

Special needs grant for stay abroad with disability

Degree of disability (GdB) of 30 or higher

**Physical or psychological
impairment of min. GdB 30
(disability or disease)**

EXTRA FUNDING

- Social top-up of **200€ per month**
- Additional to the regular Erasmus+ grant

PROOF

- Proof of your degree of disability (GdB)
- Scan sent via e-mail is sufficient

Eligibility

You are eligible to this grant, if you have a physical or psychological disability or chronic disease with a grade of disability (GdB) of at least 30.

Benefit

If you apply for this special needs grant for disability of at least GdB 30, you have the opportunity to receive the social top-up of extra 200€ per month additional to the general Erasmus+ grant during your whole stay abroad.

Application

The application process is very simple:

- 1) You only need to send us an e-mail to tumerasmus@zv.tum.de expressing your wish to receive this grant together with a scan of the proof of your degree of disability (GdB).
- 2) You will receive a confirmation of us that you will receive the grant and sign a different grant agreement than students who do not receive a special needs grant.
- 3) You will receive a social top-up of proportionally additional 200€ per month included into your first Erasmus+ grant installment (70% of the full grant amount) and into your second Erasmus+ grant installment (30% of the full grant amount).

If you do not have a proof of your GdB yet, you can apply for it at the [Zentrum Bayern Familie und Soziales](#) of the Versorgungsamt Bayern. It is also possible to apply for the special needs grant and to hand in the proof of your GdB later as soon as you will receive it.

In this case, you will already receive the social top-up with reservation of proof. Usually, your doctor can estimate your prospect of getting proven a GdB of 30 or higher in advance. In the rare case that you should not get the proof of a GdB of 30 or higher, you would need to pay back the social top-up of proportionally extra 200€ per month already received with the first grant installment. You would not need to pay back the general Erasmus+ grant.

Please let us know in good time and preferably before the official grant agreement (GA) submission, if you would like to receive this grant as you will sign another Erasmus+ Grant Agreement than students who do not receive a special needs grant (GA: contract about Erasmus+ stay and grant).

Degree of disability (GdB) of 50 or higher

**Physical or psychological
impairment of min. GdB 50
(disability or disease)**

EXTRA FUNDING

- **Depending on single case**
(up to 10.000 € total)
- Possible funding of
preparatory journey

PROOF

- Proof of your degree of
disability (GdB)
- Further documents as
requested by DAAD

Eligibility

You are eligible to this grant, if you have a physical or psychological disability or chronic disease with a grade of disability (GdB) of at least 50.

Benefit

If you plan to apply for this special needs grant for disability of at least GdB 50, you have the opportunity to receive up to 10,000€ total for your stay abroad depending on your individual situation and needs.

Application

We will support you and prepare your individual application for the special needs grant for disability of at least GdB 50 to the DAAD together.

- 1) Please send us an e-mail to tumerasmus@zv.tum.de expressing your wish to receive this grant together with a scan of the proof of your degree of disability (GdB), mostly the "Schwerbehindertenausweis" (pass for persons with a GdB of 50 or higher).
- 2) We will arrange a personal consultation, as the application must be sent to the DAAD at least 2 months before your stay abroad.
- 3) During the consultation, we will determine which documents you need to prepare for your individual application (e.g. medical certificates, cost estimation for certain services needed etc.).
- 4) You will send us the necessary documents and we will send them together with your individual application to the DAAD.

Alternatively, you can also decide to apply for the special needs grant for disability of at least GdB 30 (see above) and will then simply receive the social top-up of extra 200€ per month additional to the general Erasmus+ grant during your whole stay abroad.

Cost examples

In general, the DAAD covers costs with the *special needs grant for disability of at least GdB 50* which the student has additional to students who do not need a special needs grant, provided that these costs are not covered by other entities (like German health insurance).

These are some examples of costs which can be covered:

- Additional cost for your journey
- Cost for the journey of a necessary accompanying person
- Additional cost for your accommodation abroad
- Additional cost for attendants
- Additional cost for medical care abroad (if not covered by your health insurance)
- Additional cost for special didactical material
- Etc.

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Preparatory journey

If you have a GdB of 50 or higher and need to travel to the destination of your stay abroad in advance to examine the conditions there, you can additionally also apply for another funding by DAAD for a preparatory journey.

You can benefit from such journey to decide, if you are comfortable with conducting your stay abroad under the conditions you experience on site or merely to prepare your stay abroad.

It is also possible to cover the costs of a necessary accompanying person by this funding.

Please contact the Global & Alumni Office via tumerasmus@zv.tum.de for further information or a personal consultation.

Interesting links on a stay abroad with disability

The **DAAD** provides an interesting variety of practical examples of students with disability who went abroad on this website [DAAD/engagiert](#) (Praxisbeispiele Sonderförderung).

The **DAAD** provides further information on a stay abroad with disability such as experience reports from students at the [DAAD Website](#).

The **Erasmus Student Network (ESN)** provides useful information on a stay abroad such as student experience reports with the initiative [ExchangeAbility](#). Embedded in this initiative the network also gathers information on the accessibility of European universities by wheelchair under the name [MapAbility](#).

Students with wheelchairs going abroad can also help to improve wheelchair maps by participating in the initiative [Map my Day](#) organized by the **Berliner Sozialhelden** in cooperation with the **European Association for Accessible Tourism** (ENAT) or simply use their [wheelmap](#).

[MappED!](#) is a follow up project of the MapAbility project funded by the **European Commission** and strives to provide equal opportunities to students with disabilities for their participation in the Erasmus+ programme, providing them with the necessary tools to be better informed about their rights, procedures and support services they are entitled to. You will also find testimonials of students who benefited from the Erasmus+ special needs grant on this website.