coordinator (john.fells@gssr.edu.pl).

You will receive an email notification about the outcome of your application by May 30.

Funding decisions

A Commission appointed by the Director of GSSR makes funding decisions, based on the submitted application. Please note that the Commission may request additional information or documents.

Receiving the Erasmus+ mobility abroad grant is contingent upon a signed Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement between IFiS and the HEI that you plan to visit. If an Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement has not been signed by May 23 (when the GSSR Call closes), and your application is otherwise acceptable for funding, your application will be put on hold until the agreement between IFiS and the HEI abroad is signed. Until this agreement is signed, no additional document confirming formal arrangements about details of your visit (what courses you take, etc.) can be signed with the HEI abroad. Without these two signed documents, no funding can be allocated to you even if your application was favorably rated.

Successful applicants must provide ERASMUS, via GSSR, specific documentation related to the outcome of their international mobility, including:

- Signed grant contract (prepared by GSSR before departure).
- Signed certificate of participation from the HEI abroad that hosted your visit (you will submit this to GSSR within 15 working days upon returning from your teaching stay abroad).

An online final participation report – Erasmus will send you an email prompt about completing the report.

For any questions about the Erasmus+ student mobility grant, please contact John Fells.

GSSR currently has agreements for student mobility with the following:

For Philosophy

Bogazici University (Turkey), boun.edu.tr
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Bulgaria), bas.bg
University of Ljubljana (Slovenia). uni-lj.si
Universita degli Studi di Firenze (Italy), unifi.it/en
Universiteit Leiden (Netherlands), leidenuniv.nl
Bursa Uludag University (Turkey), uludag.edu.tr

For Sociology

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Bulgaria), bas.bg
Central European University (Austria), ceu.edu
Marmara University (Turkey), marmara.edu.tr
Masaryk University(Czech Republik) Muni.cz
Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic), upol.cz
Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa (Italy) sns.it
University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), uni-lj.si
Technologiko Panepistimio Kyprou (Cyprus) , cut.ac.cy
University of Cyprus, (Cyprus), ucy.ac.cy

Application Form: ERASMUS+ Mobility Grants

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Academic discipline

Title of PhD thesis:

Purpose of the Study Visit:

Host Institution:

Planned dates and location of the Study Visit:

Language of Instruction during Study Visit:

Your proficiency in the language of instruction, if different than English:

Contact Person at the Host Institution: