

BIP call for applications.

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRY

The University of Parma, jointly with:

- University of Barcelona (coordinator)
- University of Grenoble Alpes
- University of Milan

offer their students the opportunity to participate in a Blended Intensive Program (BIPs).

BIPs are one of the new and innovative formats of student mobility introduced by the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Program. These programs, jointly developed by multiple higher education institutions, feature advanced and innovative pedagogical approaches that combine short-term face-to-face (physical) mobilities with portions of virtual learning.

BIPs are inherently transnational and transdisciplinary, as curricula are developed and taught together by partner institutions in different countries. The combination of in-person and virtual learning spaces allows students and professors to experience and exchange highly collaborative, challenge-based, and research-steeped methods of teaching and learning.

Through the required virtual part of the program, students and professors alike have the opportunity to develop and hone their digital knowledge and skills, reflecting the European Commission's priority to harness the potential of digital technologies for teaching and learning and to develop digital skills for all.

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1. Description of the program

Introduction to the BIP program

The course consists of 8 days, of which the mobility must include at least 5 days.

The learning objectives are: referring to knowledge, to understand the concept of how food influences disease prevention and health care and to critically evaluate the current scientific evidence that investigate the role of food and diet in modifying health status; referring to abilities and skills, to promote critical analysis in the interpretation of food and functional food advertisements and their beneficial effects on health and to use different tools to search sources of information (databases, electronic journals, library catalogues, etc.); referring to attitudes, values and norms, to adopt a positive and constructive attitude of tolerance and respect for others' ideas and to be able to discuss, persuade, question, moderate and reach consensus.

The course consists of virtual activities (interactive conferences given by leading experts directly involved in research and innovation in innovative foods whether in a food company, technology center, R&D&I center or hospital, among others), face-to-face activities (guided visits and participatory activities in research centers involved in translation to society or food industry) and non-face-to-face activities (complementary activity: the assessment of the nutrition and health claims)

The language of teaching is English.

Course 2025/2026 will be organized in two phases:

- From May 4th to 8th will be organized based on visits to industries or social food related institutions (pending to be confirmed)
- From May 11th to 13th 2025, from 15-17.30h online conferences to the students from the universities of Grenoble Alpes, Parma, and Milan.

ECTS credits awarded (with credit equivalents for non-ECTS partners): 3.



Program location(s): University of Barcelona (Spain).

Total number of participants per institution:

- University of Barcelona (Coordinator)
- University of Parma: 10
- University of Grenoble: 10
- University of Milan: 10

2. Eligibility criteria

To apply for this program, students must be regularly enrolled at one of the participating universities.

Applicants must be enrolled in a master's level degree.

At the time of the application submission, applicants must demonstrate proof of English language competence at the B2 level (CEFR). This can be certified by Language Placement Test (LPT), curricular linguistic suitability required by the study plan (certified by the self-certification of enrolment with exams taken), certificate of language level from one of the extracurricular language courses provided by the Language Centre of the University of Parma; see application procedures below).

Participation to this program is open to students of the following disciplines and/or degree courses:

- University of Barcelona
 - Food Processing
 - Human Nutrition
- University of Parma (UNIPR)
 - MSc in Human Nutrition
 - MSc in Food Science and Technology
 - MSc in Food Safety and Food Risk Management
- University of Grenoble
 - Food Processing
 - Human Nutrition
- University of Milan
 - Food Processing
 - Human Nutrition

3. How to apply

Students interested in participating must fill out THE APPLICATION FORM at the following link: [RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRY \(Copia\) – Compila modulo](#) from 03/02/2026 to 16/02/2026, and send the required documentation to bip@unipr.it.

The following documents are required to complete the application:

- Copy of ID or passport
- A certificate of enrolment at the home University with a list of passed exams and grades.
- Language certificate
- Motivation letter
- Europass format CV
- Other documents and certificates (optional)

Please upload ALL documents in a single pdf file, named “LAST NAME – BIP APPLICATION”.



4. Selection criteria and procedures

An appointed COMMITTEE, which will be appointed after the closing of the applications, will carry out the selection procedures based on the following CRITERIA:

- Academic performance: up to 20/100
- Motivation: up to 40/100
- English language competence: up to 20/100
- Evaluation of further qualifications and skills: up to 20/100

Students should expect to hear back about the result of their application by 20/02/2026.

Selected students must communicate their acceptance or withdrawal within 3 days from the publication of the selection results by contacting their university program coordinator (see below).

Selected students will be contacted by the Internalization Unit with further instructions regarding the necessary formalities upon completion of the selection procedures.

5. Financial support

Each partner university shall be responsible for the management of the financial aspects of the mobilities in accordance with the provisions of their National Erasmus+ Agency.

6. Contacts

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