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.