

Call for Applications: Financial Support for Graduate Student Research Travel to the European Union

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The **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Carleton University** invites Carleton University graduate students (Ph.D. or M.A.) to apply for financial support to partially offset the cost of research travel to the European Union. This initiative is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

The topic of the research and the purpose of the travel must be clearly related to the **European Union, European integration, or Canada-EU relations**. Research may be combined with other activities, such as participation in a student exchange or language course. Please note that only research conducted in member states of the EU can be funded; research in candidate states or countries that are not EU member states is not eligible.

Travel must take place, and use of funds must be completed, by August 31, 2026. Please note: Financial support is conditional on travel being permitted under the applicable travel rules issued by Carleton University, the Government of Canada, and the government of the destination country at the time of the trip. Further conditions are attached to the dispensing of awarded funds, of which you will be notified if support is awarded.

Applications should include the following:

- A letter of application (1-2 pages); this letter should mention your program of studies, explain why research in the EU is necessary, and detail the research activities involved as well as the proposed timing, length, and location of the research.
- An outline of the research project (1-2 pages) and information on the state of completion (e.g., whether a proposal has been drafted/approved/defended, etc.);
- A detailed budget of costs of the research travel, indicating other sources of funding expected or applied for to help cover these costs; and,
- A letter of support from the (actual or prospective) research supervisor, sent directly to the following email address, EUGradTravel@carleton.ca, with the title line, *Reference for EU travel support application, YOURNAME (i.e., name of applicant)*.

Travel support will take the form of reimbursements of documented travel costs. **The maximum amount of support available is \$1200.** Applications will be considered by a selection committee. Whether travel support is awarded, and the maximum amount of the support, will depend on whether the project meets the criteria outlined, the centrality of the research to the student's program of study, other sources of support for the project, the number of eligible applications received, and the committee's assessment of the needs of the particular project. Each proposal will be considered individually in light of these criteria, and a particular request for funding may be adjusted upward or downward accordingly. It is not anticipated that travel support will cover *all* incurred costs for research in the EU.

Application materials should be sent by email to the following address, EUGradTravel@carleton.ca. Your email should have a title line, *EU travel support application, YOURNAME* and include one PDF attachment with your letter, outline and budget. **Applications may be submitted at any time, but should arrive no later than February 22, 2026.** Further information can be obtained by sending an email to Prof. Achim Hurrelmann, achim.hurrelmann@carleton.ca.



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