



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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

Type of financial support: Students Incoming

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)
Hosting institution	University of Patras (UNIPAT)
Call ID	1 st Call
Target audience	Post Phd Candidates, PhD Candidate Students, MSc Candidate Students, BSc Candidate Students
Number of grants	5
Grant amount	5.000,00
Total call budget	25.000,00
Mobility period	Sept 2026 – Sept 2027
Application deadline	09/10/2026 - 10/12/2026
Submission email	dtsolis@upatras.gr

1. Context and Objectives

The UPRAISE project strengthens advanced digital skills in Virtual Worlds, innovation and entrepreneurship. The University of Patras intends to host selected international students for a structured academic mobility period that combines advanced learning, international collaboration and practical exposure to UPRAISE themes.

2. Academic offer and mobility period

Research activities focusing on the use of VR/AR/XR technologies in Health, Food, Culture and Education.

3. Eligibility criteria

Applicants should be actively enrolled or admitted at a recognised higher education institution, meet the academic entry requirements of the offered activity, hold an eligible nationality under the Digital Europe Programme rules, demonstrate adequate language proficiency, and submit a study plan aligned with UPRAISE themes.



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4. Financial support and eligible costs

Financial support of 5.000,00 per grant. Eligible costs may include enrolment fees, travel, accommodation and living expenses during the approved mobility period. Double funding of the same cost is prohibited.

5. 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 some of the HEIs or companies of the Upraise consortium.
- Mobility or learning plan.
- Invitation, acceptance or confirmation from the University of Patras for the specific mobility stream.
- Signed Declaration on Double Funding included in the Application Form.
- Evidence of language proficiency where required.

Late, incomplete or unsigned applications may be declared ineligible.

6. Evaluation and ranking

Applications should be evaluated using the common UPRAISE model: 65 points academic background, 25 points motivation/proposed activity and 10 points CV. The recommended minimum quality threshold is 70/100, subject to the final approved call conditions.

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





7. Inclusion priorities

Apply UPRAISE priorities after eligibility and academic quality checks. Encourage women and other underrepresented groups, economically disadvantaged applicants, applicants with disabilities, applicants from lower-digital-capacity regions, minorities, migrants and refugees. State the intended female participation target and tie-breaking method.

8. Recognition of studies

The University of Patras should certify the completed learning activities and award ECTS or another appropriate record where applicable. Recognition by the home institution remains subject to the relevant learning agreement and institutional rules.

9. Application procedure and contacts

Applications must be submitted in English through dtsolis@upatras.gr by 10/12/2026. Contact: Prof Dimitrios Tsois, dtsolis@upatras.gr.

10. Data protection and redress

Insert the University of Patras privacy notice, Data Controller information, retention period, applicant rights and the procedure/time limit for requesting review of procedural or administrative errors.

11. Mandatory legal notice and disclaimer

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12. Contacts

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