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The European Commission offers Erasmus+ funding for PhD students to carry out short-term placements.

Eligible activity
The placement must take place at one of the University of Kent’s Erasmus partner universities or at another organisation approved by your academic school. The placement must be related to your degree and be recognised by Kent. You will be asked to provide a supporting statement in the application for funding explaining how it is related and what the expected benefits are. The primary activity would be work for the host institution/organisation with an opportunity to develop your own research.

Please note it is up to you to find a suitable placement in consultation with your supervisor.

Country
The placement must take place in an Erasmus+ programme country: ie an EU member state or Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia or Turkey.

Duration
Placements must be between two months and twelve months long.

Things to consider
When considering an Erasmus+ placement, PhD students and their supervisors are advised to refer to the following:
- The Research Council UK’s Terms and Conditions of Research Council Training Grants www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/documents/Termsconditions traininggrants-pdf
- The University of Kent’s Academic Regulations for research programmes www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/ regulations/index.html?tab=research-programmes

Funding
For placements taking place in 2018-19 grants of €400 or €450 per month are available (depending on destination). Grant rates for 2019-20 will be confirmed in due course.

The funding allocation will be based on the dates of the placement, from the first day you are required to be at your place of work to the day on which you finish.

The grant will be paid in two lump sums. The estimated total grant will be calculated according to your actual arrival date and predicted departure date given on your Arrival Certificate. 70% of this estimated total will be paid as soon as possible after arrival. When you return the Departure Certificate with your actual departure date, the total grant will be recalculated and any remainder will be paid.

Applying for Erasmus+ funding
Contact the Erasmus Team at erasmus@kent.ac.uk as early as possible and you will be sent an application for Erasmus+ funding. Application deadlines:
- 14 December 2018 for placements taking place in 2018-19
- 13 December 2019 for placements taking place in 2019-20

The Erasmus Team will consider each application and advise whether funding is available.

Requirements
If funding is approved, you will have to complete the required Erasmus+ documentation as requested by the Erasmus Team. The forms will be emailed to you at the relevant times.

Please note that failing to complete and return the forms could result in the funding being withheld or you being asked to repay the funding.

Further information
Please contact the Erasmus Team, within International Partnerships, for more information
E: erasmus@kent.ac.uk

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