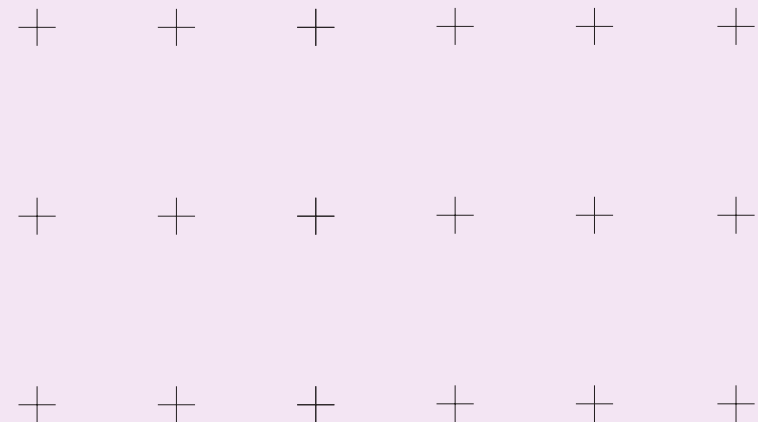




# STUDENT EXCHANGE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

2025



# Why should I apply?



Professional and personal growth



Practical experience in a multicultural environment



Better employment possibilities



Better understanding of own field of study and its cultural context



# Basic information

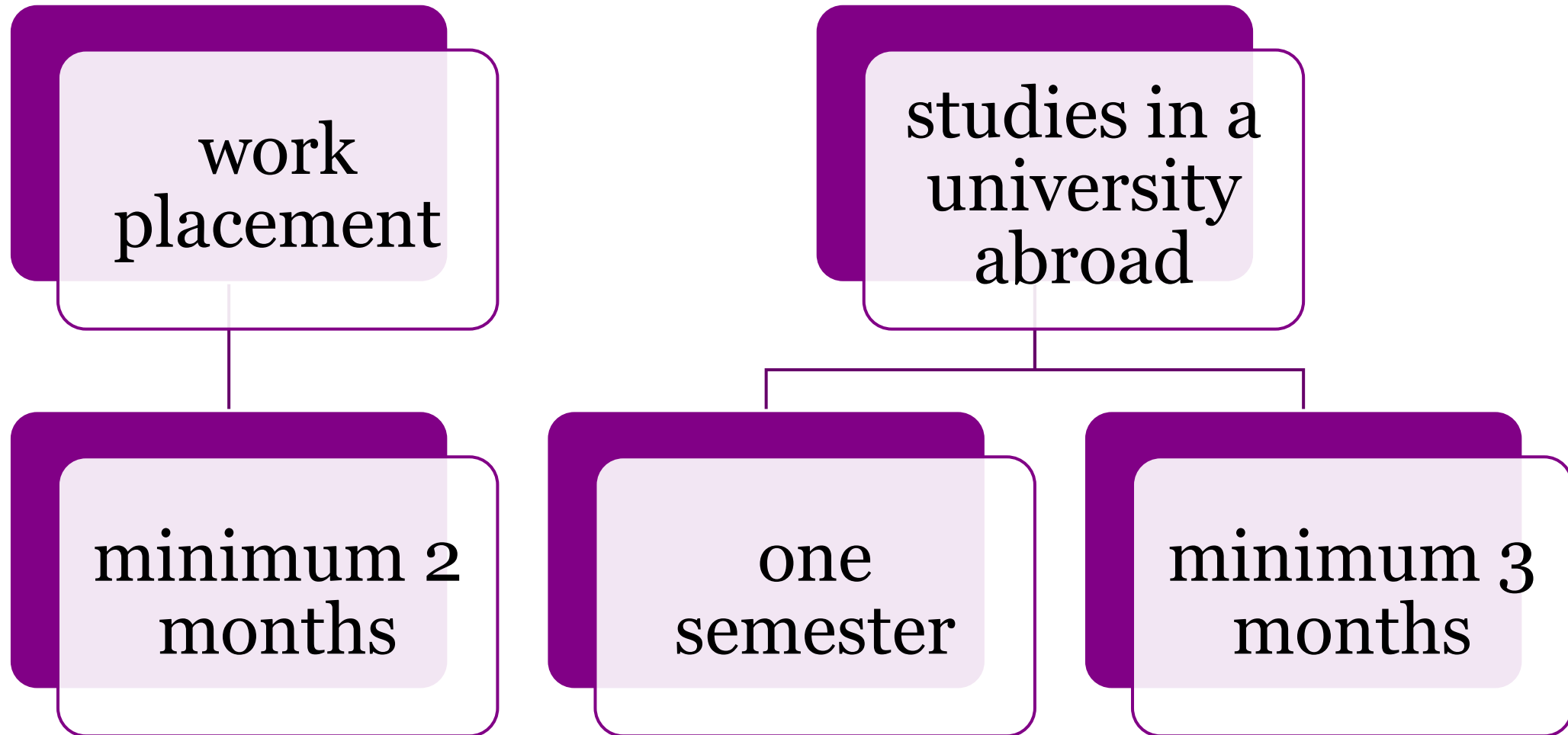


# Student exchange abroad

- Diak degree students can complete a part of their degree abroad in student exchange programmes
- You can study or complete a work placement abroad
- Timing of the student exchange
  - The recommended timing varies between different degree programmes
  - Discuss the timing of your exchange with your study guidance counselor, check our website for recommendations
  - Typically Diak students go for student exchange in their 3rd year
  - A minimum 60 credits completed before going on exchange
- Application one year before the planned exchange, second application round one semester before



## Duration of the exchange





# Student exchange types



# Studying in a university abroad



- Studying as an exchange student in a university abroad is a good opportunity to develop international networks, learn about cultures and get a new perspectives.
- Diak students can only go for student exchange to Diak partner universities.
- The agreement defines how many students Diak can annually send to each university.
- If there are more applicants than places, the selection criteria is gpa.
- Exchange students do not pay tuition fees in the destination university.
- Some partner universities also offer work placements. It is possible to combine work placement and studies.

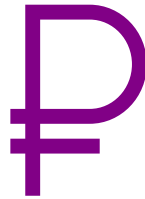
# Studying in a university abroad



## SELECTING COURSES AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

Discuss with your international academic supervisor (contact info at the end of the presentation)

Select courses that can be included in your degree



## STUDYING IN A DIAK PARTNER UNIVERSITY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU): ERASMUS+ GRANT

The grant is based on the duration (number of days) of the exchange (~500€/month)

Family grant for students with underaged children

Special needs grant, Green travel top up



## MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.diak.fi/en/studying/international-exchange/outgoing-students/funding/>



# Work placement in Europe

- Finding a work placement organisation
  - Diak has partner organisations in some European countries. The working language is English, Finnish or the local language.
    - Nursing: hospitals and health centres
    - Social services: Finnish seamen's mission, Finnish schools and children's homes
  - Some of our partner universities arrange work placements locally. The working language is English or the local language.
  - In Europe you can also look for and arrange work placements independently.
    - Check the placement goals and contents of your degree programme carefully
    - Contact interesting organisations that might provide tasks that are suitable for the placement
    - Check the suitability of the organisation with the international academic supervisor of your field of study

# Work placement in Europe



**EACH FIELD OF STUDY HAS AN  
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR  
WHO WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR  
PLACEMENT ABROAD**



## **WORK PLACEMENT GRANT**

**ALL WORK PLACEMENTS IN THE EU:  
ERASMUS+ GRANT**

- The grant is based on the duration (number of days) of the exchange (~ 600-700€/month)
- Family grant for students with underaged children
- Special needs grant
- Green travel top up

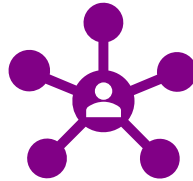
## Work placement outside the EU

- Finding a work placement organisation
  - Diak has partner organisations in Asia and Africa
  - You can look for and arrange placements independently outside Europe only in special cases: you have lived in the area, you have family or other support network in the area or you know the area well. Diak will evaluate the safety and suitability of the destination.

# Work placement outside the EU

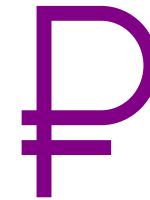


**EACH FIELD OF STUDY HAS AN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR WHO WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR PLACEMENT ABROAD**



**WORK PLACEMENT IN A DIAK PARTNER ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION: ERASMUS+ GRANT**

The grant is based on the duration (number of days) of the exchange (700€/month)



**WORK PLACEMENT IN AN ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE EU THAT IS NOT A DIAK PARTNER: FREE MOVER GRANT**


Same grant for all, independent of the length of the exchange (1500€/exchange)

# Exchange destinations



# Student exchange destination database

<https://www.diak.fi/en/studying/international/outgoing-students/exchange-destinations/>


Diaconia University of Applied Sciences

Agreements
Exchange reports
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### Preselection

Academic year  
<-- Select all -->

Continent  
<-- Select all -->

Type of application  
Incoming Outgoing Both


Keyword
Start search

Study field  
<-- Select all -->

Country  
<-- Select all -->

Type of person  
Students Teacher Both

### Map



### Statistics

74
Partner institutions

128
Agreements with partner institutions

74 partners in 0 continents

74 partners in 31 countries

145 Agreements in 30 countries

# Student exchange destination database

- Search for field of study:

Preselection

Academic year

<-- Select all -->

Continent

<-- Select all -->

Type of application

Incoming

Outgoing

Both

Keyword

Study field

<-- Select all -->

Select all

Deselect all

Community Interpreting

Health and welfare


Nursing

Sign language interpretation

Social services

Done

- Information available under "Agreements":

Result					
Show 100 entries		Search			
+	Institution	Continent	Country	City	Agreements
+	Asociacion Finlandesa Costa del Sol	Europe	Spain	Torremolinos	 
+	Ateenan Merimieskirkko	Europe	Greece	Athens	 

# Choose your destination



CONTENTS (AVAILABLE COURSES/WORK TASKS), PROFESSIONAL GOALS



WORK PLACEMENT OR STUDIES, or a combination of these?



ALL INSTITUTIONS HAVE THEIR OWN THEMATIC FOCUSES -> SEARCH ONLINE



COUNTRY AND CULTURE



INSTITUTION SUPPORTS YOUR GOALS



# Application process



# Application process

- Discuss the timing of your exchange with your study guidance counsellor
- Apply during the application period in February or September
- Fill in the online application on Mobility Online
- Book an exchange interview on Doodle
- Application instructions are available on our website:  
<https://www.diak.fi/en/studying/international/outgoing-students/applying-for-exchange/>



# Mobility Online application form

- Fill in all the compulsory fields. The form cannot be saved.
- Please answer all the questions – most topics are also discussed in the interview
- List 2-3 interesting destinations. 1. choice is your priority.
- The destinations can be discussed and changed in the interview.
- You can list both universities and work placement organisations in the same application
- If you arrange the work placement yourself, select:
  - Are you going to a Diak partner organisation: NO
  - Select the country from the dropdown box
  - Write the name of the destination organisation, or if the exact organisation is not known yet, write the type of work your are looking for

Are you going to a DIAK partner organisation? \*
  
☐ yes ☒ no

Before entering details of a new organisation, please make sure that the organisation is not already listed as a Diak partner.

Country of host institution (if not a partner) \*
  

<-- Please select -->

Name of host institution (if not a partner) \*

## Selection criteria

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Previous studies are completed (pending assignments must be completed before the exchange orientation)

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Exchange contents and schedule are in line with graduation plans

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Health and life situation

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Applicant is suitable for the destination

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Language skills

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Applicant is willing to invest time in the process as it requires a lot of independent work

# Practicalities



# Compulsory training



ALL EXCHANGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE  
IN AN ORIENTATION COURSE IN THE  
SEMESTER PRIOR THE EXCHANGE



ALL STUDENTS:  
KVS STUDENT EXCHANGE ORIENTATION  
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# Funding

- All accepted students will receive a grant for the exchange
- European destinations  
Erasmus grant 500-700 €/month + travel support
- Diak partner organisations outside EU  
Erasmus grant 700 €/month + travel support
- Work placement in another organisation outside EU  
Free mover grant 1500 €/exchange
- Kela student allowance, study loan and housing support are available for eligible students also during student exchange
- If you receive some other support in Finland, please consult the authority providing the support

# Funding

- All Erasmus+ mobilities include travel support based on the distance to the destination

Distance to destination	Green travel	Other than green travel
10–99 km	56 euros	28 euros
100–499 km	285 euros	211 euros
500–1999 km	417 euros	309 euros
2 000–2 999 km	535 euros	395 euros
3000–3999 km	785 euros	580 euros
4000–7999 km	1188 euros	1188 euros
minimum 8000 km	1735 euros	1735 euros



## Insurance & safety

- Diak provides a traveller's health insurance for all exchange students
- The insurance does not cover luggage or personal belongings
- EU citizens going to European destinations must get a European health insurance card
- All students (including non-Finnish citizens) must notify the local Finnish embassy about their stay in the area. For instructions and forms, see [formin.fi](https://formin.fi).
- Falcony system in use during the exchange

## Contact information

- International services:  
[international.office@diak.fi](mailto:international.office@diak.fi)
- Ask via email or book an online meeting
- Facebook-group: diakexchange



# International Academic Supervisors

- International academic supervisors give advice on academic questions related to mobility: courses, work placement goals & contents and credit transfer.
- SOCIAL SERVICES
  - Mika Alavaikko, Jaana Rintala
- NURSING AND HEALTH CARE
  - Hanna Dombret

# Share your exchange stories with us!



- Would you like to share your international exchange experiences in Diak's communication channels and encourage other students to apply for international exchange?
- Sign up as an interviewee: we publish exchange students' stories on Diak's website
- Sign up as a social media ambassador: you get to share your exchange student life on Diak's Instagram and/or TikTok, eg. for a day or for a week
- We are also happy to share exchange student content from your own social media channel – just tag @diakamk!
- Are you interested? Email us: [viestinta@diak.fi](mailto:viestinta@diak.fi)



Thank you!

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