

Internationalization funding for PhD students

PhD Day – February 2026
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International Relations Office



Our mission: internationalization

The internationalization of the university is not an end in itself.
It aims to integrate the international dimension into teaching and research in order to enhance their quality, for the benefit of students, researchers, staff members and society as a whole.



Student mobility

- **Valérie Piette**
Vice-Rector for Teaching
- **Gaël Vandembroucke**
Head of the Student mobility office



Rectoral team for International Relations

- **Anne Weyembergh**
Vice-Rector for External Relations and Cooperation
- **Serge Jaumain**
Advisor to the Rector for Cooperation
- **François Heinderyckx**
CIVIS advisor

The International relations Office

3 Teams

- **International partnerships**
- **International Welcome Desk**
- **CIVIS**

Head of the International relations office: Élodie DECOSTRE



- Advisory role for the university authorities
- Support mission for members of the university community (developing new partnerships, identifying funding opportunities, setting up projects, etc.)
- Contact person for one or more faculties
 - Close collaboration and coordination with administrative departments and faculties
 - Good command of available funding schemes, foreign universities, ULB's strengths in teaching and research, and institutional values
- Geographical area coordinators advise, assist, and facilitate but do not initiate or manage projects. Projects must be led by a university community member, not by the International Office.



International office - contacts

- **Chantal Ertveld** – Team leader, North America
- **Yvon Molinghen** – Europe, Latin America and networks (including partly CIVIS)
- **Jean-Louis Moortgat** – Asia (excluding China) and Waseda Brussels Office
- **Delphine Lauwers** – China, Near and Middle East, Oceania; Support for transversal projects; Internal internationalization funding (CCCI)
- **Lara Rauwers** – Project officer for responsible partnerships
- **Tatiana Raskin** – Accounting and administrative management of agreements
- **Clara Olive** – University cooperation (ARE-CCI) and Africa
- **Julien Raude** – Project officer, International Cooperation (PRD-PFS, AI, mobility grants)
- **Lucas Bolette** – Liaison officer with European institutions and support for *Erasmus+* (collaborative projects)
- **Sebastian Seiffert** – European programmes officer, PolyCIVIS coordination, support for *Erasmus+* project development
- **Andrew Bradley** – Scientific coordinator, PolyCIVIS

International doctoral mobility funding

INFORMATION SESSIONS AT THE START OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

Announced via Infofin, Newsletters, email, etc.

Next information session: around mid-October 2026



RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

- ULB/FWB funding for medium-term research stays abroad within a PhD (slide 7)
- *Erasmus +* funding for short doctoral mobilities to CIVIS universities (slide 8)

Summary of links and contacts (slide 9)

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- FWB funding for active participation in a scientific meeting (slide 10)
- ULB funding for active **and sustainable** participation in a scientific meeting (slide 11)
- Responsible travel policy (slide 12)

Summary of links (slide 13)

OTHER FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- FNRS funding (slide 14)
- Research Department (slide 14)
- WBI Excellence scholarships (slide 15)
- External funding by country or geographical area (slide 16)

Summary of links and contacts (slide 17)

WHY?

To contribute to the funding of research stays at a foreign university, or field research stays (FWB grants)

WHO?

PhD candidates enrolled at ULB, from the second year of the PhD onwards

HOW MUCH ?

- Up to 4.000€ for a stay within the EU
- Up to 5.000€ for a stay outside the EU

Covers travel and accommodation costs (**reimbursement**)

DURATION OF THE STAY

Minimum 2 months

DEADLINES

- 15 October (results end of December)
- 15 March (results end of May – beginning of June)



**ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS:
CONSULT THE REGULATIONS**



INFO & REGULATIONS: INFOFIN

WHY?

To contribute to the funding of short-term mobilities to a member university of the [CIVIS Alliance](#)

WHO?

PhD candidates enrolled at ULB, from the second year of the PhD onwards

HOW MUCH?

The maximum amount is calculated based on the rates defined by the European Commission (*Erasmus+* funds).

Covers travel and subsistence costs.

DURATION OF THE STAY?

5 to 30 days

DEADLINES

- 15 October (results end of December)
- 15 March (results end of May – beginning of June)



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INFO & REGULATIONS : [INFOFIN](#)

Research stays within a
PhD:
Summary of links and
contacts

GENERAL INFORMATION (REGULATIONS & FORMS):

[CCCI Doctorants](#)

QUESTIONS ?

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INFORMATION ON DIVERSE SOURCES OF FUNDING

<http://infofin.ulb.ac.be/>



WHY?

To encourage exchanges and meetings between peers by supporting the active participation of staff members in scientific meetings, in order to foster the dissemination and discussion of research results produced within higher education institutions.

WHO?

ULB staff members (including PhD candidates **funded with operating budgets**)

HOW MUCH?

- Up to 500€ for a meeting within the SEPA zone (EU +)
- Up to 1.500€ for a meeting outside the SEPA zone
(Eligible expenses: registration fees, travel costs, accommodation costs, visa fees)

DEADLINES

- Applications are accepted continuously
(**min 2 months before** the meeting)
- Until funds are exhausted



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INFO & REGULATIONS: [INFOFIN](#)

WHY?

Same objective as the previous scheme, for travel using sustainable means of transport

WHO?

ULB PhD candidates who are not eligible for FWB funding (slide 10).

HOW MUCH ?

Up to 500€

(Eligible expenses: registration fees, travel costs, accommodation costs, visa fees)

DEADLINES

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INFO & REGULATIONS: INFOFIN

As part of its Climate Plan, ULB has implemented a responsible travel policy, with the overall objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This policy is based on three levers: optimising travel, prioritising lower-carbon transport modes for nearby destinations, offsetting greenhouse gas emissions. **For “Green cities”, reachable in less than six hours by train, air travel is no longer reimbursed.**

For its internally funded schemes, ULB offers a €200 bonus to beneficiaries who choose a sustainable means of transport for “Orange cities”.



The list of cities and all information related to the sustainable travel policy are available on [the ULB website](#).



Active participation in
a scientific meeting :
Summary of links and
contacts

GENERAL INFORMATION (REGULATIONS & FORMS):

[Active participation: Infofin](#)

[Active & sustainable participation: Infofin](#)

QUESTIONS ?

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<p>DOCTORAL RESEARCHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research fellow - ASP FRIA Doctoral Grant FRESH Doctoral Grant Special Doctoral Grant - BSD European University Institute (EUI) Doctoral Grant Medical doctor applicant to an MSc and a PhD - CSD Clinical master specialist applicant to a PhD - SD Veterinary MD PhD student (part-time) - VETE-CCD Télévie doctoral student <p>DOCTORAL SCHOOLS</p>	<p>POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postdoctoral researcher - CR Postdoctoral Medical doctor applicant to an MSc - CSPD Post-doctoral clinical master speciallists - SPD Clinical Researcher - CCL Télévie postdoctoral researcher <p>PERMANENT RESEARCHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research associate - CQ Senior research associate - MR Research director - DR ULYSSE INCENTIVE GRANT FOR <p>MOBILITY IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH - MISU</p> <p>HORIZON EUROPE INCENTIVE</p> <p>SUPPORT FOR ERC POC SEAL OF EXCELLENCE</p>	<p>CREDITS AND PROJECTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research credit - CDR Research project - PDR Equipment - EQP Infrastructure & Large Equipment - INFRA-GEQ Incentive Grant for Scientific Research - MIS Interuniversity Institute for Nuclear Sciences - IISN <p>INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS</p> <p>THEMATIC RESEARCH PROJECT - PDR-THEMA</p> <p>AUDACIOUS MEDICAL GRANTS (AMG)</p> <p>STRATEGIC BASIC RESEARCH</p> <p>FNRS WELCHANGE PROGRAMME</p> <p>EOS</p> <p>FRART</p> <p>TÉLÉVIE FUNDING</p>	<p>MOBILITY - WORLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay abroad/Workshops or summer school (OUT) Scientific meeting abroad (OUT) Scientific Stay Grant (IN and OUT) Scientific mission (IN and OUT) SofinaBoël Fellowship (OUT sauf USA) WBI Excellence Grants (IN and WORLD) <p>MOBILITY - SPECIFIC COUNTRIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany China Japan <p>DIFFUSION AND EXCHANGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact groups Subsidies for scientific publications Organisation of a scientific meeting Werneraes Fund
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Contact person: Lucie Lemaître
Research department, Research support service

INFOFIN DATABASE

The screenshot shows the 'Infofin' database interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Projets', 'Séances info', and 'Agenda'. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the search bar, there is a table titled 'Liste des projets' with columns for 'Programme', 'Prochaine deadline', 'Organisation', and 'Description courte'. The table lists several projects, all from the 'European Commission' and 'Horizon Europe - Pillar II - Cluster6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture...'. A sidebar on the right contains filter options such as 'Recommandés pour vous', 'Favoris', 'Projets majeurs', 'Organisation', 'Disciplines scientifiques', 'Activités', and 'Dépenses'. A red circle highlights the 'MOBILITY - WORLD' and 'MOBILITY - SPECIFIC COUNTRIES' sections in the left-hand menu of the first image.



Useful links:
[Mobility - World \(Frs-FNRS\)](#)
[Mobility - Specific countries\(FRS-FNRS\)](#)



WBI: Scholarships awarded on a multilateral basis (Excellence Scholarships)

Questions ?

- **Consult:**

[Excellence WORLD \(WBI\)](#)

- **Contact:**

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**GUIDE
DES BOURSES**
DE WALLONIE-BRUXELLES



Feel inspired



- USA : BAEF, Fulbright
- UK : Wiener-Anspach Foundation (Oxford et Cambridge)
- WBI : bilateral agreements (Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia)
- FNRS : bilateral agreements
- **Websites of foreign universities!**

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Think about
INFOFIN



GENERAL RECAP

INTERNAL LINKS (LOGIN REQUIRED)

[ULB FUNDING \(CCCI\)](#)

[INFOFIN](#)

EXTERNAL LINKS

[WBI World](#)

[FNRS](#)

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