



UNITA – UNIVERSITAS MONTIUM ERASMUS BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

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Introduction

The European Alliance "UNITA - Universitas Montium", in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme "European Universities" Key Action 2 "Alliances for Knowledge", involve the University of Turin and eleven Partner Universities:

- [Universidade da Beira Interior \(Portogallo\)](#)
- [Universidad de Zaragoza \(Spagna\)](#)
- [Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour \(Francia\)](#)
- [Université Savoie Mont Blanc \(Francia\)](#)
- [Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara West \(Romania\)](#)
- [Politécnico da Guarda \(Portogallo\)](#)
- [Università degli Studi Brescia \(Italia\)](#)
- [Universidad Pública de Navarra \(Spagna\)](#)
- [Universitatea Transilvania din Brasov \(Romania\)](#)
- [Haute école spécialisée de Suisse occidentale \(Svizzera\)](#)
- [Chernivtsi National University \(Ucraina\)](#)

The "UNITA - Universitas Montium" alliance is committed in involving teachers, students and administrative staff in a participatory process aimed at:

- ✓ innovating teaching and didactics, including digitalisation;
- ✓ creating an international virtual campus;



- ✓ promoting research and innovation on renewable energy, cultural heritage, circular economy and bio-economy;
- ✓ promoting multilingualism through intercomprehension between Romance languages;
- ✓ promoting European citizenship in cross border regions and in rural and mountain areas;
- ✓ promoting inclusion through the active use of related languages.

In order to pursue the innovative objectives of the Erasmus+ 2021-2027¹ programme and of the UNITA Alliance, the University of Turin promotes and finances mobility within the Erasmus **Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)**.

The **Erasmus Blended Intensive Program (BIP)** is a new type of short intensive mobility which allows for an internationalization experience **combining short physical mobility with a compulsory virtual component**.

ART. 1 – AIMS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The Erasmus BIPs envisaged in this Call aim to bring together groups of students from at least three universities belonging to the "**UNITA - Universitas montium**" alliance who will undertake a training course consisting of:

- **Online mobility:** online activities with lecturers and students from international universities to benefit from an educational programme.
It is a **compulsory activity** within the BIP programme for which no financial contribution is provided.
The period of the activity and its duration are defined within each BIP, based on the learning objectives of the proposed activity.
- **Short physical mobility:** carried out at one of the five partner universities of the Alliance depending on the BIP project chosen at the application stage.
This mobility component envisages the allocation of **specific financial contributions** in accordance with Article 5 of this Call.
The duration varies **from 5 days to 30 days**.

According to the Erasmus+ Programme, a BIP course is eligible if all the following terms are met:

¹ More information on the Erasmus+ programme is available at:

- European Commission: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm
- Erasmus Plus National Agency INDIRE: <http://www.erasmusplus.it/>



- **A minimum of 3 ECTS** at the end of the BIP must be awarded by the Host Institution and **recognised in students' career plan**;
- A minimum duration of the mobility abroad of at least **5 days**.

ART. 2 – DESTINATIONS, PROGRAMMES AND AIMS OF UNITA ERASMUS BIPS

The list of UNITA BIP mobilities for which it is possible to apply is detailed in **Annex 1 - List of UNITA BIP destinations and requirements**, published on the University website, at <https://en.unito.it/international-relations/unita-universitas-montium/unita-erasmus-blended-intensive>.

All the BIPs that will be completed by 31/07/2024 (including the virtual component) will be financed from Erasmus+ funds related to CALL 2022. Otherwise, BIPs that will be concluded from 01/08/2024 will be financed from Erasmus+ funds related to CALL 2023.

ART. 3 – PRE-REQUISITES

In order to qualify for BIP mobility for this Call, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 3.1- EU requirements under the Erasmus+ programme;
- 3.2 - requirements of the University of Turin;
- 3.3 - specific requirements for each BIP.

These requirements are detailed below.

ART 3.1 – EU PRE-REQUISITES

Before applying for the UNITA BIP Call, candidates must check that they have enough Erasmus mobility days available, to be able to carry out the short-term physical mobility envisaged by the BIP they are applying for.

The maximum number of Erasmus mobility days available for each study cycle is detailed below:

- First cycle (Bachelor's Degree): 12 months (360 days)
- Second cycle (Master's Degree, first level specialising course): 12 months (360 days)
- Single cycle Degree: 24 months (720 days)
- Third cycle (PhD, specialisation or second level specialising course): 12 months (360 days)

It is further specified that:



- **Any Erasmus mobility periods carried out online** from the academic year 2020/2021 onwards while candidates are in their normal country of residence **will not be counted** when calculating the Erasmus mobility days available per study cycle.
- Students can do **one or more Erasmus Mobility periods** in presence abroad (*study, traineeship or BIP*) in the same academic year, **but not simultaneously**.
- Online Mobility covered by this Call is, however, **compatible with other international Mobility programmes** (including Erasmus).

ART 3.2 – PRE-REQUISITES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Full and part-time **students regularly enrolled on a first, second/single cycle or third cycle study course** at the University of Turin can participate in the Erasmus+ UNITA BIP programme.

In order to participate, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- be a **student** regularly enrolled at the University of Turin **for the entire duration of the BIP period**, until both physical and online Mobility have finished and the credit recognition procedure relating to BIP has been concluded;
- for students enrolled on a first, second/single cycle, have in **the career plan activities** to be carried out for a number of credits **consistent with the credits provided for by the BIP**, in order to be able to recognise the activity carried out at the end of the BIP mobility. The recognition is mandatory. Upon approval by the course of study, the candidate can include in the career plan teaching activities that are not counted towards their final degree (so-called "supernumerary exams").

Failure to meet the requirements listed in Article 3.2 may result in exclusion from the BIP mobility.

ART 3.3 – LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ERASMUS UNITA BIP

Admission to the BIP is only possible if the candidate **meets the language requirements and the specific eligibility requirements** of each Erasmus UNITA BIP, as listed in **Annex 1 - List of destinations and BIP Erasmus UNITA requirements** of this Call.

Students who **have already carried out a BIP mobility** in previous editions of the Erasmus+ UNITA BIP Call **may only apply** under this Call **for BIPs whose content are different** from the one(s) already carried out. Applications from those who apply for a BIP with the same content as BIPs already carried out in previous editions will **not be considered valid**.

During the application process, students must ensure that they **meet the requirements** listed in Annex 1.



Failure to meet the requirements listed in Annex 1 may result in non-acceptance by the host university and consequent cancellation of the BIP mobility.

ART. 4 - RECOGNITION OF THE EXPERIENCE

The activity carried out in the framework of UNITA BIP must be recognised within the academic career at UniTO. In this regard, the **recognition** of the activities carried out during the BIP Erasmus UNITA mobility must **be agreed** in advance with the Coordinator of the candidate's course of studies before the completion of the form "**Learning Agreement for Studies**", in compliance with regulations and student records and/or PhD School.

For the purposes of recognition, it is necessary:

- to check, since the application stage, the possibility of including in the career plan at UniTO the activity for which the recognition will be requested, considering that it is possible to request the recognition of:
 1. **Curricular exams** of the student's career plan, if it is coherent in terms of ECTS and scientific area with the course within the BIP mobility.
 2. **Optional activities** under TAF F (e.g. "other activities", "training abroad", "laboratory", etc.) that do not imply the assignment of a grade, but can be recognised by simply passing the activity. It may be associated with a positive evaluation.
 3. Credits for **Blended Intensive Programme** - in the context of TAF D activities that can be selected by students who have in their career plan the option of including "free-choice activities";
 4. **Supernumerary exams** (outside the study plan): if the maximum number of free credits foreseen by the course degree is reached, in accordance with the "Student Career Regulations", students may recognize the BIP with any activity offered by the University of Turin that is consistent in terms of number of credits with the chosen BIP. This type of activity will not be included in the final career average grade.

Detailed information on the options for recognising BIP activities in careers is available in the **FAQ - Learning Agreement** document published on the University website.

- submit at the end of the mobility to unita.students@unito.it **the documentation attesting the activity carried out** (document entitled "After the mobility/Transcript of records" containing the learning outcomes and the dates of the physical mobility period certified by the partner university).

ART. 5 – ERASMUS UNITA BIP MOBILITY FUNDING

ARTICLE 5.1 - COMPOSITION OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND DEFINITION OF FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

Two types of funding are available in support of those applying for UNITA BIP physical mobility:

1. **individual support** available to all students performing physical mobility;
2. **travel contribution** to reach and return from the destination where the BIP takes place in favor of students who undertake a **green travel** or in favor of students with fewer opportunities.

This funding is available to all students admitted to one of the UNITA BIPs who **complete physical and online mobility**.

The funding amount depends on how long the physical mobility lasts and on the type of journey undertaken.

Students with fewer opportunities are eligible for additional funding to integrate the individual amount available if they meet one or more of the following conditions:

- ISEE value between **0 and 26.306,25 Euro**;
- specific disability of 50% or more;
- refugee or have subsidiary protection status;
- care leaver status (Art. 1, paragraph 250, Law No. 205 of 2017);
- recipient of Italian Government scholarships;
- disability pension holders' children, war orphans and those persons injured and disabled at war, work or while in service and their children (on the basis of what is defined in the Fees and Contributions Regulations a.y. 2022/23).

The University of Turin will ascertain the actual fulfillment of one or more of the above conditions through the data resulting from the student's career.

For the purposes of this Call, students should be aware that only **ISEE and/or ISEE Equivalent or GDP per capita PPA values in University records for a.y. 2023/2024** will be taken into account, based on the Fees and Contributions Regulation a.a. 2023/2024. If the University does not have access to this information, no ISEE and/or ISEE Equivalent or GDP per capita PPA will be considered.



ARTICLE 5.2 - MOBILITY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION: COMPOSITION

Students who complete the UNITA BIP mobility receive the following grants on the basis of physical mobility days completed within the BIP:

1. Standard Travel Grant:

The amount of this contribution, which is paid on a daily basis, varies according to the **number of days of physical mobility** actually carried out and provided for by the BIP in which the student participates. The daily amount is detailed in **Table 1**:

Table 1: Financial contribution for mobility within the UNITA BIP			
Beneficiaries	Type of funding	Extra requirements	Total funding
Students who carry out a BIP Erasmus UNITA Call 2022	Individual support	N.A.	From 1st to 14th day of Mobility: 70 euro daily
			From 15th to 3th day of mobility: 50 euro daily
Students who carry out a BIP Erasmus UNITA Call 2023	Individual support	N.A.	From 1st to 14th day of Mobility: 79 euro daily
			From 15th to 3th day of mobility: 56 euro daily

The individual support detailed in **Table 1** may also cover one day of travel before and one day of travel after the mobility, if necessary to reach the destination.

2. Possible 'TOP UP' contribution for Green travel

It is a supplementary travel grant for students who undertake a journey by **environmentally friendly means of transport** (bicycle, bus, train, car shared with other students) to reach the physical mobility destination of their BIP Erasmus UNITA.

This contribution is provided for distances up to 4,000 km and consists of:

- ✓ a one-time travel contribution of **Euro 50.00**;
- ✓ a possible additional daily contribution of individual support (according to the amounts in **Table 1**) for green journeys up to a **maximum of six total travel days**, if necessary to reach the destination (up to three days outward and three days return).

The TOP-UP contribution for green travel:

- ✓ will be **paid at the end of the UNITA BIP mobility performed**;
- ✓ will be **paid upon presentation of proof of expenses** incurred proving the actual **green** journey and the time needed to reach the destination.

- ✓ **journeys by mixed**, green and non-green, means of transportation, will only be recognised if the **green** component of the journey is greater than the non-green component.

ART. 5.3 - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR STUDENTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

Students with fewer opportunities - as defined in Article 5.1 of this Call - receive the following supplementary amounts:

1. **'TOP-UP' support in addition to individual support**

This is a one-time amount provided in support of UNITA BIP mobility for students with fewer opportunities (As defined in Art. 5.1).

The amount of this one-time contribution varies depending on **the number of actual physical mobility days** provided by the UNITA BIP in which the student participates.

The amount is detailed in **Table 2**:

Table 2: Supplementary "TOP-UP" support for mobility within the UNITA BIP	
Beneficiaries	Total funding
Students with fewer opportunities	From 1st day to 14th day of mobility: 100 euro one-off
	From 15th to 30th day of mobility: 150 euro one-off

2. **Travel support**

The University of Turin provides specific travel support grants to students with fewer opportunities who undertake UNITA BIP mobility.

The different types of travel contribution detailed in **Table 3** are accessible **on an exclusive, non-cumulative basis**, in consideration of the requirements for each type of travel contribution.

Table 3: Travel support for mobility undertaken within the UNITA BIP by students with fewer opportunities

Requirements of beneficiaries	Kilometre range	In the case of standard travel	In case of green travel
Students with fewer opportunities undertaking UNITA BIP mobility.	From 10 to 99 KM	23 euro	////////
	From 100 to 499 KM	180 euro	210 euro
	From 500 to 1999 KM	275 euro	320 euro
	From 2000 to 2999 KM	360 euro	410 euro
	From 3000 to 3999 KM	530 euro	610 euro
	From 4000 to 7999 KM	820 euro	////////
	8000 KM and more	1.500 euro	////////

Students with fewer opportunities who opt for **green travel** (by bicycle, bus, train, car shared with other students) will receive an additional daily contribution of individual support (according to the amounts in **Table 1**) for green trips up to a maximum of **six total travel days, if necessary to reach the destination** (up to three days outward and three days return).

The contribution for **Green travel**:

- ✓ will be paid at the end of the UNITA BIP mobility performed;
- ✓ will be paid upon presentation of **proof of expenses paid** proving the actual **green** travel and the time needed to reach the destination.
- ✓ in case of **journeys by mixed**, green and non-green means of transportation, will only be recognised if the **green** component of the journey is greater than the non-green component.

ART. 5.4 – HOW AND WHEN FUNDING IS PAID

Funding is only available once the successful candidate accepts the **individual Mobility agreement** which will specify how and when funding is paid. The agreement will specify when and how the contribution will be granted.



In case of individual mobility agreements signed at least 60 days before the beginning of physical mobility and according to the deadlines:

Funding received may be subject to total or partial **mandatory refund**. In fact, the **daily individual support** and any **TOP-UP** and **Travel Grant Standard** must be totally refunded if:

- the student abandons the UNITA BIP mobility (physical and/or online);
- failure to comply with the compulsory minimum period of mobility abroad of 5 days;
- non-inclusion in the career plan and consequent non-recognition of the BIP Erasmus UNITA within the academic career at UniTo;
- the University of Turin and/or partner University cancels the student's mobility.

The mobility grant in this Call is:

- **COMPATIBLE** with other scholarships and/or grants from other funding bodies and/or scholarship providers. The UNITA BIP grant recipient must, however, check with the other funding body whether the Erasmus grant is compatible with any other funding applied for/received. The UNITA and International Mobility Office does not have this information.
- **INCOMPATIBLE** with additional EU funds received for the same purpose, such as supporting the period of international Mobility (See also Art. 3.1 - EU pre-requisites).

ART. 6 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

Students must apply within the time limits of the UNITA BIP application window which are detailed in **Annex 1 - List of UNITA BIP destinations and requirements**.

By participating in this Call for proposals, candidates declare that they:

1. have read all articles in this Call;
2. accept all conditions set out therein;
3. meet the requirements listed in Art. 3 of the Call.

Students must attach the following documents to their application:

- **The list of exams taken of the current career** and, for students on Cycle II/Single cycle (“Laurea Magistrale”) or III (PhD), also of the career already completed.
NOTE. For those who have completed their entire career at UniTO, the document can be downloaded from the personal MyUnito page under "Career - Self-certification of enrolment and matriculation with exams". To download the document relating to careers which have already been completed, it is necessary to select the relevant career through the item "View other careers".

- If possessed, **language certificates** coherent with the language required to participate in the BIP. Applicants who have not a language certificate must indicate in the “Additional statements” field their language knowledge as required by the chosen BIP.

The application form must be **submitted online**. Students must use their credentials to login to their personal page on MyUnito and select from the "Enrolments" menu the section "International Mobility Call" and the title “BIP Call 2023”.

Instructions on how to fill in the form are available on the University website in the page [UNITA Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme](#).

Students should be aware that:

- **only one BIP** can be selected under this Call;
- **incomplete applications will not be considered**, nor will documents received after the application deadline or if they do not meet the application criteria set out above;
- there is no charge to apply for this Call.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

- Applications are only considered complete once students have confirmed the registration in the Call and printed out the final PDF of the online application form.
- Students must keep a copy of the registration receipt.
- Printing a draft of the application form is NOT valid for registering for this Call.

Students should write to unita.students@unito.it if they have technical problems when filling in the application. Please note that the online application enquiry service is available from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. every weekday, except for holidays.

Before applying to this Call, candidates should read the documents published on the University website on the following page: [Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme in UNITA](#).

Art. 7 – SELECTION AND SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be selected based on candidates' overall marks.

The overall score can reach a **maximum value of 100 points** and will be calculated by adding:

- Up to 70 points for ACADEMIC MERIT (ITEM A)
- Up to 10 points for ADDITIONAL SCORE (ITEM B)
- Up to 20 points for consistency of the BIP with the candidate's study curriculum

In the event of a tied overall score, priority will be given to the candidate with more years of enrolment at UniTO in the prescribed time and, secondarily, to the candidate with the youngest age.

The evaluation committee may assess as **non-ELIGIBLE** students who apply for a BIP that is not consistent with their course of study (on the basis of the Transcript of records submitted) and who do not demonstrate that they meet the requirements for participation in the BIP.

ART. 7.1 - CALCULATING MERIT POINTS - ITEM A

Merit points will be calculated for a maximum of **70 points** considering the student's enrolment status:

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE FIRST OR SECOND CYCLE OF STUDIES (Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, Single-Cycle Master's Degree)

Merit points will be calculated:

- based on what is registered in the student's record on a specific date. Such date can be found in each UNITA BIP in Annex 1.
- by applying the following formula:

Item A= A1+ A2 where

A1. is the weighted average mark: a maximum of **35 points** will be awarded in proportion to the weighted average, on a scale where maximum and minimum values are:

- Average value of 30/30 = 35 points
- Average value of 18/30 = 0 points

according to the formula:

$$A1 = \frac{(\text{weighted average} - 18)}{(30 - 18)} \times 35$$

A2. is the evaluation of university credits (ECTS) acquired: a maximum of **35 points** will be awarded in proportion to the number of credits acquired compared to the maximum number of credits considered based on enrolment year, according to:

Enrolment year	Maximum number of credits
1st year	20
2nd year	80
3rd year	140
4th year	200
5th year	260
6th year	320

If the calculated value **A2** exceeds 35, A2 = 35 is set.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE THIRD CYCLE OF STUDIES (PhD)

Merit scores will only be based on the previous degree grade, awarding up to a maximum of **70 points** in proportion to the degree grade on a scale where maximum and minimum values are:

- Degree with Honours = 70 points
- Degree score equal to or less than 70 = 0 points

according to the formula:

$$A = \frac{(\text{Degree grade} - 70) \times 70}{43}$$

where *Degree grade* = 113 equals 110 with honours.

Where PhD students hold a foreign qualification, an A = 70 mark will be awarded regardless of their degree.

ART. 7.2- CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL SCORE- ITEM B (FEWER OPPORTUNITIES AND/OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED SITUATIONS)

Up to a maximum of 10 extra points can be awarded in order to enhance greater inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities and/or with disadvantaged economic situations.

The additional score (Item B) will be awarded based on one of the following criteria:

- **10 points** to all **students with fewer opportunities** as defined in this Call Art. 5.1;

- score up to a maximum of 5 points based on **ISEE and/or ISEE equivalent value or GDP per capita PPP** as per University records, according to:

ISEE VALUE	EXTRA SCORE
26,306.25 < ISEE ≤ 30,000	5 points
30,001 < ISEE ≤ 40,000	2 points
ISEE > 40,001 or NO ISEE	0 points

ART. 7.3- CALCULATION OF THE SCORE FOR CONSISTENCY OF THE BIP WITH THE CURRICULUM

The evaluation committee will award **up to 20 points** based on the consistency of the chosen BIP with the candidate's **study curriculum** and the linguistic and specific **requirements** of the host university – determined as follows:

- **Up to 10 points** for the coherence of the chosen BIP with the candidate's study curriculum;
- **10 points** if the applicant submits a language certificate consistent with the language level required by the chosen BIP;
- **5 points** if the applicant declares that he/she has the linguistic competence required by the chosen BIP;
- **0 points** if the candidate does not declare the language competence or does not submit the language certificate required by the chosen BIP.

For this purpose, when applying, students are required to indicate in the **Additional Statements** ("Dichiarazioni aggiuntive") field of the online application form a brief description of any relevant skills that do not appear in the submitted Transcript of records (list of exams taken). In addition, students who do not have a language certificate must indicate in the same field that **they know the language required by the BIP** for which they are applying.

ART. 8 – EVALUATION COMMITTEE, RANKINGS AND ACCEPTING ERASMUS UNITA BIP

Specially appointed assessment Commissions will draw up eligible student lists based on each candidate's score.

These lists will be published on the University website here:



<https://en.unito.it/international-relations/unita-universitas-montium/unita-erasmus-blended-intensive>

Selected candidates must **accept/refuse** mobility **within 5 days after the eligible student list is published**, following the instructions that will be duly communicated. Successful candidates who do not confirm their acceptance before the set deadlines will be automatically excluded from the list and considered by this Call as having refused.

Unfilled places due to students not accepting or refusing the UNITA BIP mobility scheme will become available and consequently the Commission will move up the eligible candidate list within 15 days from the BIP period. In this case, the new eligible candidates will replace selected students not accepting the BIP and receive an e-mail at their university address.

Students should be aware, however, that BIP Mobility can only start once the Partner University has accepted, in accordance with this Call Annex 1 requirements and Host University administrative admission procedures.

ART. 9 – RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The University of Turin has been awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) for 2021-2027 - Project: 101015156 - UNITO_ECHE_2021-2027 as communicated in Ref. Ares (2020) 7873964 dated 22/12/2020 from the Executive Agency in Brussels.

UNITA BIP Mobility referred to in this Call falls under the Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme which is governed by the:

- [Regulation \(EU\) No 2021/817 of the European Parliament and Council 20 May 2021;](#)
- [Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027 Guide.](#)

This Call is available on the University portal here:

<https://en.unito.it/international-relations/unita-universitas-montium/unita-erasmus-blended-intensive> as well as on the University notice board.

The University of Turin will follow provisions in accordance with **Annex II "Privacy Policy"** as per General Regulation 679/2016 Article 13 when processing personal data.