

Specific Criteria

This document sets out the specific requirements of the University of Algarve (UAlg) to be applied within the framework of the Santander Foundation Scholarships for ERASMUS Programme.

1. Eligibility

Applicants for the Santander Foundation ERASMUS scholarships must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Enrollment at UAlg in the 2026/27 academic year, on a full-time basis (>35 ECTS), in a bachelor's or master's degree programme, except in cases where the student is enrolled in a lower number of ECTS due to being in the final stage of their degree.
2. Enrollment at UAlg in the 2026/27 academic year with their financial situation duly regularised.
3. Enrollment in an Erasmus+ study mobility programme for the 2026/27 academic year.

The following are not eligible:

1. Students who entered UAlg through mobility programmes and/or exchange schemes.
2. Students enrolled in an Erasmus+ mobility programme for traineeships (internships).

2. Number and Value of Scholarships

Twenty (20) scholarships will be awarded. Each scholarship will have a value of 500 Euros.

3. Evaluation of Applications

1. Applications will be assessed and ranked by the International Relations and Mobility Office of UAlg.
2. The evaluation criteria and respective weighting are shown in the table below:

Annual personal or family per capita income, according to the 2025 IRS tax return	
Up to €3.500 – 5	
€3.501 to €5.000 – 4	
€5.001 to €7.000 – 3	
€7.001 to €8.000 - 2	50%

Above a €8.000 – 1	
<p>Relocation status of the household</p> <p>Student displaced from their household, living in rented room – 3</p> <p>Student displaced from their household, living in university residence – 1</p> <p>Displaced or non-displaced student without accommodation expenses – 0</p>	30%
Motivation letter demonstrating the importance of the Santander Erasmus scholarship for the applicant’s personal and professional development (rated on a scale of 1 to 5)	20%

4. Documents

In addition to the documents required under Article 14 of the Santander Foundation Scholarship Regulations for Erasmus 2026/2027, the student must submit:

1. Proof of displaced status, if applicable;
2. A motivation letter demonstrating the importance of the Santander Erasmus scholarship in the candidate’s personal and professional development.