Erasmus + International Credit Mobility Programme (2016-2018)

Call for applications – INCOMING doctoral mobilities - USA

Context

The Erasmus+ programme, funded by the European Union and covering the fields of education, training, youth, and sports, has launched a call for proposals for International Credit Mobility 2016, which aims to support international mobility for students, academic and administrative staff between countries in the Erasmus+ programme (European countries) and Erasmus+ partner countries (countries outside Europe). More information: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

As part of this programme, the University of Bordeaux has been selected to receive European funding to organise mobilities in partnership with the University of Cincinnati in order to encourage the cooperation developed over the past years in various domains.

This call is aimed at supporting incoming doctoral mobility with the objective of:

- Encouraging young researchers to experience different scientific and cultural spaces and to promote an international outlook in their career plan, preparing them to high-level careers through initiatives which reinforce, promote and capitalize on their skills,
- Developing scientific cooperation between scientific teams at the University of Bordeaux and the universities targeted in the programme and to thereby encourage the creation of international research networks

1 scholarship of 6 months is available for a stay at the university of Bordeaux (which must be completed in one uninterrupted period)* for students coming from the following institution(s) (hereinafter referred as to home university):
- Université of Cincinnati

The programme is open to all disciplines. For applications of the same quality, priority will be given to candidates applying for one of the listed priority subjects:
- Chemistry
- Engineering

The mobility project must be completed in line with the student’s planned career path. It must demonstrate close integration with the host team, and present prospects for scientific collaboration between the two teams supervising the student beyond the thesis project. The student will also have to follow specific training (seminars, workshops, courses) to develop and strengthen scientific and transversal skills. The training and research plan will be validated through the learning agreement.

Projects limited to pure research, including field research and bibliographical research are ineligible.

Any project completed within a double degree contract (cotutelle) is eligible. In such case, the mobility must take place within the schedule set out in the double degree contract.

* Note: Although the MIC Erasmus+ grant provides support up to 6 months, the project may cover a longer period.
Eligibility criteria
- Be registered as a student at the home university
- Be available for a mobility period at the university of Bordeaux between 01/03/2017 and 31/07/2018
- Obtain authorization to access the host laboratory. NB: it is the responsibility of the candidate and his/her local supervisor to check the entry conditions for France and to obtain a residency permit. They will receive support from the University of Bordeaux’s Welcoming Office for International Researchers during this process.

Selection criteria
- Candidate’s scientific excellence,
- Relevance of the mobility project in the candidate’s scientific and career plan,
- Nature of the partnership between the home institution of the candidate and the host laboratory,
- The level of language required by the host laboratory (the candidate must ensure that they meet these conditions with the host scientific team).

How to submit applications

› Application file

The application file must include the following documents in French or in English:
- The detailed mobility project including a description of research objectives, the schedule of activities to be completed (research, seminars, scientific workshops, transversal skills training, preparation to the future career...) and a letter of motivation explaining the purpose of the project and how it fits into the student’s future career plan.
- CV,
- A letter of support from the thesis supervisor at the home university
- A letter of support from the host laboratory at the university of Bordeaux signed by the student local supervisor and the Head of the laboratory, which must also confirm the mobility dates,
- A copy of the certificate of enrolment for the current academic year at the home university

› Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically at the home university to anne.fugard@uc.edu

Submission will be approved, only if all the requested items are provided by the given deadline and in pdf format. Only complete applications will be considered for the selection process.

› Selection Procedure

The selection procedure consists in two stages:

1. Pre-selection by the home university

Pre-selection will be made by a committee composed of the international relations coordinator and the educational coordinator of the candidate’s field, according to criteria based on the candidate’s academic level, motivation, and language level.

The committee will submit a proposed ranking (without tied candidates) to the International Relations Department at the University of Bordeaux.
2. Definitive selection by the university of Bordeaux:

Definitive selection will be made by the university of Bordeaux’s selection committee, which will determine the ranking of applicants according to the programme criteria and the university of Bordeaux’s partnership strategy with the home university.

The university of Bordeaux’s selection committee is composed of:
- the Director of the Doctoral College, or his/her representative
- the Vice-President in charge of International Relations, or his/her representative
- the Director of International Relations, or his/her representative

Results

The results will be sent individually by email to each applicant and their host laboratory by the university of Bordeaux. The university of Bordeaux will inform the home university of the results. The university of Bordeaux reserves the right to publish on its website the names of the selected candidates, home university and host laboratory.

Information about the grant

Amount

The grant provides a monthly amount of €850 for the agreed duration, and travel costs calculated according to the scale given by the EC:

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NB: The “travel distance” corresponds to the distance calculated between the place of departure and place of arrival, the recipient is required to use the distance calculator provided by the EC [http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/distance_fr.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/distance_fr.htm) while the “amount” covers payment for the outbound and return journeys.

Payment methods

The programme’s funds are managed by the university of Bordeaux’s International Relations Department.

The total grant will be paid in two instalments:
- When the student arrives at the university of Bordeaux: the student must sign the Erasmus+ contract and send the proof of attendance along with a copy of the outgoing travel ticket. These documents are required to enable payment of the 1st part of the grant (70%) and the travel allowance.
- Upon return: the 2nd part of the grant 30% will be paid upon receipt of the Erasmus+ evaluation survey, the mobility activity report and a copy of the return travel ticket.
Statement requirement

Papers and communications produced in the context of this exchange must acknowledge the support provided with the following statement: “This project was financed with the support of the European Commission as part of the 2016-2018 Erasmus + International Credit Mobility Programme with the university of Bordeaux”.

Universities’ commitment

Before the mobility

- Learning contract

In order to validate the mobility, the home university and the selected student(s) will establish a learning agreement (on the basis of the model proposed by the EC), in accordance with the thesis project which will list all agreed activities (research, seminars, scientific workshops, transversal skills training, preparation to the future career...). The scientific supervisor of the host laboratory at the university of Bordeaux will participate remotely by preparing the learning agreement and validating it with the relevant services.

- Double degree contracts or collaboration contracts

Students enrolled on double degree programme with the university of Bordeaux must ensure that the double degree contract is signed by the relevant departments of the university of Bordeaux and the home university before they leave.

For students who are not part of a double degree programme with the university of Bordeaux (not enrolled at UBx), the university of Bordeaux will propose a collaboration contract to the home university which must be signed before the PhD student arrives. The collaboration contract must define the conditions governing the stay at the university of Bordeaux and the scope of the research project (expected results, intellectual property, etc.).

- Preparing for the arrival

The university of Bordeaux’s Welcome Office for International Researchers will send selected students information on administrative procedures and daily life (visa/residency permit, accommodation, banking etc.).

During the mobility

The student will be welcomed by the university of Bordeaux’s Welcome Office for International Researchers, which will follow-up all matters concerning administration procedures and daily life in close collaboration with the host laboratory. Special support for disable students is ensured by the “Handicapped Artists, Sportspersons, and Students” service.
After the mobility

At the end of the mobility, a mandatory experience evaluation survey (on the practical and educational aspects) will be sent to the student by email in order to get his/her feedback on the mobility and in order to improve the management and organisation of the programme.

The student must also produce a mobility report on all activities conducted during the mobility. The survey and mobility report are required in order to receive the second part of the grant.

The student agrees to promote the university of Bordeaux brand upon return to his/her home institution and to encourage student mobility.

About the university of Bordeaux

The university of Bordeaux is among the top universities in France thanks to the quality of its training programmes and research. With the label “Campus of Excellence” and benefiting from a large grant from the French government since 2011, this international, multidiscipline, research-oriented university is coordinating the Excellence Initiative “IdEx Bordeaux”. Featuring among the 3 French universities selected by the government for this programme in 2016, the university of Bordeaux continues to develop and implement innovative training programmes, supporting research and the spread of knowledge in various fields of excellence, in partnership with local and national partners. The University of Bordeaux has 53,000 students, of which 6,200 are foreign students. The university employs approximately 5,600 people, including 4,000 teacher-researchers.

Educational programmes are organised around four (4) scientific domains:
- Science and Technology
- Law, Political Sciences, Economics, Management
- Life and Health Sciences
- Social and Human Sciences

Research is organised around three main departments:
- Science and Technology
- Life and Health Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities

To get an idea of the living costs in Bordeaux: http://www.u-bordeaux.fr/International/Venir-a-Bordeaux/Etudiants-etrangers/Informations-pratiques/Vivre-a-Bordeaux

More information is available on the university of Bordeaux’s website: www.u-bordeaux.com

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<td>Friday, March 10, 2017</td>
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<td>Deadline to communicate results of the pre-selection process by the home university to the university of Bordeaux:</td>
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<td>April 2017</td>
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<td>Period of eligibility for mobilities:</td>
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For all questions concerning applications:

Contact at the home university: anne.fugard@uc.edu