



Erasmus Work Placement at the Universities in Turku

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- Combined unit of:
 - University of Turku
 - Turku School of Economics
 - Åbo Akademi University
 - Turku employment office
- International Placement Coordinator as a resource for all!



Erasmus Work Placement

- A new tool to enhance international mobility.
- A new source for funding international work placements.
- A new possibility for cooperation between employers and universities throughout Europe.



Erasmus Work Placement in Turku

- o Goal to send out 50 (18 000) Erasmus Work Placement students from the University of Turku
- o 15 (2100) students from the Turku School of Economics
- o 15 (7800) students from the Åbo Akademi University



Getting the information out to the students

- Info sessions on international placement opportunities
- Involved in the universities' "International weeks"
- Making use of different e-mail lists
- Informing the university staff
 - staff trainings
 - meetings



Finding the Host Organization

- Students find their own
 - motivation and relevance guaranteed
- Making use of the already existing networks:
 - The student's own
 - The faculties'
 - CIMO –Centre for International Mobility
 - International networks:
 - COIMBRA
 - LEO-NET



Finding the Host organization

- Tools on the internet
 - The Career service's website
 - Aarresaari – a network of the Academic Career Services in Finland
 - EURES (europa.eu.int/eures)
 - The Ministry of Labour



Application Procedure for the Erasmus Scholarship

- ECTS Learning Agreement
 - signed by a representative of the faculty in question
 - shows the amount of credits earned
- Training Agreement
 - signatures from the student, representative of the host organization and the sending institution
 - plan for the placement period
 - host organization agrees to insure the student and informs us of a possible salary
- Application Form



The Application Procedure

- Applications accepted monthly during the academic year 2007/2008
- Student will receive a scholarship of 400€/month if he/she is paid a salary of 900€ or less/month for a maximum of 6 months
- If salary is 900€ or more/month will receive a scholarship of 1200€ regardless of the duration of stay



Preparation of Students

- Directions to planning an international work placement on our website
- International office: Guide for exchange students
- Ministry of Labour: Guide for people moving out of Finland
- Cultural training
 - CIMO – Guides to living in different countries
 - EURES –Guides to living and working in different countries
- No language courses



During the Work Placement

- Students are strongly recommended to make an contract of employment with the host organization.
- The students must fill an online-report after spending 30 days on their work placement
- Must get the Erasmus Letter of Confirmation signed by a representative of the host organization
- (A Testimonial/letter of referenrence -form to be filled by the employer)



After the Work Placement

- Final report within 30 days of the end of the Work Placement -> the final 20% of the scholarship
- At the University of Turku the work placement period will appear on the student's EUROPASS mobility passport
- Application to get the period included in the students' studies
- Variation in the amount of credits earned



Leonardo da Vinci

- Have applied for funding under Leonardo da Vinci for a mobility project
 - Culture and Art graduates and the Labour Market –CALM
 - to improve the orientation practices for outgoing students

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