

**DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONALISATION AND
MULTILINGUALISM**

**SANTANDER MOBILITY GRANTS FOR STUDIES
“INCOMING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY”
SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Decision of 22 July 2026, issued by the Rector of the UNED, announcing **30 grants** for the mobility of foreign university students, enrolled at foreign universities, enabling them to undertake an international study stay during the 2026/2027 academic year.

1. PURPOSE OF THE CALL.

The purpose of this call is to promote the mobility of international university students currently enrolled at foreign universities, with a view to them undertaking a study period at the UNED before 31 December 2026

2. APPLICANTS.

The following may apply for this grant:

- 2.1 Foreign undergraduate students enrolled in at least their second year of an undergraduate degree during the 2025–2026 academic year.
- 2.2 Foreign master's and doctoral students enrolled during the 2025–2026 academic year.
- 2.3 Applicants must have been selected by their home university to undertake a study mobility at the UNED during 2026 on the basis of specific student exchange agreements signed between the two universities.

3. FUNDING, AMOUNT AND DURATION OF GRANTS.

- 3.1. This call for applications is funded by the Santander Incoming International Mobility Grants Programme 2026.
- 3.2. Thirty grants totalling €1,500 will be awarded to incoming students.
- 3.3. The grants will be compatible with other sources of funding from public administrations and international organisations, provided that the activities do not take place simultaneously.

4. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.

Eligible expenses include those arising from the mobility programme: accommodation, living costs, health insurance during the stay, travel expenses and daily allowances.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

5.1 To be eligible for the grant, applicants must first be registered for the “Santander Grants | Incoming International Mobility 2026” programme via the Santander Open Academy platform:

<http://app.santanderopenacademy.com/program/movilidad-internacional-incoming-2026>

5.2 Applications must be submitted via the following email address:

internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es

5.3 The application form is available in Annex I “SANTANDER STUDY MOBILITY GRANTS – INCOMING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY”

5.4 Interested students must submit the following documents via email to internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es, indicating “Solicitud BECAS SANTANDER ESTUDIOS - MOVILIDAD INTERNACIONAL INCOMING” in the subject line:

- A single application form in accordance with the template included in Annex I of this call for applications.
- Curriculum vitae (free format).
- Letter of invitation signed by the lecturer hosting you at the UNED.
- Academic transcript
- Explanatory report (free format) which must include the following sections:
 - Applicant’s details.
 - Objectives of the mobility application.
 - Details of the home university.
 - Study programme to be undertaken.
 - Dates of stay.
 - Number of ECTS credits to be earned.
 - Added value of the proposed activity.

5.5 The deadline for submitting applications is one month from the day following the publication of the call for applications in the BICI (Boletín Interno de Coordinación Informativa – UNED’s gazette).

5.6 If the documentation provided is incomplete, the applicant will be required to complete the documentation and rectify any deficiencies within a maximum of 10 days.

For any enquiries regarding this call for applications, please contact:

internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es

6. PAYMENT OF GRANTS.

Selected students will receive the instructions and necessary documentation to receive the grant and justify their mobility via email: internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es

7. SELECTION CRITERIA.

The following criteria will be applied to assess the applications received:

7.1 Academic record: up to 3 points.

In the event that the academic record contains only qualitative grades, the calculation of the average mark will be made taking into account the weighting of each of the different grades, which for this call for applications will be as follows:

- Distinction and First Class: 10
- Very Good: 8
- Pass: 6

7.2. Awards received: 1 point.

7.3. International students enrolled at universities in the European OpenEU Alliance: 1.5 points.

7.4. Other academic merits: 0.5 points.

7.5. Knowledge of Spanish will be awarded: 0.5 points for level B1 and 1 point for higher levels.

7.6. Project proposal: up to 3 points.

The maximum total score will be 10 points.

8. ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

8.1 The Selection Committee is composed of the following persons or their delegates:

Chair:

Ms Laura Alba Juez, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Multilingualism.

Members:

Ms Patricia Rodríguez Sáez, Head of the Internationalisation and Overseas Centres Unit.

Ms Encarnación Valero Ibáñez, Officer at the Office of Internationalisation and Cooperation (OTIC).

Secretary:

Ms Paloma Amores Carrera, Head of the International Mobility Section.

8.2 During the selection process, the committee may request via email from those who have applied for the grant any documentation it deems necessary regarding any point that has not been sufficiently documented.

8.3 The deadline for the UNED to award the grants is 30 September 2026. Recipients will be notified of the award and will have 7 calendar days to accept it, all via the Santander Open Academy Platform:

<http://app.santanderopenacademy.com/program/movilidad-internacional-incoming-2026>

9. DECISION AND PUBLICATION.

The decision to award the grants will be taken by the Vice-Rectorate for Internationalisation and Multilingualism. The decision will be published in the BICI and will include the list of students selected, those on the reserve list, and those excluded from the 2026 Santander Estudios-International Incoming Mobility Scholarships.

This resolution will be published in the Internal Information Coordination Bulletin (Boletín Interno de Coordinación Informativa - BICI) and announced on the website of the Vice-Rectorate for Internationalisation and Multilingualism:

<https://www.uned.es/universidad/inicio/internacional/movilidad/movilidad-para-estudiantes.html>

10. BENEFICIARY'S OBLIGATIONS.

10.1. Students awarded these grants must undertake the approved international mobility activities within the timeframes specified in the application or, in any event, by 31 December 2026.

10.2. Should any beneficiary ultimately fail to undertake their international mobility placement in person, they must repay the programme funds to the UNED, and the UNED must award that grant to the next beneficiary who meets the requirements of this call for applications.

10.3. The selected student is obliged to take out private supplementary health insurance covering needs not covered by the European Health Insurance Card.

The student must submit a copy of the insurance policy to the International Mobility Section prior to their mobility via email: internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es

11. NON-CUMPLIANCE.

Total or partial non-compliance with the requirements and obligations set out in these terms and conditions and other applicable regulations, as well as those established in the relevant award decision, will result in the opening of a non-compliance case, the resolution of which, following a hearing with the interested party, may result in the partial or total withdrawal of the grant awarded and the obligation to repay the amount determined in accordance with the applicable criteria and the corresponding interest on arrears.

12. WITHDRAWALS.

Students have until 30 October 2026 to submit their withdrawal request in writing via the following email address: internacional.becas.santander@adm.uned.es, stating the reason for their withdrawal and returning any original documents they may have received as a selected student.

Withdrawals received after 30 October 2026, as well as failure to notify the university, will result in the student's exclusion from future selection processes for any mobility scheme organised by this Vice-Rectorate.

13. FINAL PROVISIONS.

By participating in this call, candidates agree to abide by the terms and conditions set out herein and the decisions taken by the Selection Committee, without prejudice to any relevant complaints or appeals. The Selection Committee is authorised to resolve any queries arising in relation to matters not covered by these terms and conditions.

This decision exhausts the administrative remedies; an optional appeal for reconsideration may be lodged with the Rector within one month from the day following its publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, or an administrative appeal may be lodged within two months from the day following its publication, before the Central Courts for Contentious-Administrative Proceedings in Madrid, in accordance with Articles 9 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998 of 13 July, regulating Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction.

Madrid, **22 July 2026**

THE RECTOR, P.S. Resolution of 20 June 2025, Official State Gazette of 3 July 2025,

The Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Multilingualism, Laura Alba Juez

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The purpose of the data processing is the administration of international scholarships awarded to foreign students who are awarded a SANTANDER ESTUDIOS - INTERNATIONAL INCOMING MOBILITY scholarship.

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