

Overview of funding programmes for study or traineeship abroad (ENG)

Here you can find a list of **all our scholarship programmes** for **long-term** international mobility. By long-term we understand a semester study at a partner institution of Howest or a traineeship/bachelor thesis project abroad of at least one month.

Depending on the destination and finality of your plans abroad, you can obtain a scholarship under the programme that suits your mobility from/via the International Office.

When registering in our online tool for international mobility, you do not really apply for a specific scholarship programme, but for a specific mobility, i.e. study or internship + destination + period. We distinguish between:

- European mobility to Erasmus programme countries, with a specific application deadline per semester.
>> Applications for "European mobility" automatically lead you to the Erasmus or Erasmus Belgica scholarship programme. Obviously only after selection by your programme for the requested mobility. International Office will provide you with news about your selection or non-selection.
 - intercontinental mobility (including the United Kingdom, Switzerland and other European countries not belonging to the Erasmus zone), with one annual application deadline, on 5 January 2026, for all mobilities the following academic year. Those who register for intercontinental mobility afterwards or during the academic year itself will probably miss out on study places with our intercontinental partners, and will also have less favourable grant options.
- ▶ After registering for intercontinental mobility, a pre-selection and ranking is done by the study department, and the International Office does the allocation of study places with the intercontinental partners, as well as the allocation of scholarships from the various funding programmes for intercontinental mobility. Students are personally notified by International Office by the end of February/beginning of March.

Each scholarship programme has its own Call and Procedures. You can consult those to know e.g. scholarship amounts and selection mechanisms.

We make every effort to keep the international mobility and grant administration as limited and manageable as possible. But if you expect money from the government to fund your mobility plans, you have to be willing to fill out some forms and submit some documents, and above all, to meet some deadlines.

In principle, our **Associate Degree students** can also use these scholarship programmes for their internships abroad, with the exception of The Washington Centre and the Flanders Trainee Programme. Keep in mind, however, that intercontinental internships are usually not facilitated within the Associate Degree programmes (requests for exceptions are discussed with the study department), and intercontinental study is excluded anyway. In our Associate Degree programmes, internationalisation focuses mainly on surrounding regions/countries.

Erasmus and Erasmus Belgica

- Erasmus = **a semester/year study** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/erasmus-study-at-a-partner-institution-eng>) **or traineeship** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/erasmus-traineeship-eng>) in one of the **33 Erasmus countries**. (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/files/454384/download>)
- Erasmus Belgica (or Erabel) = **a semester/year study or internship in another Belgian community** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/erasmus-belgica-study-or-traineeship-in-french-or-german-speaking-belgium-eng>)
- (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/erasmus-belgica-study-or-traineeship-in-french-or-german-speaking-belgium-eng>) **two** application rounds per year:
 - mobility in **spring semester**: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 15 October** - scholarship application by 20 November
 - mobility in **autumn semester**: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 1 March** - scholarship application by 15 May

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/modules/items/15718>)

Scholarship Programme Province of West Flanders

- a semester **study or traineeship** in **all countries worldwide that are not Erasmus+ programme countries**. You can also apply for scholarships for short-term projects individual or in group to neighbouring regions of West Flanders.
- **two** application rounds per year:
 - mobility in **spring semester**: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 20 September** (for mobility via partner university) - scholarship application by 19 October

- mobility in **autumn semester**: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 5 January (for mobility via partner university) - scholarship application by 17 May**

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/province-of-west-flanders-scholarships-eng>).

Priority Countries Scholarship

- for a semester **study or traineeship** at one of our partners in **Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Japan and USA**.
- for a **traineeship** in **Brazil, Chili, Japan, Mexico, Marocco, South Africa and USA**.
- only **one application** round per year: the Call appears every time in January, for mobility through all of the academic year after that: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 5 January**

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/priority-countries-beursprogramma-nl-slash-eng>).

The Washington Center Scholarship

- for a semester **traineeship in Washington** via The Washington Center (TWC), in combination with a study programme (academic seminars) at TWC.
- only **one application** round per year: the Call appears every time in January, for mobility through all of the academic year after that: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 5 January!**

More info (https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/the-washington-center-beursprogramma-slash-scholarship-programme-nl-slash-eng?module_item_id=26927).

Generic and Howest Scholarship

- for **intercontinental mobilities to more 'expensive' destinations** such as **USA, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Japan, Taiwan...** for
 - either a semester **study** at one of our partner universities in USA, Canada, Japan or South Korea

- or a **traineeship** of at least 1 month.
- one application round per year: **register** (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/registration-for-international-mobility-a-must-for-each-mobile-howest-student-eng>) **by 5 January** for mobilities through all of the academic year after that. Register in time! If the budget for the Howest scholarships was not fully used after the selection decision of February, it is possible that registrations for less expensive intercontinental destinations (such as Kazakhstan, Mexico, Brazil, Taiwan, etc.) or late registrations for intercontinental mobility are still granted a scholarship.

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/generieke-and-howest-beurzen-slash-generic-and-howest-grants-nl-slash-eng>)

ASEM Work Placement Programme

- For a semester **traineeship** (min 1 month – max 6 months) to **18 countries in Asia, among them all the big ones**.
- **two Calls** per year
- applications in May and October, for mobility during the semester that follows. The grants are awarded on the basis of the “first come, first served” principle.

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/asem-work-placement-programme-nl-slash-eng>)

Flanders Trainee Programme

- for **traineeships at Multilateral Organisations** such as **the United Nations, the Council of Europe** and dozens of other organisations.
- After selection by host organisation, you will get a very generous grant by the Flanders Trainee Programme FTP (as long as the FTP programme has budget available for the current year)
- besides the traineeship vacancies on the FTP website, you can also arrange an internship yourself with a multilateral organisation, and subsequently apply for such a FTP grant, until the FTP budget is exhausted.
- nearly all Howest study departments are eligible

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/flanders-trainee-programme-nl-slash-eng>)

Erasmus International Credit Mobility Grant (CIM) for mobility outside the Erasmus programme countries

Each year Howest can award a number of Erasmus ICM (International Credit Mobility) grants for mobility to partner countries of the Erasmus programme. Howest will primarily assign these ICM grants for traineeship or study in industrialised countries outside the Erasmus programme countries, the so called "more expensive destinations". The UK belongs to these, since the no-deal BREXIT, but also Switzerland for instance, apart from all industrialised destinations outside Europa, like the USA, Canada, South Korea, Australia, etc. The Erasmus ICM grants constitute a nice addition for our Generic grants (see above).

These ICM grants will go in the first place to students who had already applied for a grant within one of the Flemish funding programmes for intercontinental mobility (Priority Countries, The Washington Center, ASEM Work placement), and who thus already had registered for international mobility **by 5 January of the year before their mobility**. Apart from that also students who register only in the semester before their mobility will be eligible, on a *first come first served* basis, until the available funds are exhausted.

More info (<https://leho-howest.instructure.com/courses/4161/pages/erasmus-icm-international-credit-mobility-beurzen-voor-mobiliteit-buiten-de-erasmus-programmalanden-slash-erasmus-icm-grants-for-mobility-outside-the-programme-countries-nl-slash-eng>)