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## **Annex to Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement**

### **Factsheet 2023-2024 University of Groningen Faculty of Science and Engineering**

#### **Institutional Information**

##### **Institutional details**

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE)</b>
<b>Erasmuscode</b>	NL GRONING01
<b>ECHE</b>	29015-LA-1-2014-1-NL-E4AKA1-ECHE
<b>Institution website</b>	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/">http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/</a>
<b>Programme information</b>	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/fse/programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/">https://www.rug.nl/fse/programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/</a>

##### **Main contacts**

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<b>Coordinator Mobility, Internship &amp;  Career services  Faculty of Science and Engineering</b>	Henriëtte Mulder <a href="mailto:exchange.science@rug.nl">exchange.science@rug.nl</a>
<b>International Relations Officer  Faculty of Science and Engineering</b>	Astrid Beijen – Den Boer <a href="mailto:exchange.science@rug.nl">exchange.science@rug.nl</a>

## **Nomination and Application Information Incoming Coursework Students**

### **Nomination**

Partner institutions can nominate their students for course work (or a combination of course work and a research project) up to the number of students defined in the Inter-Institutional Agreement by using the [Mobility Online system](#). The log-in information has been sent to the partners; to the most central email address. Please make sure to nominate students in the field that corresponds with of our agreement. Contact Mobility, Internship & Career services for more information ([exchange.science@rug.nl](mailto:exchange.science@rug.nl)) if you have any questions.

Nominations of students must reach the receiving institution by:

<b>Receiving Institution</b>	<b>Autumn Term (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)</b>	<b>Spring Term (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)</b>
NL GRONING01	Course work students: April 15th	Course work students: September 15th

### **Application**

After the nomination the student needs to follow the steps in the Mobility Online system. All required application documents (including language certificate, academic transcript and course selection) of the nominated students must be entered in the Mobility Online system by:

<b>Receiving Institution</b>	<b>Autumn Term (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)</b>	<b>Spring term (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)</b>
NL GRONING01	Course work students: May 1st	Course work students: October 1st

Nominated students who completed their application in the Mobility Online system can download their letter of invitation from this system. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### **Recommended language skills**

The sending institution, following the agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period. For more details on the language proficiency recommendations and which language tests are accepted by the University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering, please go to the following [webpage](#).

## **Application Information Incoming Research Students**

### **Application**

A research student can come to Groningen to work on an independent research project or a final degree thesis. Availability of such places will depend on the (lab) capacity in the research institutes and the availability of a supervisor.

Students who are interested in a research project should find their own supervisor at the University of Groningen. They can use the following [link](#).

If the student has found a research project and a supervisor then the student is welcome at our Faculty of Science and Engineering. We can host research students without an Erasmus contract and handle these requests on a case by case basis at Mobility, Internship & Career services.

Research students can apply throughout the year, preferably 3 months before the start of their stay at our Faculty. They can use the [following form](#) to apply officially.

## **Studying at University of Groningen**

### **Academic Calendar**

At the University of Groningen the academic year starts on the first Monday of September. The academic year is divided into four blocks (1a, 1b, 2a, 2b). Please click [here](#) for the academic calendar.

### **Courses**

Incoming Erasmus students should select preferably the course units in their Learning Agreement from study programs at the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Exchange students have limited access to course units from other Faculties even if included in FSE degree programs. Exchange students can select 1 or 2 course units from another Faculty per semester up to a maximum of 30% of the total study program. This will heavily depend on the approval of the other Faculty.

Courses can be found in the online course catalogue [Ocasys](#). Please select the Faculty of Science and Engineering and select the folder 'Exchange'. Courses for the next academic year are available from the beginning of April. Do make sure to check the prerequisites of courses.

### **Credits and Grading**

A student's workload is measured in ECTS credits. According to Dutch law, one credit represents 28 hours of work and 60 credits represents one year of full-time study. The academic year lasts 42 weeks.

The grading system used in the Netherlands is on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding). The lowest passing grade is 6; 9's are seldom given and 10's are extremely rare. Grades 1-3 are hardly ever used. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Transcript of Records**

Exchange students get a digitally signed transcript of records at the end of their stay. The transcript will be uploaded in their Mobility Online account approximately 5 weeks after final exams. Research students can request their transcript by sending an email to Mobility, Internship & Career services ([exchange.science@rug.nl](mailto:exchange.science@rug.nl)).

### **Studying with a disability**

The University of Groningen considers it important that students with disabilities are able to study. Therefore, the University offers various arrangements for studying and taking exams for students with a performance disability. Further information is available at:

<https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/living-in-the-netherlands/studying-with-a-disability>

## Living in Groningen

### Visa

Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk : <a href="mailto:isd@rug.nl">isd@rug.nl</a>	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/admission-and-application/visa-immigration/">https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/admission-and-application/visa-immigration/</a>

### Housing

Our institution will guide incoming student/staff in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	Faculty contact person SSH: Henriëtte Mulder & Astrid Beijen-Den Boer <a href="mailto:exchange.science@rug.nl">exchange.science@rug.nl</a>	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/living-in-the-netherlands/">https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/living-in-the-netherlands/</a>  <a href="http://www.sshxl.nl">www.sshxl.nl</a>

Accommodation is not guaranteed, but our institution will make every reasonable effort to assist inbound students. Exchange Students must complete the relevant accommodation application by the institution's stipulated deadline.

### Insurance

Our institution will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

We will inform incoming students/staff of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.

We do advise partners to inform their students and staff on getting good health insurance and liability coverage.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk : <a href="mailto:isd@rug.nl">isd@rug.nl</a>	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-international-students">https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-international-students</a>

### Termination of the agreement

*This agreement is valid for the period mentioned in the heading of the agreement. In case both parties agree to modify or terminate the agreement before it officially comes to an end, they are free to do so. In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 2023 will only take effect as of 1 September 2023+1.*

*[Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.]*