



Stellenbosch University (SU) is a member of Venice International University (VIU) since 2019.

VIU membership strengthens SU's strategic themes of creating networked and collaborative teaching and learning, delivering research with local, national and global impact. The joint activities at VIU help SU to actively pursue international research collaboration, especially within SU's bilateral and multilateral networks. This Erasmus+ project will directly contribute to integrating an international and global experience in the transformative student experience for international and domestic students.

Academic Program opportunities at VIU for SU students include:

Globalization Program | 2 semesters + summer sessions, for bachelor and master's students who gain credit towards their degrees

<https://www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program>

PhD Academy | to develop transversal skills and promote research cooperation among advanced PhDs

<https://www.univiu.org/study/phd-academy>

Graduate Seminars | to support early-career PhDs beginning their research

<https://www.univiu.org/study/graduate-seminars>

Summer Schools | intensive taught programs for various target groups, from bachelor to PhD, and also professionals

<https://www.univiu.org/study/summer-schools>

ERASMUS+ Programme

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM DOCTORAL MOBILITY FOR STUDIES in the Intensive Graduate Activities (PhD Academy, Graduate Seminar, Summer School) at Venice International University, Italy
Project Code: 2022-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000071925**

Erasmus+ funds¹ are available for SU PhD students to complete a short-term study mobility supporting their full attendance in an eligible Intensive Graduate Activity (PhD Academy, Graduate Seminar, Summer School) at VIU.

Students not eligible for Erasmus+ funding in this project may still apply to the Academic Program of their choice.

Through the Intensive Graduate Activities (PhD Academy, Graduate Seminar, Summer School) at VIU, students and scholars develop a forward-looking vision, experiment with interdisciplinary approaches, collaborate with peers from all over the world, tackle transversal topics, and undertake scientific challenges in innovative ways.

The eligible Intensive Graduate Activities for Erasmus+ funded mobility opportunities are identified in the table which follows (the mobility must be completed before July 31, 2025).

¹ Venice International University (VIU), together with Università Iuav di Venezia, Università degli Studi di Padova, Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata", and Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, constitute an accredited Erasmus+ Mobility Consortium (Accreditation 2021-2027: N. 2022-1-IT02-KA130-HED-000068577).

Intensive Graduate Activity	Dates	Application deadline
Rethinking Rural Futures in an Age of Climate Change: Migration, Adaptation, and Sustainability Transitions https://www.univiu.org/study/phd-academy/rethinking-rural-futures	May 12- 17, 2025	Call for applications: December 2, 2024 – January 31, 2025
Critical Phenomenology: Theory and Applications https://www.univiu.org/study/graduate-seminars/critical-phenomenology	June 2-6, 2025	Call for applications: December 2, 2024 – February 2, 2025
Wandering Across Sustainable Terrains and Environments https://www.univiu.org/study/phd-academy/wandering-across-sustainable-terrains-and-environments	July 7-12, 2025	Call for applications: December 2, 2024 – March 10, 2025
Global Mental Health and Human Rights: Decolonial perspectives on Structural Violence and War (participation fee of 400 euro waived) https://www.univiu.org/study/summer-schools/global-mental-health-and-human-rights	July 21-25, 2025	Call for applications: December 2, 2024 – March 20, 2025

For more information on the activities and to register for Info Sessions, please visit

<https://www.univiu.org/study/intensive-graduate-activities>

In order to apply for an Erasmus+ funded short doctoral mobility, 2 separate applications are required:

1. To apply to the Intensive Graduate Activity via VIU:

PhD Students must apply directly to the Intensive Graduate Activity and be selected in order to be eligible for Erasmus+ funding. Instructions on how to apply to each Intensive Graduate Activity and corresponding selection criteria are available on its dedicated web page. The links to each eligible Intensive Graduate Activity are indicated in the table above.

2. To apply for Erasmus+ funding via SU:

Please send the following application documents by March 10, 2025, as one PDF document by email to matiesabroad@sun.ac.za

- Motivation letter (1-1.5 pages, academic relevance for short-term doctoral mobility, etc.)
- Short CV

Evaluation criteria for Erasmus+ funding:

Quality of the Study Plan (compatibility of studies with selected destination/program): 30 points

Language skills: 10 points

Academic Merit: 30 points

Motivation letter: 30 points

Available Erasmus+ funding:

Individual Support: €70.00 per day in individual support (accommodation, meals, local travel)

Full duration of Intensive Graduate Activity (5-6 days) + 2 travel days

Travel Support: €1,500.00 (return international flights)

Top-up for students with fewer opportunities: €100.00 / mobility of 5-14 days

- Household income will be used as an indicator to identify students with fewer opportunities:

- Financial need (R0 – R350 000)
- Missing middle (R350 001 -R600 000)

- Students with disabilities



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