

# Brexit planning: FAQs for Erasmus+ students and staff

## Students

### **I'm currently on Erasmus+ exchange/traineeship. Will I be able to proceed with my placement and receive Erasmus+ funding after 29 March 2019?**

Yes. Students currently studying/working abroad through Erasmus+ will be able to proceed with their placement and receive funding for the duration of their period abroad.

### **I will be doing a 2019 summer traineeship. Will I still be able to go ahead with this and receive an Erasmus+ grant?**

Yes, provided a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable students to continue to undertake traineeships and receive an Erasmus+ grant. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the government will underwrite funding committed to projects already ratified by the European Commission before Brexit where the activity can continue. This should include Erasmus+ traineeships taking place in the summer of 2019 (subject to confirmation by the UK government).

### **I have accepted an Erasmus exchange place for 2019/20. Will I be able to go ahead with my exchange?**

Yes. If a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK, the University of Edinburgh will continue to participate in the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the University of Edinburgh will honour its current Erasmus+ agreements and, if necessary, arrange for bilateral agreements to be set up with individual European partners, allowing opportunities for student exchange to continue throughout 2019/20.

### **I have accepted an Erasmus exchange place for 2019/20. Will I receive an Erasmus+ grant?**

Yes, provided a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable students to continue to receive an Erasmus+ grant. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the University of Edinburgh will guarantee funding equivalent to the financial support currently available through the Erasmus+ programme to students on degree programmes with mandatory periods of work/study abroad. Eligible programmes would include Modern Languages programmes, International Business/International Business with a Language, Law and a Language, Chemistry with a Year Abroad, Geophysics with professional placement, Geophysics and Meteorology with professional placement and Physics with a Year Abroad.

### **I'm planning to do an Erasmus+ work placement/traineeship in 2019/20. Will I still be able to go ahead with my placement?**

Yes. If a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK, the University of Edinburgh will continue to participate in the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme. If the UK

government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the University of Edinburgh will continue to provide opportunities for students wishing to do work placements in Europe outwith the Erasmus+ programme.

**I'm planning to do an Erasmus+ work placement/traineeship in 2019/20. Will I receive an Erasmus+ grant?**

Yes, provided a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable students to continue to receive an Erasmus+ grant. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the University of Edinburgh will guarantee funding equivalent to Erasmus+ to students on degree programmes with mandatory periods of work/study abroad. These would include Modern Languages programmes, International Business/International Business with a Language, Law and a Language, Chemistry with a Year Abroad, Geophysics with professional placement, Geophysics and Meteorology with professional placement and Physics with a Year Abroad.

**I have been nominated to study at the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20. Will I still be able to proceed with my exchange?**

Yes. The University of Edinburgh encourages Erasmus+ partner institutions to continue nominating students as per our current Erasmus+ agreements. If the UK is no longer participating in Erasmus+, the University of Edinburgh will honour its current Erasmus+ agreements and, if necessary, arrange for bilateral agreements to be set up with individual European partners, allowing current exchange arrangements to continue outwith the Erasmus+ programme throughout 2019/20.

**I have been nominated to study/undertake research at the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20. Will I receive an Erasmus+ grant from my home institution?**

Yes, provided a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable incoming exchange students to continue to receive an Erasmus+ grant from their home institution. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, there is uncertainty about the funding element and the University of Edinburgh would be discussing the implications directly with our European partner institutions/incoming students.

## Staff

**I'm a University of Edinburgh staff member. I have submitted an application for funding for an Erasmus teaching/training mobility which takes place after March 2019 – will I still be able to go and receive funding?**

Yes, provided a withdrawal agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable staff to continue to receive funding through the Erasmus+ programme. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, the government will underwrite funding committed to projects already ratified by the European Commission before Brexit. This should include all Erasmus+ staff mobility activities taking place before 31 May 2019 where the activity can continue (subject to confirmation by the UK government).

**I will be visiting the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ staff scheme after March 2019 – will I still be able to go and receive funding from my home institution?**

Yes, provided an agreement is reached between the EU and the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK government will seek to negotiate access to the Erasmus+ programme which would enable incoming staff visitors to continue to receive an Erasmus+ grant from their home institution. If the UK government is unsuccessful in negotiating access to the Erasmus+ programme, there is uncertainty about the funding element and we will be discussing the implications directly with our European partner institutions/incoming staff visitors.