The European Commission offers Erasmus+ funding for recent graduates to carry out graduate internships.

Eligible activity
The internship must be related to your degree in some way. 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.

Country
The internship must take place in an Erasmus+ programme country: ie an EU member state or Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia or Turkey. Internships in the UK are not eligible because you are studying at a UK institution.

Duration
Internships must be between two months and twelve months long. Graduate internships must be completed within one year of the date you have been notified by Kent that you have achieved your degree and will graduate.

If you received Erasmus+ funding during your final year, eg for a Term Abroad, that period will be taken into account with the Graduate Internship; so if you completed a Term Abroad which lasted three months in your final year, then the Graduate internship would be a maximum of nine months.

Funding
The grant rates are set by the European Commission each year, taking into account the cost of living in the host countries. We will be notified of the grant rates for 2018-19 in due course. As an indicator, the grant rates for 2017-18 were between €380 and €430 per month depending on the host country.

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

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.

You must apply during your final year of study at Kent. Applications cannot be considered after graduation. 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.

The principal documents are:
• Before leaving Kent
  - Grant agreement
  - Learning agreement, signed by you, the employer and the Erasmus Team
  - Bank form
• On arrival
  - Arrival certificate
  - Learning agreement – during the mobility (if there are changes)
• On departure
  - Departure certificate
  - Traineeship certificate, signed by the employer
  - Online Erasmus+ survey, the link will be sent to your Kent email address

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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