

Going abroad during your studies

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Why should you go abroad?



Key questions for your planning & initial considerations

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1. How much time do I want to spend abroad?
2. What do I want to do abroad?
(studies vs. internship vs. research vs. thesis)
3. Where would I like to go abroad?
4. Which conditions do I have to meet?
5. How do I finance my stay?
6. Where can I receive further information?

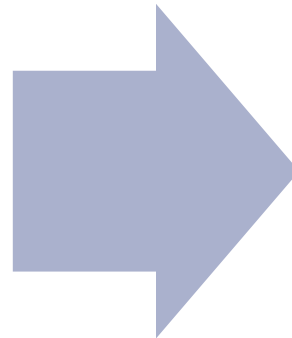


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1. When? And for how long?

How much time do I want to spend abroad?

From the 3.
semester
onwards or
after passing
the GOP



Stay of up to one year
possible

- Study: 1-2 semesters
- Internship: several weeks-1 year
- Short stays: a few weeks

2. Options for stays abroad

What do I want to do abroad?

- Studies
- Internship
(obligatory or voluntary internships; Praktisches Jahr, Famulatur (medicine); teaching assistant (teaching); etc.)
- Thesis or project work
- Summer or Winter School
- Language Course

3. Finding your destination country

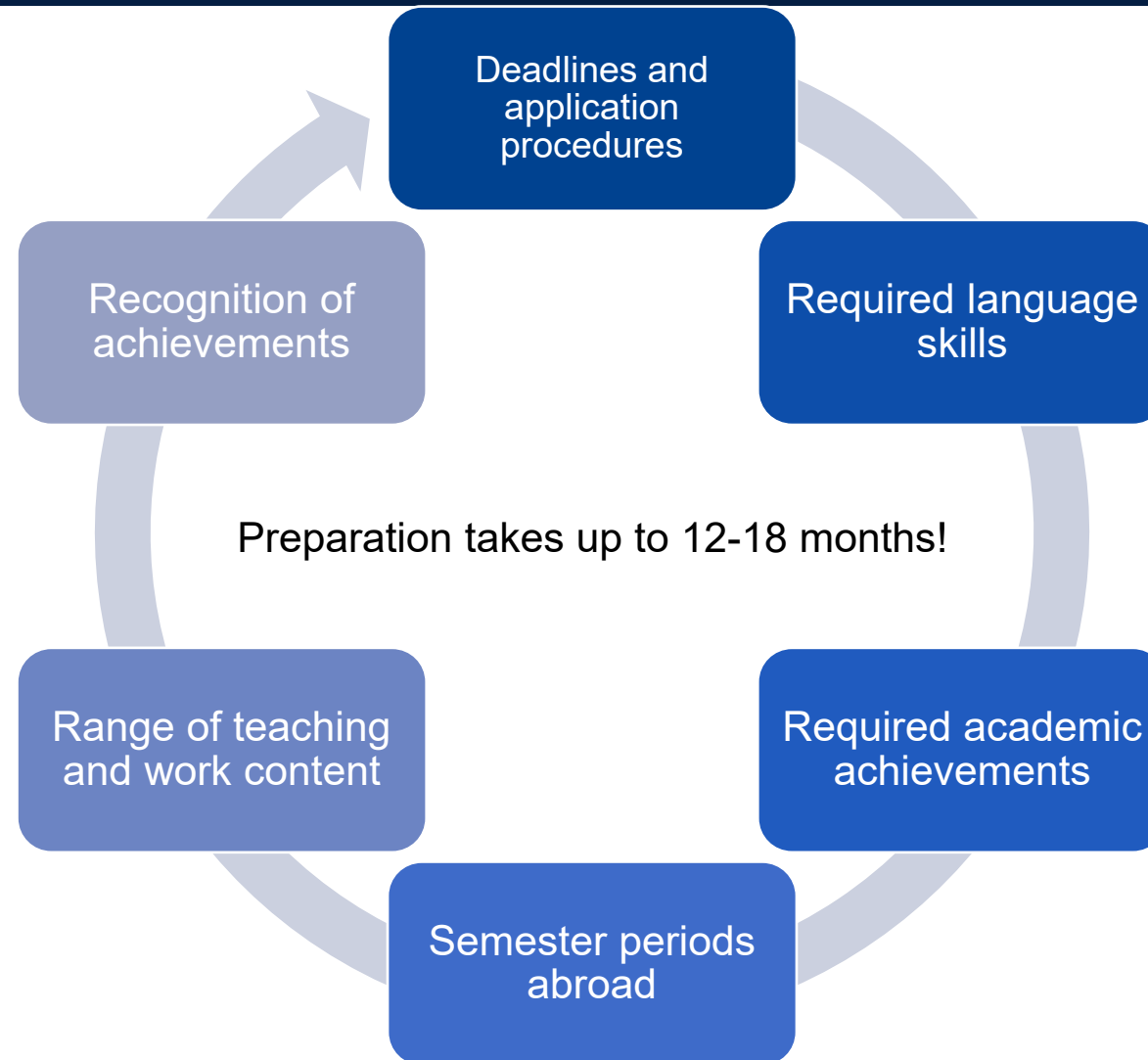
Where would I like to go abroad?

The choice of location for your stay abroad depends on:

- University system/working conditions
- Content offered
- Language (level of the teaching or working language; usually at least B2 is recommended)
- Entry and residence regulations
- Costs (travel, living costs, tuition fees, etc.)

4. Pay attention to deadlines and requirements

Which conditions do I have to meet?

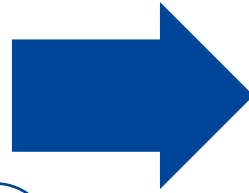


5. Financing

How do I finance my stay?

Expected costs

- Accommodation
- Cost of living (groceries, transport, electricity, wifi, ...)
- Visa fees
- Travel expenses
- International health insurance
- Vaccinations
- Tuition fees
- Personal expenses



Financing options

- Exchange programs with tuition fee waivers
- Own funds (savings, parents, etc.)
- DAAD scholarships, FAU scholarships
- Country-specific scholarships
- Foundations
- BAföG abroad
- Educational loan

6. Further planning

Where an I receive further information?

- FAU website: <https://fau.de/wege-ins-ausland>
- DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service
- Online (platforms for exchanges, internship exchanges, ...)
- At your department/faculty
- Central Office for International Affairs
- Organizations and associations (AIESEC, ...)
- Information fairs
- Fellow students who have already been abroad

Exchange programs



With an exchange program

- Organization of the stay as part of a funding program or an FAU partnership

Without an exchange program

- As so called “free mover”:
individual organization of the stay

General advantages:

- No or reduced tuition fees
- Fixed contact persons and services
- Simplified recognition of academic achievements
- Simplified access to scholarships

Exchange programs with partnership at FAU:

- Erasmus+: within Europe and in partner countries outside of Europe
- Direct exchange: Mainly partner universities in overseas territories
- DAAD exchanges: only possible in certain degree programs
- Double degree programs/joint degrees
- EELISA offers

- Funding for studies and internships
 - Partner universities in all EU countries, Iceland, Norway and Turkey; and outside the EU
 - Partial study abroad without a degree, for 1-2 semesters, at a partner university
 - Duration: 2-12 months
 - Tuition fee waiver plus partial scholarship
 - Supervision by sending and receiving institution
 - Exchange opportunities depending on department and degree program
- **Application at the department, usually between November-January**

- University-wide or faculty-wide exchange opportunities
- Direct exchange programs in: USA, Latin America, Asia, Europe, Québec
- Benefits: Tuition fee waiver or reduction; support from the sending and receiving institution
- **Application at the department or at the central office for international affairs**
- **Application at the Central IO: until 15. November**

Double Degree and Joint Degree



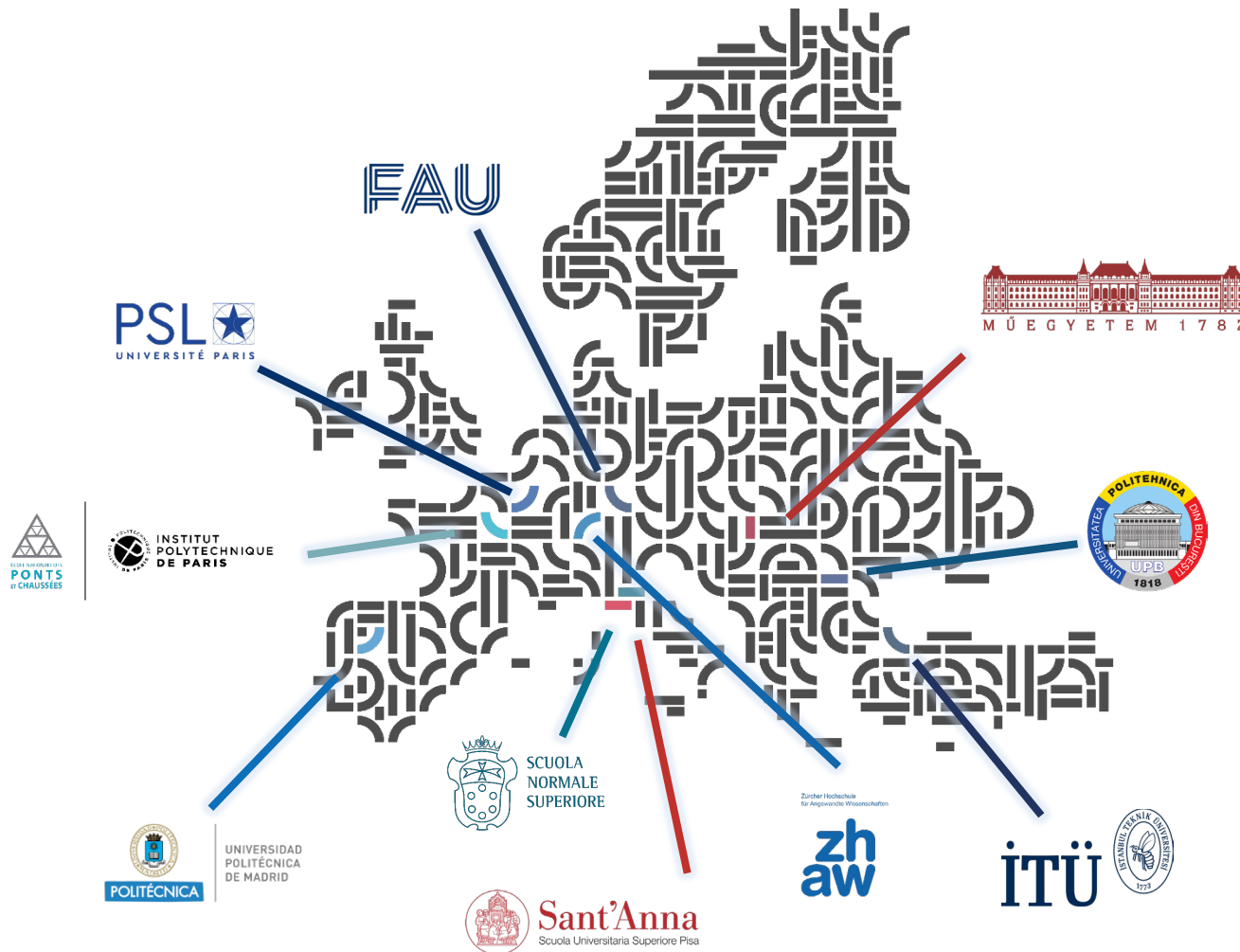
Integrated stays abroad

- Certain degree programs are designed from the outset so that you spend part of your studies at another university
- You complete your degree at all participating universities
- **Attention**, this is not an exchange program! It is a regular full degree program with an integrated, compulsory stay at certain partner university/universities

Study at FAU, study in Europe

CELISIA
European University





We are ...

- a European University Alliance
- funded by the European Commission
- a network of 10 partners from 8 countries
- joining forces in education, research and innovation
- offering a european perspective to your studies

... looking for you

1

EELISA Courses

online courses offered by our partner universities during the semester

- regular meetings during the semester

2

EELISA Activities

seasonal Schools, workshops, hackathons, seminars
abroad at our partner universities

- 2 – 7 days

3

EELISA Internships

internships abroad offered by our EELISA external partners (Siemens, Evosoft, Airbus...)

- 1-12 months



EELISA – What makes EELISA unique

EELISA, Erasmus – What's the difference?

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interdisciplinary activities

possible at any time

related to SDGs

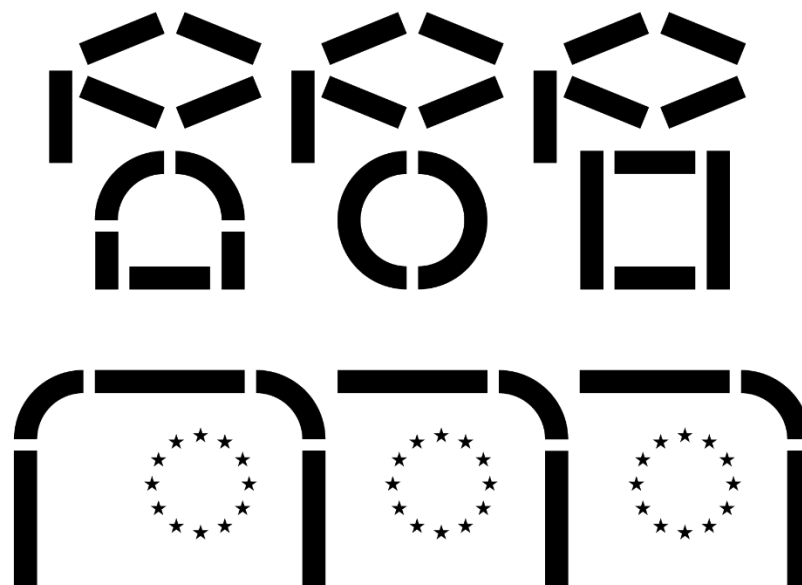
applied topics

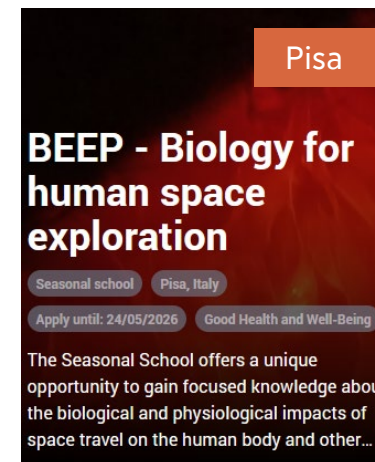
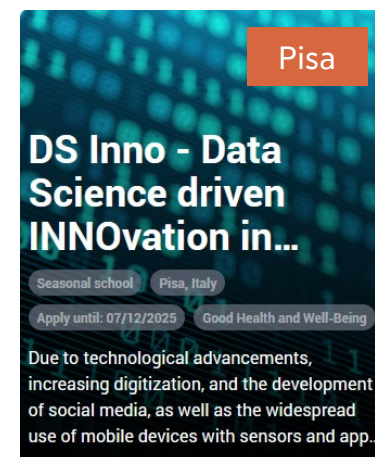
innovative formats

short term mobility

Special focus on
innovation and
entrepreneurship topics

shorter planning period





for more activities, impressions and news:

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You want to learn more?

Join the EELISA Mobility Fair, November 12th, 2025

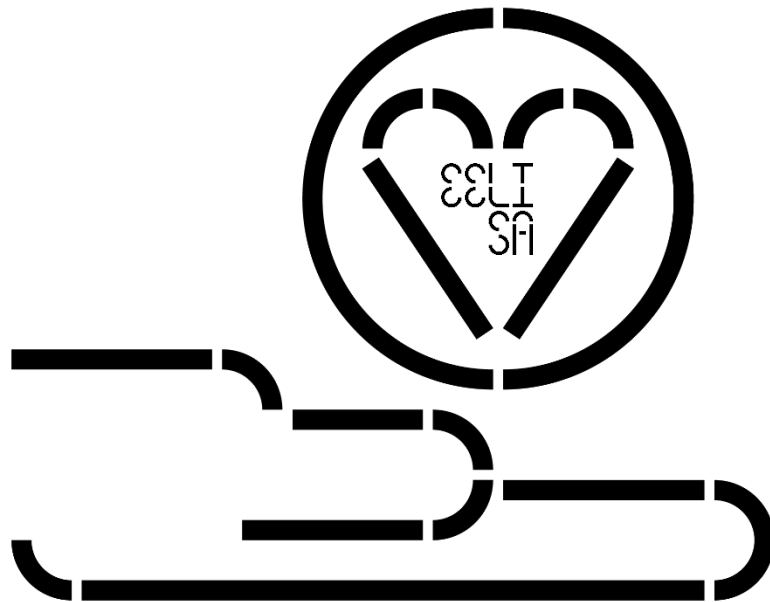


Online info session to get to know EELISA partner universities and opportunities, e.g. Erasmus Semester, Short Term Mobility, Internships

- **November 12th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Register here and receive the link:





You found an interesting EELISA activity abroad...

- apply at the organizer

... we can offer you financial support.

- You can contact us for funding (just: accomodation and travel)

eelisa-mobility@fau.de

The five best tips for stays abroad



Thank you for your attention!

If you have further questions, ask them now or contact us later:

