

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ISEP EXCHANGE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

Bachelor's and Master's level students of University of Eastern Finland are invited to apply for **student exchange in the ISEP programme for one (1) semester in the academic year 2018-2019**. ISEP includes over 300 member universities from the United States and other countries. The member universities are listed at the website: www.isepstudyabroad.org.

On this call for applications, applicants do not apply for one specific university. Instead, they apply for a place in the ISEP programme, i.e. to be accepted as a UEF candidate for ISEP exchange. Those applicants who are accepted as UEF candidates will be instructed to apply for ISEP, and this time, the applicant lists 5-10 universities and ISEP aims at placing the student in one of the listed universities. Thus, ISEP is not a suitable programme for applicants who wish to apply for one specific university.

The outgoing ISEP students must pay an **ISEP fee** to their home university before leaving for exchange. After paying the ISEP fee, the student will get free housing and a full meal plan at the host university. The ISEP fee at UEF is €2 700 for one semester in the academic year 2018-2019.

Most ISEP member universities require an **official language test result** to be attached to the final ISEP application (typically TOEFL/IELTS). The language test is not required at this call for applications. When a student has been accepted as a UEF candidate for ISEP exchange, they will receive instructions on the language test.

A letter of recommendation is required at the final ISEP application, and those accepted as UEF candidates for ISEP exchange will receive instructions on this.

An applicant must meet the following basic criteria in order to be considered for student exchange:

- the applicant must be enrolled as a degree student at the University of Eastern Finland
- the applicant has completed the minimum of one year's university-level studies before the beginning of the exchange
- the duration of the exchange is 3 to 12 months, and no degree will be awarded by the host university
- the studies completed abroad will be included in the degree at the UEF
- the applicant's department/school gives an approval for the exchange

Application period: 1 - 15 November 2017

Applying: Application instructions may be found on the website <http://www.uef.fi/opiskelu/student-exchange-for-international-uef-degree-students>. The application must be sent via the online application system SoleMOVE. During the application period, one may apply for 1 or 2 exchange places, and applying for the ISEP programme is equivalent to 1 place.



Required attachments to the application:

1. **A Letter of Motivation** in English or the language of tuition at the host university. Suitable length is one A4 sheet. A letter of motivation is a free-form application in which the applicant describes briefly their study background and discusses their reasons for going on exchange: the motivation to go on exchange to the country/university in question, and how the exchange is related to the applicant's future/career plans.

2. A Transcript of Records from WebOodi

UEF Scholarship:

The students who are accepted will receive a UEF scholarship for the ISEP exchange and the sum is determined according to the exchange destination:

Destinations in Europe	€1 000 for 1 semester
Destinations outside Europe	€1 500 for 1 semester

ISEP DIRECT: It is also possible for the students to apply through the ISEP Direct programme in which the student is required to pay for the tuition. In the case of ISEP Direct, the University of Eastern Finland will not charge the ISEP fee. ISEP Direct resembles going on exchange independently as a freemover. The application periods of the universities in ISEP Direct are different from the application period for ISEP Exchange. Further information on ISEP Direct:

<http://www.isepstudyabroad.org/guides-tips/get-started/select-a-program-type/isep-direct>

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