Brexit planning: FAQs for Erasmus+ students and staff

Students (outbound)

I’m currently on Erasmus+ exchange/traineeship. Will I be able to proceed with my placement and receive an Erasmus+ grant?

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, regardless of the outcome of Brexit negotiations.

I will be doing a 2019 summer Erasmus+ traineeship. Will I be able to go ahead with my placement and receive an Erasmus+ grant?

Yes. Students planning to do a 2019 summer Erasmus+ traineeship will be able to proceed with their placement and receive funding for the duration of their period abroad, provided the required paperwork has been submitted.

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

Yes. Students nominated for an Erasmus+ exchange in 2019/20 should continue planning and preparing for their exchange as normal.

The deadline for Brexit negotiations has been extended until 31st October 2019. If the UK leaves the EU with a withdrawal agreement which includes a transition period, there will be no impact on your Erasmus+ exchange and the UK will continue to participate fully in the Erasmus+ programme until 2020/21.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the EU has put in place regulations ensuring that students who are studying/working in Europe through Erasmus+ on the day the UK leaves the EU will not see their mobility period interrupted.

The University of Edinburgh is working closely with its European partner institutions to make sure that student exchanges can still take place regardless of the outcome of Brexit negotiations.

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

Students going on Erasmus exchange in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant for as long as the UK participates in the Erasmus+ programme. The University of Edinburgh has applied for Erasmus+ funding to support students going on Erasmus+ exchange in 2019/20 and we are currently waiting for confirmation of funding from the British Council (the UK National Agency for Erasmus+).
If the UK leaves the EU with a withdrawal agreement which includes a transition period, the UK will continue to participate in the Erasmus+ programme and students will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant until 2020/21.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the UK government has confirmed that it will underwrite funding for UK participants on Erasmus+ projects approved before the UK’s exit from the EU. We are yet to receive confirmation from the British Council that our 2019/20 Erasmus+ project has been approved and will update this page once we have more information.

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

Yes. Students planning to do an Erasmus+ work placement/traineeship in 2019/20 should continue planning and preparing for their placement abroad as normal.

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If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the EU has put in place regulations ensuring that students who are studying/working in Europe through Erasmus+ on the day the UK leaves the EU will not see their mobility period interrupted.

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

Students going on Erasmus work placement/traineeship in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant for as long as the UK participates in the Erasmus+ programme. The University of Edinburgh has already applied for Erasmus+ funding to support students going on Erasmus+ work placement/traineeship in 2019/20 and we are currently waiting for confirmation of funding from the British Council (the UK National Agency for Erasmus+).

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Given the general uncertainty caused by Brexit, the University will have contingency funds available to provide students with support through a no-deal transition if needed.
Students (inbound)

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

Yes. The University of Edinburgh encourages Erasmus+ partner institutions to continue nominating students as per our current Erasmus+ agreements and students planning to study at the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20 should continue planning and preparing for their exchange as normal.

The deadline for Brexit negotiations has been extended until 31st October 2019. If the UK leaves the EU with a withdrawal agreement which includes a transition period, there will be no impact on your Erasmus+ exchange at the University of Edinburgh and the UK will continue to participate fully in the Erasmus+ programme until 2020/21.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the EU has put in place regulations ensuring that students who are studying/working through Erasmus+ on the day the UK leaves the EU will not see their mobility period interrupted.

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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?

Students coming to study at the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant for as long as the UK participates in the Erasmus+ programme.

If the UK leaves the EU with a withdrawal agreement which includes a transition period, the UK will continue to participate fully in the Erasmus+ programme and students will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant until 2020/21.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the EU has put in place regulations ensuring that students who are studying/working in Europe through Erasmus+ on the day the UK leaves the EU will not see their mobility period interrupted and will continue to receive Erasmus+ funding.
Staff (outbound)

I'm a University of Edinburgh staff member. I have submitted an application for funding for an Erasmus teaching/training mobility in 2019/20 – will I be able to go ahead with my visit and receive funding?

Staff planning to undertake an Erasmus+ teaching/training mobility through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant for as long as the UK participates in the Erasmus+ programme.

If the UK leaves the EU with a withdrawal agreement which includes a transition period, the UK will continue to participate fully in the Erasmus+ programme and staff will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant until 2020/21.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement, the EU has put in place regulations ensuring that staff who are undertaking Erasmus+ mobility activities on the day the UK leaves the EU will not see their mobility period interrupted and will continue to receive Erasmus+ funding.

The UK government has confirmed that in a no deal scenario it will underwrite funding for UK participants on Erasmus+ projects approved before the UK’s exit from the EU. We are yet to receive confirmation from the British Council that our 2019/20 Erasmus+ project has been approved and will update this page once we have more information.

Staff (inbound)

I will be visiting the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ staff – will I be able to go ahead with my visit and receive funding from my home institution?

Staff planning to visit the University of Edinburgh through the Erasmus+ programme in 2019/20 will continue to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant for as long as the UK participates in the Erasmus+ programme.

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