

Groups of students with fewer opportunities eligible for additional individual grants

General provisions

In the current version of the Erasmus+ Program Guide, a participant with fewer opportunities are defined as individuals who, due to economic, social, cultural, geographic, or health-related reasons, migrant background, disability, learning difficulties, or other reasons—including those specified in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/LT/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM%3A133501>), which may give rise to discrimination, is unable to effectively benefit from the opportunities offered by the Program.

In accordance with the rules of the Program Guide (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/erasmus-programme-guide-2021-version-2>), in order to ensure the active participation of students and staff from Lithuanian higher education and research institutions (hereinafter “Lithuanian HEIs”) in mobility activities, Lithuanian HEIs must guarantee equal and fair access and other opportunities for participants from all social groups. It is encouraged that participants with fewer opportunities be included in the Program’s mobility activities, including those with physical, mental, or other disabilities, students from socially disadvantaged groups, those raising young children, etc., as well as students from all fields of study who may be underrepresented in mobility activities. To increase the inclusion of students in mobility activities, the Panevėžio kolegija/State Higher Education Institution has identified the following groups of students with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus+ program and the documents that must be submitted in order to receive an increased Erasmus+ grant:

Student groups and supporting documents

- 1.1. Students from low-income families (up to 24 years of age); (documents confirming the individual’s eligibility for state social assistance);
- 1.2. Orphans or students who have lost parental care (up to 24 years of age) (certificate confirming the loss);
- 1.3. Students with a minor child or children under 12 years of age (child’s birth certificate);
- 1.4. Students from large families with 3 or more children (up to 24 years of age) (birth certificates);
- 1.5. Students with a physical or psychological disability (doctor’s note, health certificate);
- 1.6. Students who have been working in Lithuania for more than 1 year (certificate from the employer);
- 1.7. Students who are professional athletes (coach’s certificate).

Application and additional grant amounts

To receive additional support, a student belonging to a group with fewer opportunities indicates this when completing the mobility application and submits supporting documents with the application. An additional individual grant at a fixed rate is awarded to students with fewer opportunities participating in Erasmus+ mobility (not applicable to graduates):

- Long-term mobility – EUR 250.00 per month.
- Short-term mobility – EUR 100.00 for mobility lasting 5–14 days; EUR 150.00 for mobility lasting 15–30 days.