Exchange Info Session

Monday 6 November 2017, 12h - 14h, room D2.01
Programme Info Session

- General overview (IRM0)
- Testimonials
- Meet your exchange coordinator
VUB Exchange Contacts

International Relations & Mobility Office

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  - Bas Van Heur
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- Computer Science
  - Beat Signer
- Biology
  - Gustavo Gutierrez Gonzalez
- Oceans & Lakes
  - Karolien Van Puyvelde
- Chemistry
  - Yue Gao
- Physics
  - Steven Lowette
- Urban Studies
  - Bas Van Heur
- SteR*
  - Bas Van Heur/Fabio Vanin

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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 2017-18 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 ‘Vlaamse Studietoelage’)
  - Traineeships: €335/month - €435/months
- Min. 2 – max. 10 months
- 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 per programme & exchange coordinator

Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP)
- Switzerland
- Grants paid by Swiss host institution
- +/- 400€/month
Erasmus Belgica

- Studies
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- 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, Florianopolis - Santa Catarina)
  - China (Beijing – *Renmin & Tongji University* )
  - Canada (Québec - *UQAM & Bishops University* )
  - Japan (Kobe – *labo’s*)
  - Mexico (Puebla - *UPAEP* )
  - South-Korea (Seoul – *Korea University* )
  - South Africa (Bloemfontein – *CUT* )
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 1/03/18
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

VUB Application
- IRMO sends you the VUB procedure, SOP Mobility-Online
- 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

26 February 2018

- All other, also **26 February 2018**, 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
  - [https://student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod](https://student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod)
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  - Informatics
  - Biology
  - Oceanography
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Urban Studies
  - Urban design & Spatial Planning (STER)

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Meet the Experts!

Pieter-Jan Keleman
- Biology
- A semester in Lisbon

Steven De Hertog
- Geography
- A semester in Stockholm

Simon Volckaert
- Geography
- A semester in Vienna
A week in the life of an Erasmus student
vubbrussel: I can't help but missing the green VUB campus a bit. However, the huge palm trees, sunny weather, McDonald's on campus & buildings for the science department only made me forget about it easily. Tip: go to the "Go Abroad Fair" next week and enjoy the benefits of studying in Lisbon soon! 😊
@jipeterpan #studyinginparadise #couldbeworse #doworkvan #dowork #vub
Modelação Ecológica
Henrique Cabral

Enquadramento
- A ecolodia é uma disciplina da biologia relativamente recente.
- A interação entre domínios diferentes da ciência ganhou relevância a um ritmo acelerado.
- Existem vários construtos que desempenham um papel importante na modelação ecológica, entre os quais os comportamentos.

Enquadramento
- Estudos explicativos - interação entre populações e habitats.
- Estudos comparativos - caracterização e comparação de diferentes espécies.
- Estudos experimentais - manipulação experimental para testar causas e efeitos.
- Modelação e simulação - simulações e expansões de modelos para esclarecer questões e problemas.
vubrussel Not sure if studying in Lisbon or at 'Hogwarts' though. #studentassociations #peoplelookinglikewizards #studentlife #6eweekvan #6eweekof #vub baratury The same feeling when in Lisbon 😅
ontime_essays 😊

108 vind-ik-leuks
11 oktober 2016

Een reactie toevoegen...
vubrussel eating the famous "pastel de nata" together with another Brusseller in Time Out, a place downtown where famous Portuguese chefs gather to offer quality food for reasonable prices. #theweekofvub #timemarketslisboa.

cheychey_al@wafae alba We've been there 😊 #goodtimes

laurenzzz Paste de Belem is een authentieke winkel in het oude centrum van de stad, daar vond ik ze het lekkerst 😊

wafaeeee @cheychey_al jij za 😊

vubrussel I'm having lunch at the cafeteria of the Law Faculty. You have a soup, main dish, dessert and drink for only €3! #cheapfood #loveit #theweekofvub

kaat.lemmens1 Ho-ho-ho. Ziet er bien uit... En wij maar vijf euro betalen 😄

vubrussel @kaat.lemmens1 alles hier is veel goedkoper, another reason to go abroad! #kaat.lemmens1 Mijn Erasmus avontuur zit er jammer genoeg al op! Dus het is met veel nostalgie dat ik naar je foto's kijk 😊

108 vind-ik-leuks

14 OKTOBER 2016

Een reactie toevoegen...
vubrussel: “I have no idea what I’m doing.” 😓

Being in another country means that you have to stand on your own two feet. I just selected randomly a program to wash my sheers. Let’s hope that this turns out quite well... don’t forget: #goingabroadafair 📅 next week! #help #motherneedyou #deweeleven #theweekof #vub

sultanalkis: First rule: separate white and coloured clothes. Second: white clothes and underwear at 60° // coloured clothes at 40° // if special fabrics, 30° is even better // For wool max 30°, even less if possible and with special detergent for wool. Third: Turn your jeans inside out to keep the colour of your jeans safe. Fourth: A couple of black clothes (2 – 3) mixed with coloured won’t give problems, but if there are too much dark and black clothes, the coloured clothes will get a dark shine. Fifth: don’t wait too

68 vind-ik-leuks
15 oktober 2018

Een reactie toevoegen...
vubrussel I have so many more things to show you of this beautiful city, but my #theweekof comes to an end. I'm ending it in the same way I started this week with a picture on a "Miradouro", which are viewpoints on the hills of Lisbon. Also want to experience a different city during your studies? Go to the #goabroadfair next week, October 18th or 19th on campus Jette/Etterbeek. Just do it! it will be an incredible experience for the rest of your life. Any doubts? Feel free to contact me. 📩@japernan#diweekend #theweekof #vub #goingabroad #erasmus #lisbon
What’s next?

Inform your VUB exchange coordinator + faculty coordinator and submit your application **before 26 February 2018**:

- Scholarship programme + destination
- Motivation letter (1 page max)

! For non-EU destinations: expression of interest by **Friday 22 December 2017**
## EU destinations

### Biology
- Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy)
- Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt (Austria)
- Universität Wien (Austria)
- Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)
- Universidad de Oviedo (Spain)
- Abban Izet Baysal University (Turkey)
- Université Pierre et Marie Curie (France)
- Université des Antilles (Guadeloupe)
- TBC – Université de Guyane (French Guiana)
- TBC – Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle (France)

### Bio-engineering
- Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)
- Medical University of Gdansk (Poland)
- Technical University of Gdansk (Poland)
- Universidad de Alcalá (Spain)
- Universidad de Murcia (Spain)
- University of Barcelona (Spain)

### Computer Science
- Technische Universität München (Germany)
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain)
- Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden)
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland)
- ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
- Universität Konstanz (Germany)
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**ULB agreements:** Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Université de Genève, Université Grenoble Alpes.
Meet your exchange coordinator

Your Exchange Coordinator:

- Biology: Gustavo Gutierrez (gustavo.gutierrez.gonzalez@vub.be)
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- Geography/Urban Studies/SteR*: Bas Van Heur (bas.van.heur@vub.be)
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Faculty Coordinator Internationalisation:

- Marjan Maes (marjan.maes@vub.be; F4.107)
Ready, set, go...