



OPEN CALL

Experienced (R2-R4) Researcher Mobility Grants Programme



RESEARCHERS

LONG TERM

MOBILITY CONTENT



RESEARCH NETWORKING

Mobility between Across partner universities
One-month mobility · physical or hybrid format

Objective

The Across Alliance invites eligible applicants from partner universities to submit applications for Across **Experienced (R2–R4) Researcher** Mobility Grants, to be awarded within the Alliance framework.

The programme aims to strengthen **networking and collaboration among experienced researchers** within the Alliance, promote cross-border academic exchange, and support the consolidation of long-term institutional and scientific cooperation.

Scope

Mobility must take place at another **Across partner institution**. The duration of the mobility shall be **at least one month**.

The mobility may be implemented in physical or in hybrid format. However, the physical presence at the host institution must last at least two weeks. Several mobility periods of less than one month may be accumulated within the duration of this call, provided that the beneficiary formally commits (Annex 2) to reaching a cumulative mobility duration of one month.

Funding

The grant covers **travel, accommodation and subsistence costs** related exclusively to the physical component of the mobility. No financial contribution shall be granted for the online component of the mobility.

The calculation of the contribution shall be based on the applicable European mobility funding principles and institutional regulations, primarily those derived from the Erasmus+ Programme framework and related institutional guidelines (Annex 1). The grant covers one month of physical mobility, and the maximum individual financial contribution shall not exceed **EUR 2,000 per month of physical mobility**, including support measures related to individual needs or fewer opportunities.

Selection Criteria

All eligible applications will be evaluated through a competitive review process according to the **evaluation criteria** established in the programme guidelines, as follows:

1. **Quality of the concrete expected output of the mobility** (an emerging research project / a joint article / a joint proposal / a workshop / a joint open dataset / a joint Graduate School activity / a Challenge Team activity / a stakeholder or citizen science action) (0–15 points).
2. **Feasibility and expected impact of the networking, mentoring of students** at host institution, teaching, training and knowledge-sharing programme (0–12 points).
3. **Potential contribution to long-term collaboration** within the Across Alliance (0–4 points).
4. **Potential contribution to KCT** (Knowledge Creation Teams) strengthening, institutional cooperation and future joint initiatives (0–2 points).
5. Output of the mobility within the scope of one of the Across focus areas (0–2 points).
6. Duration of mobility (0–2 points). Hybrid mobilities must comply with the minimum physical presence requirements established in the programme (2 weeks in total) and are awarded points linearly with the physical presence at the host institution, with 0 points for 2-week physical mobility and 2 points for 1-month physical mobility.

Among applications with the same score, priority will be given to new beneficiaries, then if still necessary to those with a higher score based on criterion 1 (Quality of the concrete expected output). If it is still not possible to determine which of the evaluated applications is selected, the application with the higher score based on criterion 2 (Feasibility and expected impact) will be selected. Same procedure will be applied, following the ordinal of the rest of criterions, if necessary.

Reporting

The selected candidate is required to submit a final report providing a detailed analysis of the activities carried out during the mobility and the concrete outputs achieved. Dissemination of the mobility results is also expected, with conference participation and publications strongly encouraged. The selected candidate must use the specific reporting form provided by the UNG Across Office, which will be made available once the mobility has been granted. The final report needs to be submitted to the Across Office within 30 days after the conclusion of the mobility.

Communication of results

The selected and non-selected mobility applications will be communicated by e-mail to the beneficiaries **within one month following the closure of the call**. Results will be published on the Across website.

APPLY BY

13 OCTOBER 2026 · 23:59 CET

Send the signed Mobility Application and required annex.

FUNDING

UP TO €2.000

Maximum contribution for one month of physical mobility.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must be affiliated with an **Across partner institution**. The call is addressed exclusively to **R2, R3 and R4 researchers** according to the European Framework for Research Careers.

The call requires each application to identify:

- I. Relevant Across focus area
- II. Relevant KCT (Knowledge Creation Team)
- III. Whether the mobility contributes to:
 - a. An existing KCT activity,
 - b. An emerging project,
 - c. A joint publication,
 - d. An infrastructure/resource-sharing activity,
 - e. A joint proposal,
 - f. A workshop,
 - g. A joint open dataset,
 - h. A Graduate School activity,
 - i. A Challenge Team activity,
 - j. A stakeholder/citizen-science action
 - k. Other research networking activity.

Applicants may submit only **one application per call**.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications shall be submitted using the official **Mobility Application Form** together with all required supporting documents. In case of split mobility programmes, the application must also include a Commitment Declaration (Annex 2).

Under this call, applicants may submit proposals for mobility activities to be carried out and finished by 30 September 2027.

Each application must include:

- Mobility Application
- Commitment Declaration (Annex 2) – in case of split mobility programmes

The programme of activities will include, as a requirement, a teaching component related to the beneficiary's academic or scientific field. Mentoring or advanced training component could also be included.

Applicants shall include the description of how the mobility helps to strengthen the links between the sending and hosting research groups and Universities.

Only complete applications shall be considered, incomplete applications will be rejected.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Participants are invited to submit applications under this call **from 1 September to 13 October 2026** to the address across@ung.si.

An application is considered timely if it is received at the designated email address by the end of the respective application deadline, i.e. by 11:59 p.m. CET. on the deadline date. Applications received after the respective application deadline will be rejected.



Further information:
UNG Across Office
e-mail: across@ung.si

Responsible person for issuing the call for applications :
Boštjan Golob

Signature :



Co-funded by
the European Union