



Open Call for Research Mobility Fund

BACKGROUND

The European University for Smart Urban Coastal Sustainability (EU-CONEXUS) is a transnational European higher education and research institution that covers the smart urban sustainable coastal development from a global point of view.

EU-CONEXUS-RFS project **aims at institutional transformation at all partner universities** in order to create favourable conditions for the development of a multidisciplinary, challenge-driven, and internationally competitive research and innovation area based on a transnational inter-university campus.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The purpose of the Research Mobility Fund is to nurture talents, to train research management leaders, to accelerate international circulation among teachers/researchers and stakeholders and to generate new project ideas by taking advantage of the networks created by the partner universities.

The thematic and interdisciplinary mobility will enhance exchanges and increase excellence: The support of internal mobility and active brain mobility between partners, through this fund will lead to a diversification of an individual career within the network (lifelong learning) and may also attract external funding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Researchers/Professors, PhD students and post-doc researchers from EU-CONEXUS-RFS universities will be eligible for these mobility calls.

EU-CONEXUS-RFS universities (beneficiaries) are:



Applicants from SETU, UROS and FredU are not eligible for granting.

ELIGIBLE MOBILITY

Eligible applicants may go for research visits to the EU-CONEXUS universities, training courses, workshops and conferences organised by them.

Modalities of stay:

- research and/or training activity in the laboratories and research centres of EU-CONEXUS universities,
- training courses/workshops, conferences, symposia and scientific congresses organised by EU-CONEXUS universities.

EU-CONEXUS universities are:



DURATION OF THE STAY

Between 4 and 15 working days (except transfer days).

Mobilities can be realised during active period of EU-CONEXUS-RFS project, i.e until 29 February 2024.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The research mobility grants contribute to cover the costs of travel to the host university city and the costs of board and lodging during the days of research activities and travel days.

The maximum grant is 1,000 EUR per mobility. The refund will be executed based on actual expenses but not exceeding 1,000 EUR. Refund will be transferred to the account of mobility participant within 10 working days after receiving all required documents (see chapter AFTER MOBILITY).

Incompatibilities. Financial support may not be used to cover similar expenses financed by other funds.

Additional financial support for researchers with disabilities.

Researchers with disabilities/special needs can request additional grant support. A person with special needs is a potential participant whose individual physical, mental or health-related situation is such that his/her participation in the mobility would not be possible without extra financial support. In preparation of your EU-CONEXUS mobility, you should indicate your needs and foreseen extra costs linked to your physical, mental or health-related conditions.

Areas that could be eligible for support, according to individual needs, include but are not limited to: adapted accommodation, travel assistance, medical attendance, supportive equipment, adaption of learning material, an accompanying person, etc. Eligibility and funding criteria will follow the Erasmus+ and/or national rules or University rules.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Research Mobility Fund is a competitive fund to finance the intra-alliance research/training mobilities. There will be 3 application calls starting January 2023 and ending October 2023.

Total budget is 20,000 EUR. The Fund is administrated by Catholic University of Valencia (UCV) in collaboration with EU-CONEXUS Human Resources Unit.

Application documents. The applicant shall submit

- Application (see Annex 1) with the mobility plan and confirmation of the receiving institution;
- CV;
- Recommendation letter (maximum 1 page) by the head of research unit/department to participate in the research mobility and added value / benefits for the unit/department. It can be an email but with all the requested information as in a letter.

Send all documents to marta.talens@ucv.es.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

There will be 3 application calls starting January 2023 and ending February 2024.

Calendar of calls:

- 1st call deadline: 15 January 2023
- 2nd call deadline: 15 May 2023
- 3rd call deadline: 15 October 2023

SELECTION PROCESS

This is a competitive call and for each call deadline 7,000 eur (first and second calls) and 6,000 eur (third call) have been earmarked. The applications from all applicants from all 6 universities, which were received until the deadline of each call, will be evaluated by the Human Resources Unit, consisting of representatives from 6 EU-CONEXUS universities.

Human Resources Unit will evaluate and nominate the candidates on transparent basis. The selection is based on criteria guaranteeing a fair evaluation of the applications and does not give priority to any applicant depending on his/her nationality, race, religion or gender.

The following criteria will be considered for the selection of candidates to finance mobility:

Criteria	Weight
A. Overall objectives of the mobility and expected results a. What are the objectives/expected results of the proposed activity being pursued by the applicant at the hosting institution b. Will the stay advance or have a substantial impact upon the research activities or contribute to a better understanding of it c. How will the mobility benefit the researcher's career? (ex: publications, joint project, report, tests, visits, relevant contacts, know-how, others...) d. How will the benefits from this stay transcend the applicant and hosting institutions? (To which extent the whole consortium can benefit from it with new collaboration projects)	0-5
B. Innovation To what degree does the mobility grant support an innovative approach that is new to the sending institution or new to the entire field of study nationally and internationally? (Please describe in as much detail as possible)	0-5
C. Cooperative linkages/Partnerships and collaborative efforts a. Does the mobility grant have significant potential for advancing cooperative ventures between the sending institution and the hosting institution? b. Will the mobility encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the EU-CONEXUS consortium? c. Does the mobility encourage appropriate multi-disciplinary collaboration? d. Will the mobility lead to long-term relationships or cooperative partnerships that are likely to enhance research quality or supplement available resources? e. Will it strengthen the research capacity of the applicant institution and that of the receiving institution?	0-5
D. Activities to be carried out (Please provide a detailed working plan / timetable as much as possible)	0-5
Total	0-20

In case of equal points, the priority will be given:

- to young researchers;
- to less represented university, research area or gender;
- to full-time contracted staff;
- to first-time applicants.

EU-CONEXUS Human Resources Unit will issue its decision no later than 15 days after the application deadline and will send to all applicants by their emails. The selected candidates will be informed about further procedures.

Appeals. The Human Resources Unit guarantees an absence of any conflict of interest as well as transparency and equal treatment for all applicants.

In case of any objection in any stage of the application and selection process, the applicant may file his/her appeal to hr@eu-conexus.eu.

The appeal shall be dealt by the Programme Committee within 5 working days, or if the complaint requires more time to verify the facts and/or documents, to notify the person about possible time to answer. In case of conflict, the final decision will be taken by EU-CONEXUS Management Board.

AFTER SELECTION

Approved candidates for mobility shall

- reply to the email of notification of the results within 15 days after the email was sent;
- sign the research mobility funding agreement;
- to be in contact with Research Mobility Fund administrator Marta Taléns marta.talens@ucv.es for the organisation of travel and refund arrangements.

DURING MOBILITY

It is compulsory to include the EU-CONEXUS and EU-CONEXUS-RFS financial support logos in all presentations, documents and materials prepared in the framework of the mobility:



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Any product derived from the research must include in the acknowledgements section the support received.

The granting of the mobility implies the commitment of the participant to be a promoter and to attend the research visits of foreign counterparts to our university.

The post in social media shall include #EUCONEXUS in all posts.

AFTER MOBILITY

Participants must submit the following documents to marta.talens@ucv.es within 15 calendar days after the mobility:

- a final report in English on their research activity at the receiving institution and the results achieved (see Annex 2);
- scanned boarding passes or train/bus tickets;
- the receipts and/or invoices for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses;
- The post in social media shall include #EUCONEXUS in all posts.

PRIVACY STATEMENT



Each applicant consents that his/her personal data may be used by the EU-CONEXUS alliance in order to manage the application for mobility and all the corresponding administrative steps. The personal data will be used solely for statistical and reporting reasons within the EU-CONEXUS alliance or for reporting to the European Commission purposes.

COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

The calls for Research Mobility Fund mobility will be announced on EU-CONEXUS website, University websites and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), EU-CONEXUS-RFS newsletter. Each partner university, primarily Joint communication Unit and Management Board members will be in charge to disseminate the call and funding opportunities inside the universities.

Contact for more information: Marta Taléns, EU-CONEXUS-RFS institutional coordinator at UCV, marta.talens@ucv.es or your [university's project manager](#).

APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH MOBILITY FUND

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<h2>Research Mobility Fund</h2> <p>Application for EU-CONEXUS Staff Research Mobility</p> <p>EU-CONEXUS Research Mobility Programme for the academic year 2022/2023 for face-to-face mobilities, for teaching and research staff, doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers.</p>	
Applicant (name, surname):	
1) University: 2) Faculty/Research unit (Department, Laboratory, Centre, Institute): 3) Research team:	
Type of mobility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Research visit <input type="checkbox"/> Conference, workshop (indicate) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Training course (indicate) <hr/>
Hosting institution	
If it is a research visit, please indicate a collaborating researcher and Host institution:	Faculty/Research unit (Department, Laboratory, Centre, Institute): Name, surname: Contact details
If it is a training course, please indicate the title of the course, the Host institution where it will take place and the lecturer/speaker	Title of the course: Host institution: Speaker / Lecturer name: Contact details of organiser at host institution:
Description:	<p>A. Overall objectives of the mobility and expected results</p> <p>a. What are the objectives/expected results of the proposed activity being pursued by the applicant at the hosting institution</p> <p>b. Will the stay advance or have a substantial impact upon the research activities or contribute to a better understanding of it</p> <p>c. How will the mobility benefit the researcher's career? (ex: publications, joint project, report, tests, visits, relevant contacts, know-how, others...)</p>

	<p>d. How will the benefits from this stay transcend the applicant and hosting institutions? (To which extent the whole consortium can benefit from it with new collaboration projects)</p> <p>B. Innovation To what degree does the mobility grant support an innovative approach that is new to the applicant institution or new to the entire field of study nationally and internationally? (Please describe in as much detail as possible)</p> <p>C. Cooperative linkages /Partnerships and collaborative efforts</p> <p>a. Does the mobility grant have significant potential for advancing cooperative ventures between the applicant institution and the receiving institution?</p> <p>b. Will the mobility encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the EU-CONEXUS consortium?</p> <p>c. Does the mobility encourage appropriate multi-disciplinary collaboration?</p> <p>d. Will the mobility lead to long-term relationships or cooperative partnerships that are likely to enhance research quality or supplement available resources?</p> <p>e. Will it strengthen the research capacity of the applicant institution and that of the receiving institution?</p> <p>D. Activities to be carried out (Please provide a detailed working plan / timetable as much as possible)</p>
Dates and duration:	
Budget estimation:	Transportation: train, plane... = Living expenses (Per diem) = Others (details) = TOTAL =
Applicant	Receiving institution
	<p><i>If it is a conference or a training course, please provide the acceptance, invitation or any other relevant document</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Applicant's institution</p> <p><i>Please provide the agreement document / recommendation letter from the head of unit or any other senior manager of the institution</i></p>

RESEARCH MOBILITY REPORT

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Research Mobility Report	
Participant (name, surname):	
1) University: 2) Faculty/Research unit (Department, Laboratory, Centre, Institute): 3) Research team:	
Other staff involved:	
Type of mobility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Research visit <input type="checkbox"/> Conference, workshop (indicate) <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Training course (indicate) <hr/>
Hosting institution	
Description (minimum 200 words):	<p>Activities carried out (Please provide a detailed list of final activities)</p> <p>Achieved objectives of the mobility and results Were the objectives of the mobility met? Please detail as much as possible the results of your mobility (ex: publications, joint projects, report, tests, visits, relevant contacts, others...)</p> <p>Partnerships and collaborative efforts Will you continue the collaboration with the receiving institution in the mid/long-term? Can it spread to other areas of research? (multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary projects)</p> <p>Useful contacts (Please provide the contacts and area of research/responsibility of persons you met that could be shared with other researchers)</p>
Date:	Total working hours (e.g. for courses or seminars):
Privacy statement	Participant
I hereby consent that my personal data by the EU-CONEXUS alliance for statistical and reporting reasons within the EU-CONEXUS alliance or for reporting to the European Commission purposes .	Signature Name