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Guide for Erasmus+ KA171 Applicants (PhD Traineeships) University of Valladolid

1. Introduction

This guide is intended for PhD students interested in applying for a research traineeship (Student Mobility for Traineeships – SMP) at the University of Valladolid (UVa) through the Erasmus+ KA171 programme for the 2026–27 academic year.

2. General Information about the Call

- Before applying, it is MANDATORY to read the official Call for Applications:
https://uvamobplus2.uva.es/publico/download/187/en/1st_CALL_PHD_MA_EN.pdf
- Type of mobility: PhD Student Mobility for Traineeships (SMP)
- Target group: PhD students at their home institution
- Host institution: University of Valladolid (UVa)
- Traineeship period (depending on the selected offer):
 - 1st semester: 15/09/2026 – 15/02/2027
 - 2nd semester: 15/02/2027 – 31/07/2027
 - Flexible: 5-month mobility carried out in either semester
- Application process: individual, without nomination
- Applications submitted via UVAMOBPLUS2: <https://uvamobplus2.uva.es/publico/apply>
- Application deadline: 28 April 2026 (23:59 CET)
- Funding: Erasmus+ KA171 scholarship including:
 - Individual support for 5 months (850 EUR/month)
 - Travel support based on EU distance calculator (see Call)
 - Comprehensive medical and travel insurance
 - Tuition fee waiver at UVa
 - Additional financial support (250 EUR/month) for students with fewer opportunities (see Call)

3. Catalogue of Departments, Laboratories and Research Topics

The University of Valladolid provides a complete catalogue of research traineeship opportunities including:

- Field of study (ISCED)
- Working language
- Recommended semester for the traineeship
- Associated PhD programme
- Proposed research traineeship topic
- Academic supervisor

Catalogue available at: <https://uvamobplus2.uva.es/publico/courses>

Before submitting the application, a thorough reading of the catalogue of offers is mandatory to confirm that the proposal satisfies the academic requirements of the Home University and aligns with the offer made available by the University of Valladolid

4. Contacting the Academic Supervisor

Applicants may contact the academic coordinator for additional information. It is recommended to include:

- A brief introduction
- Research interests
- CV attached
- A preliminary idea of the work plan to be carried out during the mobility

The contact details of the academic coordinators are available in UVAMOBPLUS2, under the **"Info"** tab of each academic offer.



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5. Preparing the Work Plan

The draft work plan is mandatory and is completed online in step 5 of the UVAMOBPLUS2 application. It must be brief (maximum 2000 characters) and include:

1. Project title
2. Objectives
3. Planned activities
4. Methodology
5. Timeline
6. Expected outcomes
7. Relationship with the UVa research topic

6. Submitting the Application

Steps to submit your application:

1. Access the platform: <https://uvamobplus2.uva.es/publico/apply>
2. Complete the online form.
3. Upload required documents (CV, work plan, motivation letter, certificates, etc.)
4. Review all information
5. **Submit and mark the application as FINISHED before 28 April 2026 (23:59 CET)**
Important: if the application is edited during the call period, it must be submitted again and marked as FINAL in order to be considered.

7. Tips for a Strong Application

- Contact the academic supervisor early to confirm feasibility and mutual interest
- Adapt the work plan to the specific research topic
- Highlight previous research experience
- Show alignment with your PhD project
- Carefully review language and formatting



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8. Academic Activities and Recognition

IMPORTANT:

- **The mobility period is NOT intended for students wishing to take regular doctoral courses.** Doctoral studies at the University of Valladolid are exclusively devoted to the development of the PhD Thesis and do not include taught coursework. Therefore, the mobility must consist of **research traineeships or doctoral thesis development activities**.
- It is **mandatory** that all activities carried out at the University of Valladolid receive **compulsory academic recognition** at the students' Home University. This recognition will be formally included in the **Training Agreement**, which must be signed by both the University of Valladolid and the students' Home University.

9. Testimonials and Previous Experiences

Students may consult real testimonials from previous beneficiaries on our programme who carried out mobility within our programme on our blog: <https://erasmusplusuva.wordpress.com/>

10. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- **What are the language requirements?**

Each offer specifies the working language. Minimum required level: B2 (CEFR).

- **Can I choose any semester?**

No. It depends on the offer. Some are fixed to one semester; others are flexible with prior academic agreement.

- **How long is the mobility period?**

All traineeships last 5 months.

- **Can I apply to more than one offer?**

No. Only one academic offer may be applied for; therefore, it is advisable to review the catalogue of offers carefully before submitting the application.

- **Can the work plan be modified later?**

Yes. If selected, the final work plan is defined with the academic supervisor at UVa before the mobility begins.

11. Contact and Support

For questions regarding the call: Email: ka171.erasmusplus@uva.es