



IMPULSE CREDITS IN (COOPERATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERS)



PURPOSE OF THE FUNDING

Impulse Credits are intended to **stimulate the development of new international collaborations**, whether in the framework of existing partnerships or through the development of new ones.

Impulse Credits IN are **designed to invite to ULB, within the framework of activities with privileged partners or cooperation activities, a member of a foreign university** that is either:

- a **strategic partner** institution (including members of the [CIVIS Alliance](#)), or
- located in a **cooperation country** (see the list of eligible countries in **Annex 1**).

This funding covers both **international mobility costs and any organisational expenses** linked to the preparation of **new international projects**, including:

- Teaching activities (e.g. creation of joint/international master programmes)
- Research activities (e.g. preparation of grant applications)
- Implementation of new activities related to the privileged partnership

The duration of stays at ULB is a maximum of two weeks.



SELECTION CRITERIA (NON-EXHAUSTIVE)

Funding will be awarded in particular on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Quality of the application:** scientific quality of the applicant and the beneficiary, relevance and robustness of the project (clarity of objectives, expected outcomes in terms of research and/or teaching)
- **Institutional alignment:** contribution of the application to ULB's strategy and to the strengthening of collaboration between the two institutions
- **Expected outcomes:** anticipated benefits for ULB, the applicant and their team
- **Partner involvement:** active participation of the partner institution in the project and demonstrated commitment to the collaboration
- Applications involving a **privileged partner** are, in principle, considered a priority
- **Subsidiarity / complementarity principle:** applicants must have exhausted all internal and external funding possibilities

MAXIMUM AMOUNT AWARDED & ELIGIBLE COSTS

The **maximum** amount awarded is **EUR 2,500**.

This funding covers:



- **Travel** costs (in accordance with ULB's [Sustainable Travel Policy](#))
- **Accommodation** and **subsistence** costs

for stays of up to a maximum of two weeks.



This funding does not cover:

- Participation in conferences
- Organisation of conferences
- Applications concerning research-only or teaching-only stays



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APPLICATION DATES & PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted by email to the International Relations Office (delphine.lauwers@ulb.be) at least two months before the beginning of the stay or activity.

APPLICATION STEPS

The complete application file must be submitted **by email in a single PDF file**, including the following mandatory documents:

- The online [application form](#), completed by the ULB applicant;
- The [Supervisor's/Head of service's assessment form](#), completed and signed by the supervisor/head of service;
- The applicant's CV ([ULB template](#), including publications extracted from DI-fusion).
- The beneficiary's CV, together with a list of their publications

All documents must be sent as a single PDF file to: delphine.lauwers@ulb.be

Applications will be evaluated both by **specialists in internationalisation** (members of ULB's International Credits Ranking Commission – CCCI) and by **specialists in the relevant academic field**.

LINKS TO FORMS

- To be completed by the applicant: [Application form](#)
- To be completed by the head of department/supervisor: [Supervisor's/Head of service's assessment form](#)



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL POLICY

As part of the Climate Plan, ULB has implemented a [Sustainable Travel Policy](#), aiming to reduce overall greenhouse-gas emissions. The policy relies on three levers: optimising travel, prioritising lower-carbon transport for closer destinations, and offsetting greenhouse-gas emissions. For “Green Cities” reachable by train in under 6 hours, air travel is no longer reimbursed. The list of these cities and all related information is available on the [dedicated page](#) of the ULB website.

Beneficiaries who choose a sustainable mode of transport to travel to an “Orange City” (or beyond) under this funding scheme may be eligible for an additional financial contribution of €200.



ANNEX 1 – LIST OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES FOR COOPERATION

ACTIVITIES

- Algeria
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Bangladesh
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- West Bank / Gaza Strip
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Republic of the Congo
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Cook Islands
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Cuba
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Dominica
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Ecuador
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Equatorial Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Iraq
- Iran
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Lesotho
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Malawi
- Maldives
- Mali
- Morocco
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mauritania
- Micronesia (Federated States)
- Montserrat
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Uganda
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Peru
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Solomon Islands
- Samoa
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Sudan
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Helena
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Eswatini
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Chad
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tokelau
- Tonga
- Tunisia
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Wallis and Futuna
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

- The list of publications by ULB members must be extracted from DI-fusion; otherwise, the application will be deemed ineligible.
- ULB's International Credits Ranking Commission (CCCI) acts as the selection panel for the credits described in these regulations.
- The academic authorities reserve the right to award credits on a discretionary basis, in urgent cases or in the context of priority partnerships.
- Any CCCI decision involving an amount exceeding €2,500 must be ratified by the Academic Council (CoA).
- The existence of a cooperation agreement with an institution shall in no case be considered a criterion for the automatic awarding of credits.
- In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity and complementarity, applicants are encouraged to review existing funding opportunities and to submit applications to other funding sources.
- Holding external funding is considered an asset when applying for complementary ULB funding.
- Applications must be submitted directly to the International Relations Office by the deadline indicated in these regulations. For funding schemes requiring faculty ranking, applications must also be submitted to the relevant faculty; faculty deadlines may differ.
- If a previous application has been selected, applicants must wait at least one academic year before submitting a new application to the same funding scheme, unless otherwise specified.
- An activity report must be submitted within one month following the end of the mobility period. No new application may be considered without this report.
- Airline tickets must be booked at the most advantageous fare, in accordance with ULB's Responsible Travel Policy.
- Credits are awarded for a specific purpose. Only expenses directly related to that purpose and duly justified will be eligible. Any remaining balance may not be reallocated to another activity.