



Erasmus+

## Call for applications: Grant for a Master student from l'Institut Agro Rennes (France) to the Riddet Institute, Massey University (New Zealand)

The Erasmus + programme allows students to carry out a mobility in another institution abroad in order to acquire new skills. The students remain enrolled in their home institution. This mobility is validated and recognised by the home institution as an integral part of their studies.

**The applicants must have completed their mobilities before 30 June 2026.**

### Funding awarded

Erasmus+ grants are intended to cover **part of your mobility costs** (subsistence costs and travel costs):

- Placement duration: **5 months**
- Training costs, registration and tuition fees, and research costs are NOT covered by the Erasmus+ grant.
- This grant is NOT intended for the purpose of attending conferences or seminars.

### Objectives of the mobility:

Stay for internship, training, acquiring new skills:

This mobility aims to provide Master's students from l'Institut Agro (France) the opportunity of an **internship placement of 5 months in the Riddet Institute at Massey University (Manawatu campus), located in Palmerston North (New Zealand)**. Under the co-supervision of Dr Alejandra Acevedo-Fani and Dr Suzanne Hodgkinson and the support of Dr Sylvia Chungchunlam, the applicants will broaden their understanding and skillset researching the in vitro digestion behaviour of different foods and complex composite meals. The research project involves the use of the Human Gastric Simulator (HGS) as a validated dynamic model of gastric digestion, situated at the Riddet Institute. By utilising cutting-edge analytic methods and models, the proposed study aims to provide strong scientific evidence of the digestive processes as well as the release and bioavailability of essential nutrients from different foods and diets. The applicants will have the opportunity to assist in the design and implementation of these research endeavours focused on understanding how food influences nutrient release and impacts nutrition and human health.

## Application procedure

**Call for applications: OPEN - Application deadline: March 15, 2025**

Students fill in the online application form available at this address: <https://international-mobility.institut-agro-rennes-angers.fr/fr/placement-erasmus>

**Only complete forms will be taken into account.**

### Important:

- Prepare a CV to attach to your online application
- International students require an immigration visa before entering the country and need to be aware the process can take 3-4 months. Funding is available to cover the associated costs.

## Riddet Institute

The Riddet Institute is a premier national centre for fundamental and strategic scientific research in food. Its area of expertise is at the intersection of food material science, novel food processing, gastrointestinal biology and human nutrition. The Riddet Institute is hosted by Massey University-Palmerston North (New Zealand).

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## Selection

The selection committee checks the eligibility of applications and then grades the applicants according to the criteria presented below.

### Selection criteria

1. Relevance of the objectives of the mobility to the Master student's programme (/3 pts)
2. Motivation and Impact of the mobility on the career development (/3pts)
3. Base knowledge on the subject area (/2 pts)
4. Quality of the planned organisation and contacts with the host unit (2pts)

## Eligibility criteria

Applications will be subjected to these following eligibility criteria:

- Degree qualification in Food Science, Food Engineering, Nutrition, or related field.
- Basic skills in laboratory practices and analytical techniques.
- Basic knowledge on the research subject area and relevance of the mobility to personal development.
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to write and speak English.

## Grants: travel and individual support

**Grant for travel costs:** 1735 Euros per participant

**Individual support stipends to cover living costs** during the mobility (e.g. accommodation, meals, local transportation, insurance...): **700 Euros per month** per participant

**Visa costs:** will be refunded upon presentation of proof of payment