



International Credit Mobility (ICM) – Call 2026

If you are interested in applying for the ICM call 2026, be prepared to send in your [Expression of Interest](#) by 19 November 2025 to EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl for the internal pre-selection.

Please contact us to discuss your options and for feedback on your project design.

What is ICM?

The European Erasmus+ programme 'International Credit Mobility' (ICM) enables BA/MA student, PhD and staff exchanges between European universities and universities outside the European Union by means of individual scholarships and travel allowances.

The overall goal of the programme is to improve knowledge, competences, and sector specific and personal skills of students and staff members through international exchange projects. The programme is ideal for exploring new partnerships for exchange with universities outside Europe and for enabling student and/or staff mobilities in regions where financial limitations normally restrict exchange possibilities. The ICM programme can also be used as a tool to consolidate already existing academic ties with partners outside Europe. For inspiration and examples of awarded ICM projects to Leiden University, please visit the [Leiden University Erasmus+ web dossier](#).

Projects are submitted on country level, and within each country project, Leiden University can enter into partnerships with multiple universities. Upon granting of the project, the budget is determined and a partnership agreement will be signed between the institutions involved. Note that there can be mobility restrictions attached to certain regions. For more details, please contact EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl.

Types of mobilities

The minimum duration of a **student mobility** period is 2 months, the maximum duration is 12 months. Student mobilities can have the form of study or internship and apply to BA/MA/PhD¹ levels. Students receive a fixed travel allowance based on the distance between the cooperating institutions and a month-based scholarship.

Staff exchanges can be used for teaching and for training purposes. The minimum duration of the mobility period is 5 days and can last up to 2 months. The grant for staff members is composed of a fixed travel support and a per diem allowance. PhD candidates may also be eligible for staff mobility.

¹ Note that PhD candidates from Leiden University are only eligible for outgoing staff mobilities and under the condition that they are appointed with an employment contract; while incoming PhD candidates can come both on staff and student mobility. In case you are planning to include PhD mobilities to your project, you are strongly advised to discuss the possibilities in advance with us.

Who is eligible to apply?

Staff members of Leiden University representing educational and/or research programmes, institutes or faculties can submit a project proposal. Individuals cannot apply for an individual exchange as part of the ICM programme. All fields of study and research are equally eligible. A project application can contain multiple mobility flows (incoming/outgoing, BA/MA/PhD/staff).

Planning

1. You can apply for the internal pre-selection by submitting your [expression of interest](#). This document must be submitted by 19 November 2025 to EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl. Please contact us prior to the submission deadline for a check on eligibility and advice on your project design.
2. The results of the pre-selection* are announced on 5 December 2025.
3. Selected projects must submit their first draft application by 12 January 2026. If your project is selected, you will receive further instructions on the next steps.
4. The final version of the project application must be submitted by 4 February 2026.

*The following criteria are taken into consideration for the internal pre-selection, meaning that projects will be prioritised that:

- are academic-led and aim to enhance curriculum development or introduce new teaching methods,
- seek cooperation with institutions from [Leiden University's focus areas](#) [Sub-Saharan Africa, Northeast Asia (i.e., China, South Korea, and Japan), Southeast Asia (in particular Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines), Latin America, and the Caribbean],
- align with Leiden University's overall [internationalisation strategy](#),
- cooperate with partners that have a strong track record of successful collaborations and/or are highly regarded in their field,
- demonstrate a balanced exchange of students and staff,
- have a plan for long-term sustainability beyond the funding period, including potential for future collaborations or joint programmes.

The final application that contains all selected projects is submitted on behalf of Leiden University by the International Relations Office at Student and Educational Affairs (SEA). The results will be announced by the Dutch National Agency in the Summer of 2026. The duration of each ICM project is 3 years.

Deadlines

These are the internal deadlines for the 2026 call:

1. Submission of expression of interest: 19 November 2025
2. Announcement pre-selection: 5 December 2025
3. Draft application: 12 January 2026
4. Final application: 4 February 2026