



European funding opportunities for youth internship/ volunteer placements

If your territory cannot afford from its own resources to send a young person abroad, there are funds (including EU funding) available as listed below, though many students may be able to access EU funding through their universities.

ERASMUS +

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. Two strands in particular have been identified which could support a youth volunteer/ internship placement.

Key Action 1: Learning Mobility of Individuals

Key Action 1 aims to encourage the mobility of students, staff, volunteers, youth workers, and young people. Organisations can arrange to send or receive students and staff to or from participating countries, as well as organise teaching, training, learning and volunteering activities.

Projects under this Action promote transnational mobility activities targeting learners (students, trainees, apprentices, young people and volunteers), and staff (professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, and people working in organisations active in the education, training and youth fields)

Mobility projects in the field of education, training and youth include

- a) **Mobility project for higher education students and staff**
- b) **Mobility project for young people and youth workers (EVS)**

a) MOBILITY PROJECT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS (AND STAFF)

- This could be a traineeship (work placement) abroad in an enterprise or any other relevant workplace
- To ensure high-quality mobility activities with maximum impact on the students, the mobility activity has to be compatible with the student's degree-related learning and personal development needs. The study period abroad must be part of the student's study programme
- TSA would be receiving organisation. For an application as individual, higher education institutions established in a Programme Country and awarded with an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) can apply
- Duration between 2-12 months.

- Deadline to apply - 2 February at 12:00 (midday Brussels time) for projects starting on 1 June of the same year.
- TSA and university would have to sign a learning agreement
- Recent higher education graduates may participate in a traineeship. Recent graduates must be selected by their Higher Education Institute during their last year of study, and must carry out and complete their traineeship abroad within one year of obtaining their graduation.
- More info: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities-for-organisations/learning-mobility/higher-education_en

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https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/erasmus-plus-leaflet_en.pdf

EVS – European Voluntary Service (Age 17-30)

- Young volunteers are given the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of organisations dealing with youth information and policies, young people's personal and socio-educational development, civic engagement, social care, inclusion of disadvantaged, environment, non-formal education programmes, ICTs and media literacy, culture and creativity, development cooperation
- 2017 - focus is on reaching out to marginalised young people, promoting diversity, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, common values of freedom, tolerance and respect of human rights as well as on projects enhancing media literacy, critical thinking and sense of initiative of young people
- Projects last from 2 weeks to 12 months
- The participation in an EVS activity must be free of charge for volunteers, with the exception of a possible contribution for travel costs (if the Erasmus+ grant does not fully cover these costs)
- To send or host volunteers through EVS, organisations (The Salvation Army) will need to apply for [EVS accreditation](#) which includes signing up to the [EVS Charter](#). (For more information, consult the EVS section of the Annex I of Erasmus+ Guide). Being accredited does not guarantee being awarded EVS grant.

More info: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities-for-individuals/young-people/european-voluntary-service_en

OTHER FUNDING

- Private foundations
- Open Society Foundation grants – check calls regularly for deadlines to apply
https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants-search-results/38/all/all/all/all?sort_bef_combine=title%20ASC&sort_order=ASC&sort_by=title&page=1
- National government funding schemes for youth mobility/ learning
- Internship for EU students (unpaid) <http://www.emploi.belgique.be/defaultTab.aspx?id=400> / <http://www.monstage.be/type-de-stage-et-status.html>