

EELISA European University

ITU Internal Call for Short-term Researcher Mobility Fund

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Aim and scope

The European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance (EELISA – eelisa.eu), a flagship initiative under the European Commission’s Erasmus+ Programme, unites 10 leading higher education institutions across 8 European countries to redefine engineering education and research for a sustainable, inclusive future. As one of the pioneering “European Universities” alliances, EELISA fosters deep transnational collaboration grounded in shared values: advancing cutting-edge innovation, addressing global societal challenges, and embedding sustainability across disciplines. EELISA aims to co-create a transformative European engineering model that bridges academia, industry, and society.

This call, total budget of which is **€40,000** from the ITU internal resources, aims to leverage EELISA’s strategic priorities, such as green transition, digital transformation, and inclusive societies, to catalyze ITU researchers’ contributions to cross-border projects. By aligning with EELISA’s mission to shape resilient infrastructure, ethical AI, and climate-neutral solutions, participants will drive impactful research while strengthening Europe’s innovation ecosystem.

The legal basis of this call is explained in the following document:

<https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2007/11/20071127-2.htm>

Aim

This call aims to

- foster interdisciplinary collaboration across [EELISA’s 11 strategic research areas](#).
- accelerate joint research proposals for EU funding programs (in particular the [Horizon Europe](#)¹ with EELISA partners, especially in collaboration with the [EELISA Communities](#).
- promote shared use of the EELISA partners’ research infrastructure (e.g., labs, datasets, tools) among partner institutions.
- strengthen ITU’s role in advancing the European engineering research, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem through societal impact.

¹ For detailed information on Horizon Europe 2025 Programme [Click Here](#)

Scope

The call supports short-term mobility (maximum 3 days) within the context of EELISA's 11 [strategic areas](#) for joint proposal development for EU funding programs, including also consortium-building activities with EELISA partners.

The total budget allocated for this Call is **€40,000**. Researcher mobilities will be supported on a rolling basis until the budget has been fully allocated. The number of funded mobilities will depend on the nature and duration of the activities.

Eligibility

Target audience of the call includes the following:

- ITU-affiliated researchers (postdoctoral researchers and faculty members).
- Administrative staff with PhDs
- Supervisors of student teams and clubs proposing collaborative research projects.

Expected outcomes

The call has two main expected outcomes:

- Cross-institutional partnerships for new research project applications
- Increased research outputs from projects with the EELISA partners

Budgetary details

Eligible costs

- Transportation from the airport/station to the hotel
- Accommodation costs (up to 3 nights)
- Daily subsistence
- Departure fee

(see [BAP procedure](#))

Grant amounts

ITU EELISA Office uses standard rates for different EELISA countries as defined in the BAP procedure.

Grant Amounts: Tiered funding based on destination

(see [BAP procedure](#))

Application process

Timeline

The key dates for the call are as follows:

- Deadline for the submission of the application form for funding: 31 May 2025
- Evaluation: 1-5 July 2025
- Notification of results: 6 July 2025

Required Documentation

The required documentation includes the following:

- Completed [application form](#)
- Letter of invitation from the host institution

Important Notes

- Incomplete applications or missing documents will be rejected.
- Grant payments will follow [ITU BAP reimbursement procedures](#)
- Email address for further inquiries: eelisa@itu.edu.tr

Finding researchers at EELISA partner institutions

In addition to using your personal contacts, we recommend that you visit the websites of these institutions to find partners for the EELISA research retreats who can be contacted directly. If you like search tools, you may register on the [EELISA Community Platform](#) as a researcher and then use the [EELISA InnoCORE Networking Platform](#) to find new partners for the EELISA research retreats. You may also use the [EELISA Catalogue of Research Facilities](#) to find potential collaborators.

Evaluation and selection criteria

Evaluation criteria

- Collaborative Potential (50%): The clarity of roles and responsibilities for joint proposal development (e.g., [Horizon Europe](#) applications). Strategies for leveraging shared resources (e.g., labs, datasets) and complementary expertise. Plans to sustain collaboration beyond the mobility period, such as co-authored publications, workshops, or follow-up projects.
- Alignment with EELISA's strategic priorities (e.g., green transition, ethical AI) and relevance to EELISA Priorities (20%): Alignment with [EELISA strategic research areas](#)
- Contribution to ITU's research ecosystem (20%): Does the research address ITU's priorities? Will the researcher(s) engage with ITU work groups, sector members? Does the proposal include training workshops, mentorship, or resources for ITU members? Will the research yield tools, frameworks, or policies usable by ITU stakeholders? Does the research address underrepresented regions or groups?
- Societal Impact (10%): Contribution to UN SDGs or societal challenges addressed by the EELISA Communities

Evaluation Committee

- ITU Vice Rector for Research
- Members from ITU Office of the Dean of Research
- ITU EELISA WP9 representatives (EELISA Research Ecosystem)
- ITU EELISA WP8 representatives (EELISA Communities)
- ITU EELISA Project / ELO Coordinator

Post-mobility requirements

Grantees are required to submit

- On-site meeting agenda and meeting minutes (maximum 1 month following the mobility)
- Social media postings referring to ITU and EELISA European University (maximum 1 month following the mobility)
- Project application form (EU funding program with EELISA partners) - Form should be submitted in maximum 1 year following the mobility.
- Financial documents as required by the BAP Unit.

Sanctions

- Upon return, in addition to completing the financial procedures, the participant must present concrete steps taken towards the submission of a joint research proposal (draft outline, timeline, communication records with host institution, or proof of application). A contract will be signed with all grantees prior to the start of their mobility. Failure to provide such evidence within the specified timeframe will result in the following sanctions:
 - The participant will be deemed ineligible for future calls under this programme.
 - The participant will be excluded from benefiting from any other EELISA mobility funding scheme.