Student Mobility and Work Placements

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Student Mobility within Finland

- **JOO agreement** – flexible study right
  - Studies from other Finnish universities as optional studies
  - Only studies not offered by UTA may be selected
  - JOO studies should be included in the degree at UTA
  - Universities have different application periods
  - Further information: Study coordinators
Work Placements

• An important part of university studies
• Opportunity to
  • apply theory to practice
  • gain work experience
• Different practices in different degree programmes
  • course units, credits, optional or compulsory
• Usually 2-10 ECTS credits
• Further information: work placement contact person in each degree programme/faculty
Work Placement in Finland

- University work placement grant
- Application procedures vary among programmes
- Work placement support is paid to the employer – the employer pays the student a wage (the minimum is 1187 €/month)
- Work placement support is paid to Finnish employers only
- Further information: work placement contact person in each faculty
Work Placements Abroad

• **Erasmus work placement** for work placements in Europe (EU and EEA countries, Macedonia and Turkey) – Finland not included

• Work placements of 3-6 months are supported

• Should be credited and included in the degree

• Can be either paid or unpaid (income limit is 1187 €/month)

• Grant for work placement depends on the length of the exchange and on the destination country
Work Placements Abroad

Erasmus work placement continued:

• you can apply for the grant already before you have found the placement
• Three application periods
• Contact person: Erasmus coordinator: erasmus@uta.fi
Work Placements Abroad

- **Travel grants** for students who have obtained a work placement abroad independently
- Applications can be submitted throughout the academic year
- Work placements should be credited and included in the degree
- Contact person:
  - Director of the Financial Office Eini Mäkelä, e-mail eini.makela@uta.fi
How to Find a Placement?

**Workit.netti** - Job advertisements and internship offers

**EURES** - The European Job Mobility Portal

Contact UTA’s Career Services

- Career advising
- **rekry@uta.fi**
- Address: Main building, C-wing, 2nd floor
Study Periods Abroad

- Erasmus student mobility: ~600 places annually
- Nordlys/Nordplus: field-specific Nordic networks
- Russia Pilot
- BCI: Québec
- ISEP: United States and multilateral exchanges
- north2north (University of the Arctic)
- Bilateral agreements: over 60 destinations worldwide
Study Periods Abroad

- Application periods
  - 10 – 31 Oct: North & Latin America, Erasmus work placement grants for spring & summer 2018
  - 9 – 30 Jan: Europe, Nordic Countries, Asia, Africa, Erasmus work placement grants for spring & summer 2018
  - 13 – 27 March: Additional application round for remaining exchange places + Erasmus work placement grants for autumn 2018
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• When considering mobility
  • discuss it first with either your programme coordinator or your HOPS/PSP adviser (personal study plan)

• Work placements and study periods abroad
  • International coordinator in every faculty
  • Mobility coordinator for each mobility programme/network, etc
  • Erasmus work placements: Erasmus coordinator
  • your programme coordinator or HOPS/PSP adviser