

## Information on applying for top-up funding

### Top-up funding

Students can apply for top-up funding in the amount of **250 euros per month** under the Erasmus+ programme. To qualify, students must submit an application and provide the following proof to confirm that they meet the top-up funding requirements.

The following students are eligible to apply for top-up funding:

- Students from a non-academic background (i.e. students whose parents do not have a degree)
- Chronically ill students
- Students with a disability
- Students who are accompanied by at least one child for whom they are responsible for caring for the entire duration of the stay abroad
- Students who are employed

**Documentary proof** that must be submitted together with the application as applicable:

- **Students from a non-academic background:** Declaration with signature of the parent(s) (**Form: Declaration for students from a non-academic background**)
- **Chronically ill students:** Medical certificate confirming a chronic illness (an exact diagnosis or the name of the illness must not be named!)
- In the case of a **disability:** Copy of the disability card with a **rating of at least 20% on the German disability status scale.** (an exact diagnosis must not be named!)
- Stay abroad **with child:** Copy of the child's birth certificate, travel documents if applicable. Otherwise, the signature of this application **confirms** that **at least one child will spend the entire stay abroad** with the applicant.
- **Employed students:** Wage/salary statements for the last 6 months showing an net income of **at least 450 euros** and **a maximum of 850 euros per month** (if you earned more or less than the amounts stipulated in some months, you can still apply for top-up funding based on your average earnings if they are within the range, e.g. if you earned 300 euros in January and 700 euros in February, your average earnings of 500 euros will be considered).

### General conditions for travel

- Funding of up to two travel days for **non-environmentally friendly travel**. These are calculated based on the distance band using the [Erasmus + Distance Calculator](#) (1-500km > 1 travel day, 501 or more > 2 travel days).
- Funding of a travel allowance, depending on the distance to the destination institution (see Erasmus+ Förderung Studierendenmobilität 2026)

### Green travel

In addition to the top-up funding, **all** students can **apply for green travel**. To apply, **Green Travel Declaration** form must be submitted. Green travel applies if the outward and/or return journey is made **entirely** using public transport.

- Train/bus tickets must also be submitted as proof.
- Approval depends on the type of transport and the distance between the destination and Saarland University.
- Up to 6 additional funded travel days are possible. Travel days are calculated based on the distance band using the [Erasmus + Distance Calculator](#).
- Funding of a travel allowance, depending on the distance to the destination institution (see appendix III\_SMS Erasmus funding 2025-26)

## Erasmus+ stay abroad

### Declaration for top-up funding

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for top-up funding for  
(First name Surname)

A **green travel** application has also been submitted: Yes  No

I am aware that approval can only be granted for one of the above-mentioned top-ups + the Green Travel application and that it is not possible to submit multiple applications.

I hereby affirm that the conditions for applying for the above-mentioned top-up have been fulfilled. I have attached the documents specified on page 1 and hereby agree to the conditions.

With my signature I hereby confirm that the information provided herein is true and complete. I am aware that if I provide false information, I must repay the amount received

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Date, Signature of student

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To be completed by the  
International Office  
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The top-up request has been

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