

# The Alliance 4 Universities

At the forefront of research,  
academic excellence,  
and technology & innovation

## ***A strategic partnership of 4 leading Spanish public universities***

- *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*
- *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*
- *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*
- *Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona*



## Why these 4 Universities?

- A-4U members are **4 public universities** which are national leaders in teaching and research. All four are in **Top 50 Under 50 QS ranking 2016**.
- A-4U members have been recognised as **Campuses of International Excellence** by an international expert committee appointed by the Spanish Government acknowledging their leading position in research and teaching.
- A-4U members are **leaders in transfer of knowledge and technology**, since all 4 universities house **Research Parks** and have generated a considerable number of spin-off companies in Spain.
- **Support by the Spanish Government:** Spanish Institute of Foreign Trade (ICEX).

# University Figures



<b>Founded in</b>	1968	1968	1989	1990
<b>Total Number of Students</b>	49.338	28.962	20.269	12.195
<b>International Students</b>	15%	10,89%	19,60%	24%
<b>Bachelor Degrees</b>	87	49	38	24
<b>Master Degrees</b>	133	82	87	87
<b>PhD Programmes</b>	68	84	19	9

# Rankings



Rankings	Rankings	Rankings	Rankings
<b>QS 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 195 / 2 WW Under 50: 12	<b>QS 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 187 / 3 WW Under 50: 10	<b>QS 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 281 / 6 WW Under 50: 27	<b>QS 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 296 / 7 WW Under 50: 30
<b>ARW 2017</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 301-400 / 4-7	<b>ARW 2017</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 301-400 / 4-7	<b>ARW 2017</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: —	<b>ARW 2017</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 201-300 / 1-3
<b>THE 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 147 / 2 Young University Ranking: 18	<b>THE 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 351-400 / 5 Young University Ranking: 66	<b>THE 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 601-800 / 12 Young University Ranking: 151-200	<b>THE 2018</b> WW Ranking / Spanish Ranking: 140 / 1 Young University Ranking: 17

## A-4U Objectives

- 1. International mobility of students, researchers and academics**
- 2. Research partnerships worldwide**
- 3. English-taught degrees**
- 4. International profile**

## A-4U Joint Projects

- 1. Promotion of European research** activities through a permanent office in Brussels (OPERA), which facilitates participation of A-4U researchers in European programmes and decision-making.
- 2. IUNE Observatory** - an information database for the evaluation of research in Spanish universities, recognised by the Ministry of Education of Spain.
- 3. Common strategy of internationalisation**
  - India, Indonesia, Brazil, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia.
- 4. Joint undergraduate programme**
  - Philosophy, Politics and Economics (since 2013)

## Main activities in joint internationalisation

1. Relations with the **leading universities in BRICS and other countries**
2. MOUs and specific **agreements** of cooperation
3. Mobility of **teaching staff and researchers**
  - Reciprocal visits and thematic seminars for future projects
4. Promote **our academic programs**
5. Attract **international talent**
  - Scholarships, institutional visits, promotion events, and education fairs.
6. Cooperation with **institutions and official bodies**:
  - Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade, Embassies, Instituto Cervantes, Spain-India and Spain-China Council Foundations.



## Participation in International Mobility Programmes

- A4U is active and successful in participating in **Erasmus+ international mobility projects**.
- In 2015 and 2016 calls, **142 scholarships for mobility with Russia and South Africa** were available for bachelor students, master students, PhDs and university professors.
- In 2017 call, **88 scholarships are available for mobility with Russia, South Africa, India, Indonesia and Iran**.

# *Erasmus + International Credit Mobility*

*Mobility programme for higher education  
between program and partner countries  
(KA107)*

## The new Erasmus program + with partner countries

- Erasmus+:** In the framework of the New European Commission Strategy **2014-2020**
- More opportunities:** Beyond EU borders: Erasmus mobility is open to third countries
- Aim:** Enhance education and training capacities to improve students, teachers and workers employability
- Funding:** European Commission through National Agency (SEPIE)

# Who can benefit from Erasmus+?

Region	Countries/Territories
<b>REGION 1 - Western Balkans</b>	Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia
<b>REGION 2 - Eastern Partnership countries</b>	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine
<b>REGION 3 - South-Mediterranean countries</b>	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia
<b>REGION 4 - Russian Federation</b>	Territory of Russia
<b>REGION 5</b>	Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State
<b>REGION 6 - Asia</b>	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, <b>India</b> , <b>Indonesia</b> , Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
<b>REGION 7 - Central Asia</b>	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
<b>REGION 8 - Latin America</b>	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay, Venezuela
<b>REGION 9</b>	<b>Iran</b> , Iraq, Yemen
<b>REGION 10 - South Africa</b>	South Africa
<b>REGION 11 - ACP</b>	Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, etc.
<b>REGION 12 - Industrialised: Gulf Coop. countries</b>	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
<b>REGION 13 - Other Industrialised countries</b>	Australia, Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, (Republic of) Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, United States of America

## A4U Erasmus+ Call

Call for Applications 2017 Erasmus KA107  
Scholarships for incoming mobility from associated  
countries

Open for  
applications!

### *A4U Institutions:*

- *Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona*
- *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*
- *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*
- *Universidad Pompeu Fabra*

#### INDIA

- Indian Institute of Science of Bangalore
- Symbiosis International University, Pune
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Delhi
- St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
- Jaypee Institute of Information Technologies
- Indian Institute of Technology of Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai

#### INDONESIA

- Universitas Indonesia
- Institute of Technology of Bandung
- Universitas Gadjah Mada
- Universitas Airlangga
- BINUS University
- Telkom University
- Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta

#### IRAN

- University of Tehran
- Allameh Tabataba'i University
- Amirkabir University of Technology

## A4U Erasmus+ Call

### Who can apply for a scholarship?

*PhD Students and Staff from Higher Education Institutions  
of the partner countries:*

#### Currently opened call:

- PhD
- Academic Staff

*(Teaching 8 hours/per week -Excluding conferences-)*

#### To be published:

- Undergraduate Students
- Master Students



## A4U International Call

### *International Mobilities under Erasmus+ (2017-2019) for Iran*

COUNTRY		MOBILITIES				TOTAL	
		Bachelor	Master	PhD	Faculty		
IRAN	IN	-	-	3	4	7	14
	OUT	-	-	3	4	7	

**In this edition, no mobility grants for Bachelor and Master students...**

## A4U Erasmus+ Call

### Scholarships for students/staff from associates countries to A4U:

#### **Monthly Allowance for PhD students and Staff:**

- ✓ **PhD Students:** 800€/month
- ✓ **Academic Staff:** 120€/day

#### **Travel costs:**

- 820€

(Fixed by the Erasmus+ programme for the specific country)

#### **No tuition fees**

*\*Beneficiaries should have an adequate insurance!*





## Requirements to be eligible...

### PhD applicants must:

- ✓ Be enrolled in one of the partner universities
- ✓ Be nominated for mobility by one of the partner universities
- ✓ Submit Mobility Agreement Proposal

### Academic Staff must:

- ✓ Have a contractual relationship at the time of application/mobility
- ✓ Submit a Mobility Agreement Proposal for teaching staff accepted by the sending & hosting institution

*All mobility activities are conditional upon the signature of an **INTERINSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT** between host and home universities before the start of the mobilities, according the Erasmus+ programme rules.*

## Required documents

Level	Documents
Faculty/ Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Form (online)</li><li>• Abridged CV</li><li>• Mobility Agreement for teaching/training</li></ul>
PhD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Form (online)</li><li>• CV</li><li>• Learning Agreement</li><li>• Recommendation Letter</li></ul>

## Selection criteria

### Evaluation criteria for PhD students:

- ✓ Quality of the research proposal
- ✓ Academic qualifications and research experience
- ✓ Matching with research areas at host university

### Evaluation criteria for Teaching Staff:

- ✓ Quality of the proposal
- ✓ Relevance and expected impact for the host and home universities
- ✓ CV including teaching experience, research and publications



## Requirements to be eligible...

### **Mobilities must be completed between...**

- ✓ 2nd semester of 2017-2018 academic year
- ✓ 1st semester of 2018-2019 academic year

*Always before 31 July 2019!!*

## Mobility grants

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# How to apply?

## Online Application

<http://alliance4universities.eu/en/mobility-scholarships/>



### Call for applications for mobility with Russia, South Africa, India, Indonesia and Iran

**Application deadlines:** 2 February 2018 for PhD and staff mobilities, and 22 March 2018 for Bachelor and Master mobilities.

The Alliance 4 Universities has been awarded funds under Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility programme (Action KA107). Through these funds, students and faculty from Russian, South African, Indian, Indonesian and Iranian partner universities and from A4U universities have the opportunity to participate in mobility schemes.

**Who can apply?** The calls are open to Bachelor, Master and PhD students and staff from the participating universities (the details can be found in the Calls).

**How long can the mobility be?** The mobility period for Bachelor, Master and PhD students can be from a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 5 months. The mobility period for staff is 5 days plus 2 days for travel. In total, 7 days will be covered by the grant.

**What expenses are covered by the grant?** Grants provide a monthly/daily allowance according to the category of the mobility and the receiving country, and a fixed travel quota to cover the flight expenses.

**When can the mobility be carried out?** Mobilities under these calls can be carried out during 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, and should end before 31 July 2019.

**What are the deadlines?** The deadline for PhD and staff applications is 2 February 2018, and for Bachelor/Master applicants - 22 March 2018.

#### How to apply?

- Read carefully the relevant call for applications
- Check the corresponding applicants' guide (below) for step-by-step instructions on how to prepare the application.
- Check participating universities factsheets (below, to be published as they become available) for their course/research offer, available services and contact details.
- Complete the online application form in your category of mobility, attaching the requested documents. Applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications well before the deadline so that their applications can be checked and errors corrected if any.

[Call for applications for PhD students and staff](#)

Deadline for applications:

PhD/  
Staff

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

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***Thank you for your attention!***