



Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes, also known as BIPs, are short-term international study opportunities that combine online learning with in-person mobility. All BIPs are credit-bearing but credit recognition towards a UCD degree is College-dependent.

General Criteria

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) must be in an EU country, or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Serbia or North Macedonia. *UK and Switzerland excluded until further notice.*

- Minimum period – 5 days
- Maximum period – 30 days
- The [Expression of Interest Form](#) needs to be submitted by the **deadline stated on the form**.
- BIPs include both online and in-person components. Completion of both components is mandatory.
- If not already in place, an Erasmus+ Bilateral Agreement between UCD and the BIP destination must be created prior to a student's participation in the BIP. This is the responsibility of the academic coordinator.

Funding

➤ There is a limited amount of funding every year and it will be distributed according to eligibility criteria described below:

- *Students may be funded for only one BIP mobility during each study cycle.*
- *Students will receive priority if UCD is involved in the BIP as a participant or through a network or alliance. This will be confirmed with the UCD academic coordinator.*
- Grant amount varies, depending on destination country and length of stay. This is based on a daily amount of €79 or €56, calculated to the exact dates of the in-person component of the BIP, and a fixed travel support payment based on destination.
- 80% of grant paid initially, remaining balance on submission of Attendance Certificate and Erasmus+ Participant Report.
- Additional funding, as well as priority, is available for students with physical, mental or health-related conditions to help cover additional financial costs that may arise. Please contact outgoing.erasmus@ucd.ie for further information.

Academic Criteria

- BIP must be relevant to the student's studies.
- BIPs may take place at any stage of the student's current cycle of studies at the time of application. However, the BIP must not lead to an absence from courses at UCD, unless agreed upon between the student and UCD academic coordinator.
- Students who will be learning through a language other than their mother tongue are encouraged to use the OLS resource.

Eligibility and Documentation

- Subject to available funding, students at all levels of their studies may apply for BIP funding.
- Students who have been on study mobility may avail of BIP funding, in the same study cycle.
- Learning Agreement required, signed by student, UCD academic coordinator and host university, in advance of BIP.
- Students must complete a participant report on completion BIP.

Insurance and Support while abroad

- In order to avail of the grant, students must have adequate insurance cover while abroad, including repatriation cover. This is in addition to the European Health Insurance Card.
- UCD has partnered with International SOS, a leading medical and travel security services company, which provides 24/7 medical and travel security information and expertise - before your trip and whilst abroad - to help safeguard your personal health and security. All students going on an exchange or an internship abroad are required to register with International SOS.

Required Documents:

- Grant Agreement – signed by UCD Global and student
- Learning Agreement – signed by student, UCD academic coordinator and host university academic coordinator prior to participation in the BIP
- Erasmus Student Charter – sent to student for information
- Attendance Certificate – signed and stamped by host university
- Erasmus+ Participant Report – completed online
- Receipt for full amount of grant – confirmed via email