

Explanation of the Top-Ups

1. "Green Travel" Allowance

You are eligible for the Green Travel Allowance, if you will travel to the destination and back by using either bus, train, car sharing or a combination of those methods (at least 50% of the travel distance). To learn about your expected travel allowance, you may use the following table as well as the official Erasmus+ distance calculator (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator> or use the QR-Code).

<i>distance</i>	<i>standard travel</i>	<i>green travel</i>
10 - 99 km	28 EUR	56 EUR
100 - 499 km	211 EUR	285 EUR
500 - 1.999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2.000 - 2.999 km	395 EUR	535 EUR
3.000 - 3.999 km	580 EUR	785 EUR
4.000 - 7.999 km	1,188 EUR	1,188 EUR
8.000 km or more	1,735 EUR	1,735 EUR



2. Top-up for first-time academics

Students whose parents have not obtained an academic degree (UAS or university) can apply for this top-up. A degree from a university of cooperative education that leads to a degree comparable to a university degree is considered as an academic degree. Courses of study completed abroad by one of the parents, which are not recognized as such in Germany, are also considered to be an academic degree and the Top-Up cannot be applied for. A master craftsman's certificate is not considered as an academic qualification.

3. Top-up for students with child(ren)

Students traveling abroad with their child/children for study abroad may apply for this Top-Up. By applying for this Social Top-Up, you agree to submit proof that the child belongs to you and will be traveling with you all the time (e.g., proof of parental allowance and travel ticket) if requested. Additional funds may also be awarded to couples. However, double funding of a child is excluded. If the Top-Up does not cover the additional costs incurred due to a child traveling with you, it is possible to apply for a real cost reimbursement of max. 15.000 EUR/semester if no other social assistance institution subsidizes or reimburses these costs.

A subsidy is also possible for a preparatory trip to explore the local conditions. This requires a lot of time in advance, so please seek advice at an early stage.

4. Top-up for students with a chronic illness.

Students with a chronic illness who are funded for study abroad through Erasmus+ can apply for this Top-Up if their illness causes additional financial expenses abroad.

By applying for this Top-Up, you agree to submit proof of your chronic illness, which also confirms the additional financial effort abroad (e.g. confirming medical certificate).

If the Top-Up does not cover the additional costs incurred due to a chronic illness, it is possible to apply for a real cost reimbursement of max. 15.000 EUR/semester if no other social assistance institution subsidizes or reimburses these costs.

5. Top-Up for students with disabilities

Students with a "degree of disability" of 20 or more who are funded to study abroad through Erasmus+ can apply for this Top-Up. By applying for this Social Top-Up, you agree to submit proof of your disability (e.g. confirming medical certificate or disability card). If the Top-Up does not cover the additional costs incurred due to a disability, it is possible to apply for a real cost reimbursement of max. 15.000 EUR/semester if no other social assistance institution subsidizes or reimburses these costs.

6. Top-Up for students with economic hurdles

Please note: This Top-Up is only available for incoming students of our Erasmus+ KA171 program (students coming from non-Erasmus+-program countries to Germany). You may request this Top-Up, if you need to apply for a visa in Germany, but you are not able to provide an adequate proof of financial assets by your own. This Top-Up, together with the standard Erasmus+ funding, will enable you to meet the minimum monthly income requirement to proceed with the visa process.