

## International Credit Mobility (ICM) – Call 2025

If you are interested in applying for the ICM call 2025, be prepared to send in your [Expression of Interest](#) by 20 November 2024 to [EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl) for the internal pre-selection.

*Please contact us to discuss your options and for feedback on your project design.*

### What is ICM?

The European Erasmus+ programme 'International Credit Mobility' (ICM) enables BA/MA student, PhD and staff exchanges between European universities and universities outside the European Union by means of individual scholarships and travel allowances.

The overall goal of the programme is to improve knowledge, competences, and sector specific and personal skills of students and staff members through international exchange projects. The programme is ideal for exploring new partnerships for exchange with universities outside Europe and for enabling student and/or staff exchange in regions where financial limitations normally restrict exchange possibilities. The ICM programme can also be used as a tool to consolidate already existing academic ties with partners outside Europe. For inspiration and examples of awarded ICM projects to Leiden University, please visit the [Leiden University Erasmus+ web dossier](#).

Projects are submitted on country level, and within each country project, Leiden University can enter into partnerships with multiple universities. Upon granting of the project, the budget is determined and a partnership agreement will be signed between cooperating institutions. Note that there can be mobility restrictions attached to certain regions. For more details, please contact [EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl).

### Types of mobilities

The minimum duration of a **student mobility** period is 2 months, the maximum duration is 12 months. Student mobility can have the form of study or internship and includes the mobility of PhD students. Students receive a fixed travel allowance based on the distance between the cooperating institutions and a month-based scholarship.

**Staff exchanges** can be used for teaching and for training for a minimum of 8 hours/week. The minimum duration of the mobility period is 5 days, the maximum duration is 2 months. Staff members receive a financial contribution per day (outgoing staff) for the first 14 days. From the 15th day onwards the grant drops to 70% of the amount. Staff members also receive a fixed travel allowance based on the distance between the institutions.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Staff members of Leiden University representing educational and/or research programmes, institutes or faculties can submit a project proposal. Individuals cannot apply for an individual exchange as part of the ICM programme. All fields of study and research are equally eligible. A project application can contain multiple mobility flows (incoming/outgoing, BA/MA/PhD/staff).



## Planning

1. You can apply for the internal pre-selection by submitting your [expression of interest](#). This document should be sent by 20 November 2024 to the Educational Grant Department at [EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:EduGrants@sea.leidenuniv.nl). Please contact us prior to the submission deadline for a check on eligibility and advice on your project design.
2. The results of the pre-selection\* are announced on 6 December 2024.
3. Selected projects should send in their first draft application, the 'Quality Questions' document, by 13 January 2025. If your project is selected, you will receive further information on the next steps.
4. The final version of the project application 'Quality Questions' should be submitted by 5 February 2025 .

\*The following criteria are taken into consideration for the internal pre-selection. Projects will be prioritised that:

- are academic-led and aim to enhance curriculum development or introduce new teaching methods,
- seek cooperation with institutions from [Leiden University's focus areas](#) [Sub-Saharan Africa, Northeast Asia (i.e., China, South Korea, and Japan), Southeast Asia (in particular Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines), Latin America, and the Caribbean],
- align with Leiden University's overall [internationalisation strategy](#),
- cooperate with partners that have a strong track record of successful collaborations or are highly regarded in their field,
- demonstrate a balanced exchange of students and staff,
- have a plan for long-term sustainability beyond the funding period, including potential for future collaborations or joint programmes.

The application, containing all participating projects, is submitted on behalf of Leiden University by the International Relations Office at Student and Educational Affairs (SEA). The final application results will be published by the European Commission in August 2025. The running time of a project is 36 months.

## Deadlines

Under the 2025 call, the following internal deadlines and procedures apply:

1. Expression of interest: 20 November 2024, 23:59 hr
2. Results pre-selection: 6 December 2024
3. Draft application: 13 January 2025
4. Final application: 5 February 2025