Exchange Info Session 2016

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  - Geography
  - Mathematics
  - Informatics
  - Biology
  - Oceanography
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
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  - Urban Studies
  - Marjan Maes
  - Stefan Weckx
  - Matthieu Kervyn
  - Kenny De Commer
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Exchange Programmes

- **Studies or Traineeship**
  - Always *during* your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeships)

- **Grant**
  - Included?
  - Amount*

- **Tuition Fee Waiver**

- **Min – max duration**

- **Study level**

- **EU or non-EU host institution**

* Amounts based on 2016-17 scholarships
10 reasons to study abroad

- Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
- Study & learn differently
- Brush up on your language skills
- Boost your employment opportunities
- Gain a global mindset
10 reasons to study abroad

- Enhance your intercultural competences
- Learn about yourself & your culture
- Boost your self-confidence & independence
- Be adventurous & explore the world
- Friends for life from all over the world
EU DESTINATIONS
Erasmus+ KA1

- Studies & Traineeships (during & after studies)
  - Studies: € 235/month - € 335/month (+€ 100 ‘Studietoelage’)
  - Traineeships: € 335/month - € 435/months
- Min. 2 – max. 10 months
- 3e Bachelor & Master
- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses)
Erasmus+ KA 1 Host Institutions

- General: all 28 EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
- Specific cooperation agreements per WE programme
- More info on [http://we.vub.ac.be/en-going-abroad](http://we.vub.ac.be/en-going-abroad)
- Switzerland!
Erasmus Belgica

- Studies
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- 3e Bachelor & Master
NON-EU DESTINATIONS
Non-EU host institutions

- General VUB exchange agreements
- Tuition fee waiver
- Min. 5- max. 10 months
- No grant guaranteed
  - Apply for a grant from the Flemish government (€650-€850/month + return flight)
- Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)
Non-EU host institutions

- Countries & host institutions:
  - Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santa Catarina)
  - China (Beijing, Shanghai)
  - Canada (Québec)
  - Japan (Kobe)
  - Mexico (Puebla)
  - South-Africa (Bloemfontein)
  - South-Korea (Seoul)
Non-EU host institutions

- Preparing for a non-EU exchange application: more effort

- Contact IRMO and your VUB exchange coordinator in time by e-mail to express your interest and receive more detailed info on the specific host institutions

- Look up the offered programs online and compose a draft study plan
  ⇒ Individual match for courses
  ⇒ You will need approval from your exchange coordinator

- Apply for a grant, if applicable

- Higher competition for grants and available places
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Application Procedure

Inform Exchange Coordinator
- Scholarship programme + host institution
- You compose a first study or training plan, viz. a Learning Agreement (LA)

Nomination
- Your faculty nominates you officially to IRMO, after 1/03/17
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

VUB Application
- SAC sends you the VUB procedure, Student SelfService
- You compose a final LA
- Your faculty approves your LA
Application Procedure

Host Institution Application
- You apply to your host institution

Official Approval
- Your faculty officially confirms your exchange after the June and/or September exams

Departure Administration
- IRMO invites you to a take-off meeting
- IRMO sends you the scholarship administration
Deadlines

- Erasmus+
- Erasmus Belgica
- SEMP

22 February 2017

- All other, also 22 February 2017, unless earlier deadlines apply for grant
 Inform IRMO asap, E: exchange.outgoing@vub.ac.be

! LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!
PRACTICALITIES
Practicalities

- Choice of Host Institution
- Required language knowledge
- Selection procedure
- Registration & tuition fee
- Courses, exams & resit exams
- Recognition & credit transfer
Practicalities

- Insurance
- Childcare benefits (‘kindergeld’)
- Housing
- Finances
  - VUB Sociale Dienst Studenten
  - MY.VUB.ac.be/studiefinanciering
QUESTIONS
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