

Aurora Alliance Mobility Plan – Universität Innsbruck



Purpose

Aurora mobility funds will be **prioritised for student and staff mobility related to the deliverables of Aurora task teams and the achievements of the Alliance overarching goals in education, research and innovation.** This includes funding for participation in:

- Learning units developed by the Pilot Domains
- Aurora staff training events
- International internships
- Aurora (Doctoral) symposia
- Summer and/or Winter School formats
- Work/networking meetings to start new cooperation
- Other Aurora actions

Aurora mobility funds will also be used to complement KA131 Erasmus+ mobility funds in order to **further boost traditional student and staff mobility** between Aurora Universities. In these cases, standard application deadlines and procedures will apply.

Strategy and targets

Strategically, an emphasis will be on staff mobility as **an incentive to foster academic cooperation** between Universität Innsbruck and other Aurora Universities. The allocation of funds will be subject to evaluation of the relevancy of the application to the objectives of the Aurora programme and needs of the Pilot Domains, when not directly linked with a specific Aurora event or task team deliverable.

A focus will be put on **supporting doctoral candidates** as a group that is often in need of more opportunities to enhance their international profile. This group represents the next generation in teaching and research. An introduction and involvement into Aurora principles to this early stage of career development is key.

In terms of student mobility a special emphasis will be given to **short-term mobility** and **student mobility for training**. Fostering student engagement at all levels is key and therefore the in-person participation of students at activities and events, organised by Aurora Alliance and network universities/institutions, will be supported by Aurora funding.

The following targets have been set for Universität Innsbruck, bearing in mind that the total number of individuals that can be supported **will depend on the average costs of mobility periods applied for and the distribution of demand between the target groups**.

- Support at least **140 academic and administrative staff members** to participate in Aurora mobility (with at least 40 Doctoral Candidates within this group)
- Support at least **60 students** to participate in Aurora activities abroad (including traineeships in Aurora countries)

Funding and grant rates

Daily grant rates and travel grants for **students and doctoral candidates** will be based on Erasmus+ grant rates, *with an exception when it comes to traineeships with a duration of 6 weeks to 2 months*. The administrative procedures will follow those used to managed Erasmus+ mobilities. **The grant will include the possibility of awarding “inclusion support” top-up grant** to applicants that face higher costs when going abroad due to their personal circumstances or physical, mental or health-related conditions.

Student mobility					
Short term studies (all countries)		Long term studies	Per month	Traineeships*	Per month
5-14 days (per day)	70€	CZ	380	CZ	530
15-30 days (per day)	50€	DE, IT, NL, ES	430	DE, IT, NL, ES	580
2 additional travel days can be added and funded.		DK, IS, UK**	480	DK, IS, UK**	630
Students from disadvantaged backgrounds*** receive a top up of 100€ (or 150€ if 15+ days) AND travel support****		Students from disadvantaged backgrounds*** receive a top up of 250€ per month. Students travelling green receive a top up of 50€.			
Other students receive a top up for green travel of 50€					
Inclusion support is available for special needs students.					

**** Travel support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, per participant			
Distance	Standard travel	Green travel	Applicable for
10-99 km	23€	-	
100-499 km	180€	210€	
500-1999 km	275€	320€	Napoli, Olomouc, Copenhagen, Tarragona, Norwich, Amsterdam, Duisburg-Essen
2000-2999 km	360€	410€	Reykjavik
3000-3999 km	530€	610€	
4000-7999 km	820€	-	
8000+ km	1500€	-	

* Students doing a traineeship between 6 weeks to 2 months will receive a grant from this category, differing from the Erasmus+ traineeships with a minimum duration of 2 months. Traineeships of recent graduates are not supported through this mobility scheme.

** The UK is not a Programme Country anymore, grouping it together with DK and IS is based on the Erasmus grants of 2020

*** = Österreichische StudienbeihilfenbezieherInnen (Austrian student grant recipients)

For all other **academic and administrative staff**, mobility support for travel and subsistence will be the same as per diem rates paid by the University and set by relevant national legal frameworks and not Erasmus+. The administrative procedures will follow those used to manage work trips at Universität Innsbruck.

Universität Innsbruck explores in the context of the Aurora Sustainable Campus Action Plan how to **further mitigate the negative environmental impacts of travel from the University as a whole** and the results may have implication for this Aurora Mobility Plan. The internal guideline “Klimafreundliches Reisen” also applies to all Aurora related travel.

Promotion and administration

There will be an **open call throughout the entire project with rolling applications for Aurora mobility funds** from students and staff to participate in Aurora activities.

Universität Innsbruck will promote the opportunities of the Aurora mobility plan widely within the institution and target especially task teams and those that have demonstrated an interest in participating in academic cooperation or other type of cooperation and projects with Aurora partners.

Applications are submitted to the International Relations Office and subject to approval from the Aurora Institutional Coordinator in consultation with the lead of the WP3.3.1 Aurora Borderless Learning - Mobility and Recognition task team and the head of the Innsbruck International Relations Office to verify the eligibility of the activity and maintaining a balance in the use of funds.

Projected budget distribution

Based on the above-mentioned targets and specific institutional needs and bearing in mind the evolving Covid-19 situation and unknown demand during the project period, the following initial budget distribution is proposed but with flexibility to revise as needed during the project:

Topf	Position	Third-party funding	(%) TPF	Co-Funding	(%) CoF	Total	Responsibility
Erasmus+ Grant	Mobility Travel	€ 53 280,00	48%	€ 57 720,00	52%	€ 111 000,00	IRO
Erasmus+ Grant	Mobility Subsistence	€ 53 280,00	48%	€ 57 720,00	52%	€ 111 000,00	IRO
Erasmus+ Grant	Meeting Travel	€ 44 065,00	100%	€ -	0%	€ 44 065,00	AuO/IRO
Erasmus+ Grant	Meeting Subsistence	€ 44 065,00	100%	€ -	0%	€ 44 065,00	AuO/IRO

€ 194 690,00

€ 115 440,00
Co-Funding

€ 310 130,00
Total for 3 years

Total Mobility Funds	€ 310 130,00	100%
Short term mobility (< 30 days)		80%
Short term students	€ 93 039,00	30%
Short term staff	€ 155 065,00	50%
Long term mobility (2-12 months)		20%
Long term student mobility	€ 24 810,40	8%
Long term traineeship mobility	€ 37 215,60	12%