

University of Pavia

Call for applications for study periods abroad under the Overseas Exchange Programme

Academic year 2026/27

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The contents of this Call for Proposals may be subject to change following subsequent indications from the University or foreign universities, in particular regarding the procedures necessary for the start and implementation of mobility.

Information

Call for applications, lists of available destinations, application information, information on the mobility period

<https://internazionale.unipv.eu/it/oversease-exchange-programme-studenti-estero/>.

Administrative information and forms

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Academic information and guidance in foreign universities

Coordinators for International Mobility and Referents for Degree Programmes

Names and references are published on the [website](#).

Art. 1 – Introduction

The University of Pavia promotes and encourages the international mobility of its students in non-EU countries through the *Overseas Exchange programme*, providing mobility periods and financial contributions to partially cover the costs associated with carrying out the study experience abroad.

This call defines

- the requirements and procedures for applying for a period of study in one of the partner universities participating in the Overseas Exchange Programme
- the criteria for the selection of candidates and for the allocation of mobility periods
- the methods of acceptance of the assigned periods by the selected students.

The available destination locations and the related academic and language requirements can be consulted on the dedicated [website](#).

Annex I defines

- the requirements for the start of the mobility period
- the characteristics of the mobility period and the types of activities allowed
- the fulfillments and obligations of the selected students¹
- economic contributions to mobility with related allocation criteria

Annex II contains

- recognized international language certifications
- the list of courses of study taught in English at the University of Pavia
- the list of degree programmes with a language requirement for enrolment verified by the University of Pavia.

Art. 2 – Application requirements

EU and non-EU citizens who for the academic year 2025/26 are **regularly enrolled**² in a course of study at the University of Pavia (bachelor's³, master's, single-cycle master's degree) can apply. Applicants must have:

1 Selected students = candidate who has passed the selection and has been assigned a mobility period.

2 They are regularly enrolled for 2025/26 those who have paid university fees and contributions for the academic year 2025/26 and, if not from the EU, are up to date with their residence permit. The candidate can verify the regularity of his/her enrolment through the [Reserved Area](#) (after logging in, select "Registrar's Office" to check for the presence of the green sticker in the "enrolment details" for the academic year 2025/26).

3 Including those who intend to graduate by the academic year 2025/26 and enrol in the master's degree for 2026/27, to carry out mobility in the first year of the master's degree.

- adequate knowledge of the language of the host country, or of the language of instruction in the chosen location (see language requirements required by the host institutions, indicated in the appropriate lists);
- possess any specific requirements required for their own course/area of study or the host university.

Students enrolled in two degree programmes at the same time will be able to associate their application only with the career designated as elective/main. Students enrolled in single courses are not eligible to participate.

Art. 3 – Mobility period

The study period may have an indicative duration of one semester, based on the provisions of the Agreement between the University of Pavia and the host university, and will be linked to the academic calendar of the latter.

The period must be between **1 June 2026 and 30 September 2027**.

If the host institution provides it, it will be possible to carry out part of the mobility period in virtual mode, without physically moving to the country of destination.

Art. 4 – Permitted academic activities

Without prejudice to any limitations provided for by the individual campuses, the following activities are allowed, provided that they are consistent with one's course of study:

- **attendance of university courses with related exams;**
- **activities in preparation of the thesis** (with the exclusion of research activities not specifically included in one's course of study): attendance of courses, bibliographic research, laboratory activities, participation in seminars. Not all host universities accept only thesis research activities. For thesis research, the student must have a supervisor from Pavia at the time of filling in the Learning Agreement, before departure;
- attendance of university courses with related exams and **curricular internship** (combined Mobility). This type of mobility is allowed:
 - Only if the internship is provided for in the student's study plan;
 - Only after agreeing with the host site on the feasibility;
 - Only in addition to attending courses (it is not possible to carry out internship activities only).

Not all universities accept students who only intend to prepare their thesis, without taking courses. It is therefore advisable for interested parties to contact the individual universities directly for more information.

Art. 5 – Host institutions

It is possible to apply only for universities with which the University of Pavia has specific inter-institutional agreements that allow mobility for the area of study to which they belong. The lists of these locations, which can be consulted on the [University website](#), are drawn up with the indication of:

- country;
- number of available places;
- semester(s) in which it is possible to carry out the mobility period;
- disciplinary area in which the carrying out of activities is allowed and any exclusions relating to the courses of study admitted for the location;
- admitted levels of study;
- language requirements and other useful information.

Art. 6 – Submission of the application

In order to apply, it is necessary to fill in and send the online application, with possible upload of language certificates and relevant academic documents, through the Mobility-Online platform, scrupulously following the instructions that will be published on [the University website](#).

Candidates are required to consult this page carefully: the published instructions will be valid as notification to all intents and purposes and will constitute an integral part of the call.

The online application is divided into two parts:

- **Submission of the application**
- **Confirmation of personal data, upload of language certifications**, if available, and other required documents.

The online application is active until 10 February 2026 at 1 P.M.

In the application, the candidate can choose up to **three host Universities** from those available, indicating the order of preference.

For each location, the student must enter a **study plan proposal** indicating the activities he/she intends to carry out abroad and for which he/she wishes to obtain recognition in his/her career at the University of Pavia at the end of the mobility period.

The preferences expressed will be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee for the purpose of assigning the location, based on the position in the ranking.

For the choice of host Universities, the candidate must pay particular attention to the characteristics of each individual institution:

Aspect to check	Description
Subject area	Disciplinary area to which the available universities are associated, which must be compatible with one's course of study . In the case of an application submitted between the bachelor's degree Course and the master's degree

	Course, it is necessary to consider the course of study related to the master's degree.
Admitted level of study	Level of study admitted by the universities for which you intend to apply (I = bachelor's degree; II = master's degree, single-cycle degree).
Academic offer	It is necessary to consult the course catalogue offered by the foreign university on its website to identify the courses compatible with your study plan.
Academic and administrative requirements	Existence of academic and administrative requirements established by the host university (e.g.: deadlines for enrolment at the host university close to and/or prior to the conclusion of the selections of this call, request for additional documentation, etc.).
Language requirements	Language requirements required by the universities for which you intend to apply: language of instruction, language level, and any international language certification (e.g. IELTS). Some institutions with more than one language of instruction restrict enrolment in courses taught in one of these languages to holders of the corresponding language certificate or attestation.

PLEASE NOTE: students are required to carefully check the web pages of foreign universities where the language requirements and the educational offer available for the academic year 2026/27 are specified in detail.

Art. 7 – Selections

Candidates will be selected by one or more special Commissions set up by the Magnificent Rector.

Candidates may only be assigned to the locations for which they are in possession **of the required language proficiency** (by language and level); some Areas may also provide for **additional requirements and selection criteria**.

Language proficiency

To apply for a call for mobility for study abroad, it is mandatory to have the language level required by the host institution. The candidate will be assigned to a location only if he/she meets the minimum language requirement indicated. In the absence of specific requirements from the host institution, it is still necessary to demonstrate a minimum level of A2 in the main language of instruction of the host university (CEFR).

In order to carry out the mobility, the recognition of the language and the level held must also be accepted by the host university.

If the host university specifically requires a specific international language certification (e.g. IELTS), it will be the candidate's responsibility to provide for its achievement within the required timeframe. Certification is usually required already in the nomination phase, which for most locations takes place from April/May and, for some locations, even in advance; failing this, mobility may be denied.

Candidates can demonstrate their language level in the following ways:

Mode	Who it applies to	Recognized level	Documents to attach in the application	Notes
Mother-tongue self-certification	Those who, due to family derivation or linguistic experience, possess native competence in the required language, pursuant to MPI circular no. 5494 of 29/12/1982	C2	Self-certification	Recognition remains subject to acceptance by the assigned location
Enrolment in a degree programme taught entirely in English or with a language requirement for access	Students enrolled in University Degree Programmes taught in English or with a language requirement verified at the entrance (cf. Annex II)	Equal to the level required for access to the Degree Programme	None (ex officio control)	Language centre certification or testing is required for higher requirements or for other languages
International language certifications	In possession of recognized certifications issued from 1 January 2023	The one indicated in the certificate	Copy of certification	Recognition remains subject to acceptance by the assigned location
Certificates from the University Language Centre	In possession of certificates from the University Language Centre relating to tests or extracurricular courses obtained from 1 January 2023	Level certified by the Language Centre	None (ex officio control)	Recognition remains subject to acceptance by the assigned location

Language assessment test organised by the University Language Centre

All candidates who do not meet the language requirements for the indicated locations, as well as those who intend to apply to locations that provide **a different language or a higher language level** than the one they already possess, must take the language assessment test organized by the University Language Centre.

The assessment test is available for the following languages: **French, English, Portuguese, Spanish and German** and is divided into four phases, corresponding to the CEFR levels A2, B1, B2 and C1⁴.

The tests will be done exclusively online between 16 and 18 February 2026.

In order to take the test, you must indicate which languages you wish to take the exam for in the appropriate section of your online application.

At the end of the application, the International Mobility Unit will send the Language Centre the list of registered candidates for each language and the Language Centre will organise the rounds of participation in the test.

The calendar will be published on the Language Centre website, in the "Erasmus+ Language Assessment" section. Shift assignments cannot be changed; therefore, registering for the test involves the commitment to take it on the day and at the time indicated.

The results of the test session will be transmitted directly from the Language Centre to the International Mobility Unit. Those who do not pass the test for at least one language will not be able to be included in the ranking list for the assignment of locations.

Languages not included among those tested by the University Language Centre

Candidates who include in their application **any locations that include languages not included in those tested** (e.g. Greek, Romanian, Polish, Russian, Arabic, etc.), and are not native speakers of these languages, must produce a language certification, which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, proving linguistic competence in these languages, **attaching a copy in the online application**.

Language requirements for locations requiring international certification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS)

If the chosen destination institution requires the possession of an international language certification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS), the possession of this certification at the time of application will be a preferential requirement for the purpose of assigning the location.

However, it is possible to submit the application even in the absence of certification, demonstrating one's linguistic competence according to the methods indicated in the previous points.

In this case, any assignment of the seat will take place subject to obtaining the required certification by the deadline for enrolment established by the host university.

Art. 8 – Calendar of selection tests

Candidates who do not take the scheduled selection tests (language tests, unless exempted, and interview) **will be excluded**.

- **Language tests:** 16 – 18 February 2026.

⁴ The candidate starts from phase A2 and can access the next phase only if the minimum percentage required is reached; otherwise, the system records the level of the phase completed with success as the maximum level achieved.

- **Overseas selections:** 2 – 6 March 2026 (the calendar with the actual dates will be published on the [University website](#) as soon as it is available).

The **publication of the initial rankings**, expected by 3 April 2026, and subsequent updates, will be notified by communication to the University e-mail address of the candidates.

Art. 9 – Rankings

Formation of the ranking list

The **Selection Committee assigns available locations and mobility periods**, in compliance with the **ranking order** and in consideration of the **academic and linguistic suitability** of the candidates.

The University ranking will be formulated in descending order based on the overall score resulting from the sum of the following scores:

max 150 points	max 100 points	Merit score (calculated <i>ex officio</i>)
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	max 50 points	Academic and personal motivation evaluation score (made by the selection committee)

The rankings show the matriculation number of the candidates with their scores and the evaluation obtained: **eligible – not eligible**.

Only candidates who achieve a score **of 20 in the academic and personal motivation assessment are considered suitable and included in the ranking**. Candidates who do not reach this minimum threshold are not considered eligible for the assignment of a mobility period. In the event of "ineligibility", the reason for this evaluation is explained (e.g. score below the required threshold with relative score awarded, irregular documentation, etc.).

A location other than those indicated in the application may be proposed if:

- the available places have been assigned to other candidates;
- the proposed host University is considered more suitable;
- language requirements are not compatible with the requested locations.

Tie

In the event of a tie overall score, the position in the ranking is determined by giving priority:

- students who, due to seniority of university career, will have fewer future opportunities to participate in international mobility programs;
- students with a lower income, according to the value of the ISEE (Indicator of the Equivalent Economic Situation) declared for enrolment in the 2025/26 academic year.

Merit score

The score is calculated by extracting career data and the list of **exams**⁵ relating to the current course of study that will be recorded in the Libretto by February 27, 2026⁶. Additional credits are not considered.

The merit score is calculated by applying the following formula:

weighted average exam grades	x	$\frac{\text{ECTS acquired}}{\text{ECTS due}^7}$
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The merit score calculated in this way is **normalized to 100 with reference to the type of course to which the student belongs (bachelor's, master's, or single-cycle master's degree) and the area of affiliation**: the maximum merit score that the student can obtain will therefore be 100.

Assessment of academic and personal motivation

The Area Selection Committee assesses the candidate's academic and personal motivations, may carry out an interview to deepen its contents and to acquire any further useful elements. The Commission may investigate the following aspects:

- motivational and academic analysis;
- evaluation of the specific requirements for the chosen locations;
- application of additional criteria specific to each Department.

The calendar of selection interviews will be published on [the University website](#) as soon as it is available.

Art. 10 – Second call and assignment of vacant seats

Once the selection procedure for candidates for this call has been completed, the International Mobility Unit may make available, through a second call, the **list of any vacant locations** and/or additional destinations made available by the stipulation of new agreements. Interested students may apply in the second call, for which the same rules and procedures set out in the previous articles remain valid.

5 For "exams" means the exams and other teaching/training activities provided for in the study plan.

6 It is the candidate's responsibility to verify that in his/her "Booklet", which can be consulted through the [Reserved Area](#), all exams are recorded passed (presence of an "S" on a green background next to the name of the exam, the "exam date" and the "grade/judgment").

The candidate, in his/her own interest, is required to personally report any missing registrations or situations of "activities awaiting deliberation/recognition" to the Student Secretariat of his/her course of study and, if the failure to register depends on the teacher, he/she is required to address the reminder directly to the teacher. It will then be the candidate's responsibility to verify through their Reserved Area that they have registered by 27 February 2026.

Those who are spending a mobility period or have just finished it and intend, for the purposes of participating in this call, to obtain recognition of the activities carried out, must personally obtain from the host university the Transcript of records relating to the exams passed. You will also have to check with your Coordinator for International Mobility in Pavia the possibility of obtaining by 27 February 2026 the registration of the recognized activities in your career, through an emergency measure or a resolution of the competent academic body.

7 Credits due are those provided for by the course of study, up to the year of the course in which the student is enrolled for the academic year 2025/26 inclusive, standardized as follows:

- 30 credits for the first year of enrolment
- 60 credits for each year of regular (current) enrolment following the first
- penalty of 30 credits for each year of non-regular enrolment (out of course, repeating).

Further information will be provided regarding the new deadlines and time windows for application and selection.

Those who have already been awarded a period of mobility for study for the academic year 2026/27 will not be able to apply for the second call unless they have already waived this period.

The second call will allow the mobility period to take place only in the second semester of the 2026/27 academic year. The opening calendar of the second call will be made available on the [University website](#).

Art. 11 – Requests for revision

Following the publication of the rankings, candidates may submit any complaints within **the third following day** exclusively by e-mail addressed to the International Mobility Coordinator, specifying the reason.

Students may submit a request for revision only for one or both of the following reasons:

- Incorrect attribution of the additional score;
- Incorrect exclusion.

Requests for revision may only concern any material errors in which the Commission has incurred in the evaluation of the application and the assignment of the score, with the exclusion of requests for additions/modifications of what was declared in the application or of the merit score awarded, or generic and inadequately motivated requests. The coordinator will evaluate the contents and give a written response to the interested party.

Art. 12 – Acceptance/renunciation of the mobility period

Between April 7 and 1:00 p.m. on April 13, 2026, all the selected candidates in the initial rankings **must accept the assigned mobility period** or renounce it, following the instructions that will be provided by the International Mobility Unit.

Those who have not accepted by the non-extendable deadline of 13 April 2026 will be considered definitively renounced.

After the conclusion of the selections and the publication of the rankings, it will not be possible to change the assigned destination, except in cases of non-acceptance of the host institution or for reasons of force majeure, or all those unforeseeable and exceptional situations and events that may prevent the normal performance of activities or jeopardize the safety and security of the student, for example, major natural disasters or the emergence of difficult socio-political or health conditions in the destination country.

At the end of the selections, and only in the presence of the necessary conditions (e.g. application deadlines at the host institution that have not yet expired, possession of the required language requirements), **any remaining vacant locations may be reassigned** to candidates who have not obtained any assignment. In this case, the International Mobility Unit will communicate the new deadlines for acceptance to the interested parties. Also in this case, failure to accept within the indicated term is equivalent to definitive renunciation.

Art. 13 – Waiver

The acceptance of the mobility period constitutes a formal commitment undertaken by the candidate. **Waivers must therefore be limited to serious and duly substantiated cases of force majeure.**

Any withdrawal from the assigned mobility period must be communicated in writing to the International Mobility Unit, be adequately justified and be transmitted promptly. The renunciation involves the return of any economic contributions already received.

The reason for the withdrawal and/or failure to communicate it may be assessed for the purposes of **the possible exclusion of the candidate from subsequent selection procedures for the University's international mobility programmes.**

Art. 14 – Information pursuant to the European General Data Protection Regulation

The personal data of candidates and participants will be processed by the University of Pavia, the data controller, for the purposes of the Overseas Exchange Programme. These purposes involve the communication of data to bodies external to the University (host institution), within the limits and under the conditions provided for by the current European legislation General Data Protection Regulation no. 2016/679. For more information: <https://privacy.unipv.it/>

Art. 15 – Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the administrative procedure, pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 as amended by Law no. 15/2005, is Dr. Michela Cobelli, Head of the International Mobility Unit.

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