

Appendix VI - Studying Abroad

Student mobility, or study abroad, is administered by the FSS International Office (IO), which is located on the second floor of the Hollar building, door numbers 216 and 218. Contacts can be found on the [faculty website](#).

Erasmus +

ERASMUS+ is a well-known student exchange programme with all EU countries, which is available to doctoral students. The selection of students for individual study stays abroad is carried out and coordinated by the IO together with the individual institutes. All regular students (including non-EU citizens) can take part in ERASMUS+ if they remain enrolled at the Faculty of Social Sciences during their ERASMUS+ stay. If you are interested in a foreign stay through ERASMUS+, you should see whether an agreement is in operability with the university that interests you by checking the IO [website](#).

Offers of stay are based on agreements concluded by FSS with foreign partners. They also regulate the number of students (depending on the type of study) who can go to the partner university under the agreement.

Regarding the ERASMUS+ programme, you may contact [Ing. Radek Kovács](#) from the International Office, and [Mgr. Jan Miessler](#), the ERASMUS+ coordinator at FSS CU.

Inter-university Agreements

Charles University has a number of bilateral cooperation agreements with universities on all continents of the world. Applicants wishing to compete for participation should submit their applications or planned programmes through the OZS. In most cases, any full-time student who meets the conditions of an inter-university agreement can apply, regardless of their citizenship.

The application usually includes a CV, a letter of motivation (usually describing the curriculum or at least a list of courses the student wants to take abroad), a letter of recommendation from the Director of the student's Institute and/or supervisor, and confirmation of sufficient language skills.

Contacts of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Rectorate of Charles University and other useful information can be found at <https://cuni.cz/UKEN-169.html>

Intergovernmental Agreements

The Czech Ministry of Education also supports student trips abroad. Students should submit application materials to the OZS. Successful applicants will be contacted by the Ministry of Education and informed about further steps.

The Ministry's Centre for International Cooperation in Education (DZS), in particular, its Academic Information Agency, coordinates student trips abroad. You will find the exact deadlines for submitting individual trip proposals and other necessary information and documents on its website: <https://www.dzs.cz/en>

CEEPUS

<http://www.ceepus.info>

The Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies is similar to the ERASMUS+ programme, but it seeks to connect students from Central and Eastern European countries. Exchanges take place within so-called thematic networks with specific partners. The Institute of Economic Studies is the only partner at FSS Charles U. However, doctoral candidates in other institutes may apply for admission to a particular university under the CEEPUS programme as a "freemover" (for other ways to study abroad as a freemover, see below). Financial support is provided by the national CEEPUS offices of the participating states.

Offers by Non-governmental Organisations

Studying abroad can also be funded by various foundations and non-profit organisations. The utility of this option largely depends on the specific topic of the student's research. There are many opportunities; you can find an overview here: <https://cuni.cz/UKEN-3.html>.

We recommend, among others:

Fulbright stipends: <https://www.fulbright.cz/en/>

Hlávkova fund: <http://www.hlavkovanadace.cz>

Visegrad fund: <http://visegradfund.org/scholarships>

Other seasonal doctoral schools

Activities abroad can be arranged in other ways than the standard ones. Going abroad as a "freemover" has unquestionable advantages — you choose the university that best fits your requirements, and you determine to a large extent what you want to do there (doctoral students usually consult with local professors and libraries in advance). Information about this type of study is so individual that it does not appear on the university website. The conditions for this type of study depend on an ad hoc agreement with a foreign university, which is one disadvantage of the procedure — it takes much more effort to arrange such trips.

For financing an individual trip, funds can be drawn from the Charles University Mobility Fund. However, that fund will cover only half of the estimated costs associated with the stay. The remaining part can be paid, for example, from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, or from the Specific University Research programme.

Seasonal Doctoral Schools

An interesting form of study abroad is participation in a seasonal doctoral school. These are usually one- or two-week events organised by a foreign university or organisation. Seasonal schools for doctoral students usually combine lectures and workshops with critical analyses of dissertation projects.

The ECREA European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School, is one of the most important summer schools in the field of communication studies. See more at <https://ecrea.eu/>

Other seasonal doctoral schools

- International Summer School of the European PhD in Social Representation and Communication
 - <http://www.europhd.net>
- The Lisbon Winter School for the Study of Communication
 - <https://www.lisbonwinterschool.com/>
- AMCAP Doctoral Spring School
 - <https://ecrea.eu/page-18206/13007740>