

I am pleased to write to you to apply for the Erasmus programme for the 2010-2011 academic year. I am currently studying Cultural Innovation at the Faculty of Letters, *Transilvania* University of Brasov. I just started the second semester here and I am looking forward completing my master degree at this university. I would very much appreciate being able to spend a semester at one of the universities included in the Erasmus programme.

I set my hopes for this year abroad upon improving my written and spoken English, expanding my social circle and opening up new horizons in my professional life. As I am determined to keep studying after getting my master degree, I think that my application for the Erasmus programme is fully integrated in my professional plan and academic background. The experience I could gain during the next semester with an Erasmus scholarship would be a valuable tool for the future, as I am interested in studying and getting thoroughly into cultural anthropology.

Finally, I deeply believe that living abroad is a crucial step in the study of a language. Not only does it bring knowledge in various academic disciplines, but it also speeds up the necessary need to become independent in daily life. Consequently, this prospect of personal development is one more motivation among the numerous others that drove me to write this application letter.

I wish to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
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