



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) call for International Mobility

Type of financial support: Students Outgoing

Cycle 1 – Academic Year 2026/2027

Project	Virtual Worlds Innovation Masters: Shaping Future Digital Skills Europe (UPRAISE)
Grant Agreement No	101225920
Funding scheme	Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)
Managing institution	University of Patras (UNIPAT)
Call ID	UPRAISE-UNIPAT-C1-2026-OUT
Target audience	University of Patras doctoral, postgraduate and undergraduate students, according to the mobility stream
Number of grants	3 outgoing mobility grants
Maximum support	Up to EUR 5,000 per recipient
Total call budget	EUR 15,000
Submission email	dtsolis@upatras.gr
Official webpage	http://www.upatras.gr , https://upraiseproject.eu/

1. Context and Objectives

The UPRAISE project, co-funded by the European Union under the Digital Europe Programme, strengthens Europe's advanced digital skills capacity in innovation, entrepreneurship and Virtual Worlds technologies. Through its Financial Support to Third Parties scheme, the University of Patras invites eligible students to apply for financial support for outgoing international learning and mobility activities connected with UPRAISE.

The call supports international academic collaboration, practical skills acquisition, employability and participation in advanced digital education. Applications linked to the University of Patras application areas within UPRAISE are particularly encouraged: healthcare, education and creativity, and food-related applications of advanced digital and Virtual Worlds technologies.



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2. Available grants and mobility streams

Mobility stream	Recipients	Eligible costs	Proposed opening	Proposed deadline	Max. support	Budget
Students - outgoing	3	Enrolment fee; travel and accommodation; living expenses	09 Oct 2026	10 Dec 2026	EUR 5,000	EUR 15,000

The maximum support is a ceiling. The final amount awarded may be lower, depending on the approved activity, eligible costs, available complementary funding, and University of Patras procedures. Use of a reserve list or any reallocation affecting this call must be formally documented and remain within the approved Cycle 1 FSTP budget.

3. Eligible applicants

- Be formally enrolled at the University of Patras in a doctoral, postgraduate or undergraduate program appropriate to the selected mobility stream.
- Meet the academic and administrative requirements of the proposed host institution, program, summer/winter school, internship or learning activity.
- Have an academic profile and proposed activity aligned with UPRAISE themes, such as Virtual Worlds, XR, AI, digital twins, advanced digital innovation, or relevant applications in healthcare, education and creativity, and food.
- Have adequate command of English, normally at least B2 level, or the language required by the host activity.
- Hold the nationality of an EU Member State or another country eligible under the Digital Europe Program, in accordance with the applicable call rules.
- Be able to complete the proposed activity within the eligibility period established in the award documentation.

4. Eligible activities and costs

Financial support may cover only the cost categories specified below and directly related to the approved mobility activity:

- Enrolment or participation fees for an eligible program, module, summer/winter school or other approved learning activity.
- Travel and accommodation costs.
- Living expenses and subsistence during the approved mobility period, including local transport where permitted by institutional rules.

Double funding of the same expense is strictly prohibited. The grant may be combined with another compatible source, such as Erasmus+, only where the funding sources cover different eligible costs and all applicable institutional rules are respected.





5. Application timeline and submission

Applications must be submitted electronically to the designated University of Patras email address and received by the deadline applicable to the selected mobility stream. The application package must be in English and submitted as one PDF file or as clearly named PDF attachments.

Submission email	dtsolis@upatras.gr
Email subject	UPRAISE-UNIPAT-C1-2026-OUT - [Mobility Stream] - [Applicant Name]
Contact person	Dimitrios Tsois, Associate Professor
Questions deadline	10/12/2026

6. Required application documents

- Completed and signed UNIPAT UPRAISE Application Form.
- Curriculum Vitae, maximum 3 pages; no photograph required.
- Official Transcript of Records or equivalent academic record.
- Motivation Letter, maximum 3 pages, explaining academic background, expected learning outcomes, relevance to UPRAISE, and the proposed mobility activity.
- Copy of a valid passport or national identity card.
- Proof of current enrolment at the University of Patras.
- Mobility or learning plan identifying the host institution/organization, destination, proposed dates, planned activities and expected ECTS or other learning outcomes.
- Invitation, acceptance or confirmation from the host institution/organizer, where available or required for the specific mobility stream.
- Estimated budget and declaration of any other funding requested or received for the same activity.
- Signed Declaration on Double Funding included in the Application Form.
- Evidence of language proficiency where requested by the host activity.

Late, incomplete or unsigned applications may be declared ineligible.





7. Evaluation and selection

Applications passing the administrative and eligibility check will be evaluated by an independent Selection Committee. The maximum score is 100 points:

Criterion	Description	Weight
Academic background	Weighted academic performance and study progress, taking into account earned versus expected ECTS or the equivalent for the applicant level.	65 points
Motivation and proposed activity	Quality, relevance, feasibility and expected contribution of the proposed mobility activity; motivation for advanced digital skills and UPRAISE themes.	25 points
Curriculum Vitae	Additional academic, research, professional, practical, entrepreneurial or non-academic experience.	10 points

Applicants should obtain at least 70/100 points to be recommended for funding, subject to eligibility, ranking and budget availability. A reserve list may be established.

8. Inclusion and prioritisation

The prioritisation categories are applied only after eligibility and academic qualification have been established. They are not mutually exclusive and should support a balanced cohort while preserving meritbased selection. The project targets at least 40% female participation; for nine awards, UNIPAT should aim for at least four female recipients, provided sufficiently qualified eligible applications are received.

- Women and other genders underrepresented in ICT-related fields.
- Applicants from low socio-economic backgrounds or experiencing significant financial hardship.
- Applicants with disabilities and applicants belonging to minority, migrant, refugee or other vulnerable groups.
- Applicants from countries or regions with lower advanced digital skills capacity.
- Applicants who belong to more than one priority category or who contribute to the overall balance of the selected cohort.

Information relating to priority categories is voluntary, confidential and processed only where necessary under applicable data protection rules. Applicants who wish to be considered under a priority category may provide only the minimum information needed to establish that category: optional gender self-identification; a brief statement of low socio-economic background or significant financial hardship, with income-related or financial-aid evidence where available and permitted under University procedures; a self-declaration that disability, minority, migrant, refugee or other vulnerable-group status applies, with non-diagnostic official





confirmation only where strictly necessary; and country or region of residence, origin or prior study for geographical widening. Applicants may also indicate that more than one priority category applies. Applicants are not required to disclose medical diagnoses, detailed health information, ethnicity, religion or other sensitive details beyond what is necessary to establish the claimed category. Where official evidence is unavailable or requesting it would be inappropriate, self-declarations may be accepted in accordance with University procedures and applicable data protection rules. If two or more applicants have the same final score, the Selection Committee may use the above factors, financial need and the overall cohort balance as tie-breakers and must document the rationale.

9. Award, payment and obligations

- All applicants will be informed of the outcome. Successful applicants must accept the award within the period stated in the notification.
- Before payment, selected applicants may be required to sign a grant agreement, learning agreement, declaration of honour, double-funding declaration and other University of Patras documents.
- Recipients must implement the approved activity, provide evidence of participation and eligible expenditure where requested, and cooperate with monitoring, reporting, audits and checks.
- Withdrawal or cancellation must be communicated promptly in writing. Financial support already received may have to be reimbursed when the activity is not implemented or eligibility conditions are not fulfilled.
- The selected activity should be academically recognised through ECTS or another appropriate certification where applicable, according to the rules of the University of Patras and the host institution.

10. Redress procedure

Applicants may request a review only in relation to an alleged procedural or administrative error affecting the evaluation. A redress request may not challenge the academic judgement of evaluators unless a procedural irregularity may have influenced the result. Requests must be submitted to Dimitrios Tsolis, dtsolis@upatras.gr within 15 calendar days of notification.

11. Data protection and confidentiality

The University of Patras acts as Data Controller for personal data processed in connection with this call. Personal data will be used only for application management, evaluation, award administration, project monitoring, reporting, audit and compliance purposes under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and applicable national legislation. Applicants will receive or be directed to the relevant University of Patras privacy notice before submission.





12. Mandatory legal notice and disclaimer

This call, as well as the financial support that will be provided through it, is NOT an EU action. This call is launched solely by UPRAISE. Any financial support awarded under this call will be granted directly by UPRAISE to the successful applicants, in its own name and under its sole responsibility. UPRAISE's responsibility includes the preparation and drafting of this call as well as the selection of successful applicants. Publication of this call on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal is solely for information purposes and to increase visibility. Such publication shall not be construed as direct or indirect approval of the content and conditions of this call by the relevant EU authorities or as any waiver of UPRAISE's responsibility.

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