

Mobility and grants call UCLA Extension 2026–2027



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1. Presentation and objectives

The Department of International Relations is pleased to announce **this call for participation in UCLA Extension Certificate Programmes**, aimed at final-year undergraduate students or recent graduates interested in strengthening their academic, linguistic and cultural competences in California, United States.

These programmes offer a unique opportunity to take courses, participate in specialised workshops and develop intercultural skills within a prestigious international academic environment.

This programme is equivalent to a postgraduate qualification, with a flexible duration (typically nine months), providing students with the chance to specialise and gain professional experience in their chosen field.

For further information about the UCLA Extension Certificate, click [here](#).

Objectives:

- To promote **international mobility** and **cultural exchange** among students.
- To support the **improvement of English language skills** in academic and social contexts.
- To foster the **holistic education** of students through experiences at renowned higher education institutions.
- To strengthen **global competencies** and the **international outlook** of the university community.

2. Benefits for UIC Barcelona students

Students from UIC Barcelona selected to participate in these programmes will have the opportunity to:

- **Apply for a UIC Barcelona grant** (see the [Grants](#) section for further details).
- Receive **guidance and support** throughout the application and enrolment process.
- **Discount on tuition fees**
- Unique opportunities to **gain professional experience in the United States** Several of these programmes include work experience in the relevant field, and they also offer the option to remain in the country after completing the programme with a 12-month work permit (OPT visa).

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3. Grants

UIC Barcelona will offer **two grants of €2,000**

These grants are intended exclusively to support international student mobility and **cannot be applied to online courses**.

To receive the scholarship, all UIC Barcelona credits must be obtained before the end of the final academic year (July); otherwise, the grant will be forfeited.

The scholarships are a financial contribution designed to partially cover expenses related to the stay abroad, such as travel, visa, accommodation and tuition fees.

The total cost of tuition will depend on the Certificate Programme the student chooses to take at the host institution

Any additional expenses not covered by the scholarship, including the remaining tuition fees, accommodation and personal costs, must be borne by the student.

For up-to-date pricing information for each programme, please consult the following [link](#).

4. Insurance

Before undertaking a mobility placement, the student must provide proof of insurance for the duration of their stay. It is compulsory¹ to take out insurance with OnCampus, leader in travel assistance insurance for students undertaking study placements abroad. This policy offers one of the most competitive prices on the market and meets all the minimum requirements stipulated by UIC Barcelona.

- Accidents
- Travel assistance
- Medical assistance
- Civil liability

¹ Exemption from taking out this insurance will only be accepted in cases of force majeure. E.g.: if the host university or company where the mobility placement is carried out requires the student to take out its own insurance policy. In this case, to adequately assess the situation, students must complete and send a formal request along with a copy of their policy.

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5. Participation requirements

Students who meet the following criteria may apply for this call:

- Be enrolled in the final year of their degree programme or have already graduated at the time of applying for the scholarship.
To receive the grant, all UIC Barcelona credits must be obtained before the end of the final academic year (July); otherwise, the grant will be forfeited.
- **Strong academic record**
 - a. A minimum average of 7/10 is recommended.²
- Applicants must demonstrate a good level of English with an official language qualification. For more information on language requirements, click on this [link](#).
- If the student is pursuing two degrees simultaneously (e.g., Business Administration and Law), the average of both grades will be considered, and evaluation will be requested from both faculties involved.
- A proactive profile, motivation and communication skills will be viewed positively.
- Compliance with all deadlines and administrative requirements set by both UIC Barcelona International Relations and the host university.

6. Application process

Applications must be submitted **by 25 February 2026** via the following [application form](#):

The following documents should be enclosed:

1. Official English language certificate³
2. Academic record (CAP), with the grade point average out of 10⁴
3. Letter of motivation and CV
4. Supporting documents of the following cases, if applicable:
 - a. Large family

² If the student is studying a double degree, the highest average will be taken into account, provided that they have completed at least 30 ECTS in that degree.

³ Failure to provide a certificate meeting the destination's requirements will not automatically disqualify the application, but it will affect the evaluation according to the weighting assigned to language certification, reducing the chances of obtaining a grant. In any case, before undertaking mobility, all students must meet the English certificate requirement established by UCLA Extension.

⁴ Document called "CAP", available from the secretariat of your faculty, at no additional cost when requested for this application.

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- b. Single-parent families
- c. Disability of 33% or more
- d. Ministry grant holder

7. Selection process and criteria

- International Relations will review application forms to ensure all required documents have been submitted within the established deadlines.
- Each faculty will carry out the initial selection process and assess applicants according to the following categories:
 - **Standard student**
 - **Very good student**
 - **Exceptional student**
 - **Rejected:** if the candidate does not meet the academic requirements set by faculty regulations. In this case, the candidate **will not proceed to the next stage of selection.**
- The International Relations Service will calculate the overall weighted score based on the following criteria (see detailed breakdown in [Annex 1](#)):
 - a. Academic record **50%**⁵
 - b. Certified English level **20%**
 - c. Faculty/lecturer recommendation **10%**
 - d. Financial need (official accreditation required): **10%**⁶
 - e. Profile and motivation: **10%**⁷

8. Decision

The final decision regarding this call will rest with the International Relations Service, which reserves the right to approve or reject the applications submitted. It may also invite

⁵ For double-degree students, the average of both grades will be used

⁶ Students will be able to obtain points for the following concepts: Ministry of Education grant, “UIC Barcelona Grants”, large family, single-parent family, disability over 33%.

⁷ Students may be awarded points for: participation in UIC community activities such as volunteering, Buddy Programme, etc. The motivation letter will also be taken into account.

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candidates to a personal interview or request additional documentation if deemed necessary to complete the evaluation process.

The International Relations Service will publish the final resolution in accordance with the established deadlines.

Under this call, a total of two international mobility grants will be awarded.

In the event of a tie, the academic transcript will be taken into account.

All candidates will receive an initial official resolution by email, informing them of the selection process results, the assigned destination, and the total score of their application, under the following categories:

- Candidates WITH A GRANT
- Candidates accepted to continue in the programme WITHOUT A GRANT
- Unsuccessful candidates
- Incomplete applications

Once the initial resolution has been published, candidates must, within the deadline set in the call calendar, indicate their choice from the following options:

- Acceptance of the assigned place (with or without a grant)
- Rejection of the assigned place and cancellation of the mobility application process.
- Rejection of the initially assigned place in order to request a place at another destination.
- Failure to respond within the deadline will be considered a withdrawal from the place.

Waiting list for grants: Candidates who are not awarded a grant will be placed on a waiting list. If additional places or grants become available, they will be contacted in order of the score obtained in the selection process.

9. Denial or revocation of grants

- Grants will only be awarded to students undertaking in-person mobility. If a beneficiary opts to complete the programme in virtual or online mode, the grant will

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be automatically revoked and reassigned to the next candidate according to the established ranking.

- If the grant recipient changes the study mode or interrupts their mobility, they must immediately inform the International Relations Service, as the grant may be affected.
- In duly justified cases of force majeure, situations will be assessed individually by the International Relations Service.

10. Call dates

- Publication of the call: **15 January 2026**
- Submission of applications: **until 25 February 2026**
- Publication of provisional results: **25 March 2026**
- Deadline for appeals and acceptance or rejection of offers (all applicants, with or without a grant): **10 April 2026**
- **Waiting list:** applicants on the waiting list will be informed in order of ranking if a grant is available.
- Publication of final results (if there are any changes): **17 April 2026**
- Meeting with selected students and UCLA Extension: **end of April 2026**
- The enrolment period at the host university will be communicated during the specific information session (see previous point).

11. Other regulations

- Students can only receive the grant once. The grant refers only to the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Students must begin their Certificate Programme between August 2026 and September 2027.
- The grant cannot be transferred to another academic year.

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- If an **application is received after the deadline**, it must be submitted to the International Relations Service and the candidate's acceptance to continue with the process will be subject to the approval of the relevant Faculty Board. If accepted by the Board, IR will inform the student of the next steps to be taken. Students who apply after the deadline will not be eligible for the grant and will only be able to participate without one. IR reserves the right to reject late applications if they cannot be processed within the deadlines set by the destination institution.

12. Payment of grants

UIC Barcelona will pay the grant when the student starts classes at the host university and sends the certificate of confirmation of arrival to IR.

13. Contact

- International Relations Service, Barcelona Campus: exchange.bcn@uic.es
- International Relations Service, Sant Cugat Campus: exchange.scu@uic.es

Annex 1 Scoring system

Applications will be assessed based on the documentation submitted by each candidate. The total score will be obtained by applying the following scoring system:

Criteria	Score
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Academic record – up to 10 points – 50%	
5.5–5.99	2
6–6.49	3
6.5–6.99	4
7–7.49	5
7.5–7.99	6
8–8.49	7
8.5–8.99	8
9–9.49	9
9.5	10
Accredited level of English (up to 10 points – 20%)	
B1	2.5
B2	5
C1	7.5
C2	10
Recommendation from the Faculty or teaching staff (up to 10 points – 10%)	
Normal	5
Very good student	7.5
Exceptional student	10
financial needs (up to 10 points – 10%) (Ministry of Education grant, 'UIC Barcelona Grants', large family, single-parent family, disability greater than 33%)	
Normal: if no criteria are met	5
High: if one criterion is met	7.5
Very high: if two or more criteria are met	10
Student profile and motivation (up to 10 points- 10%) (participation in UIC Barcelona community activities such as volunteering, Buddy Programme, etc. The motivation letter will also be considered)	
Normal: motivation letter	5
Highly motivated: motivation letter + participation in 1 activity	7.5

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Exceptional motivation: motivation letter + participation in 2 or more activities	10
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