



Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) is a high-level integrated international study programme of 60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits, delivered by an international consortium of higher education institutions (HEI) and - where relevant - other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interest in the study areas/professional domains covered by the joint programme.

Its aim is to:

- foster **QUALITY** improvements, **INNOVATION**, **EXCELLENCE** and **INTERNATIONALISATION** in HEIs;
- increase **QUALITY** and **ATTRACTIVENESS** of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) – supporting EU **EXTERNAL POLICY** in the higher education field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide;
- improve the level of **COMPETENCES** and **SKILLS** of Master graduates, in particular their relevance for the **LABOUR MARKET**, through an increased involvement of employers.

The study programme must include a mandatory mobility period in at least two different Programme Countries (28 EU Member States + Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey) and its successful completion must lead to the award of either a joint degree or multiple degrees.

EMJMD main principles

- **High selectivity**: only excellent joint Master programmes will be selected and funded;
- Implemented by consortia of **fully recognised HEIs**, in the EU and (where relevant) in Partner Countries;
- **Full scholarships** for the best Master students worldwide with a priority for non-Programme Country students (a minimum of 75 % will be earmarked for students from Partner Countries);
- Support to **invited scholars (/guest lecturers)** contributing to the EMJMD activities;
- **Joint Master degrees** encouraged but not mandatory (double/multiple degrees still eligible);
- Focus on the **socio economic environment**, **employability** of graduates and **sustainability** prospects of the EMJMD;
- Focus on excellence of selected EMJMD through **strengthened selection** and **monitoring procedure**;
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

Taking part as an organisation

- EMJMDs are open to **any public** or **private organisation** located in **Programme or Partner Countries**
 - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- The applicant must be an **HEI established in a Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.
- Minimum consortium composition: **3 HEIs** as partners from at least **3 different Programme Countries**.
- **Associated partners** (optional): contribute indirectly to the implementation of specific tasks/activities. For contractual management issues they are **not considered** as part of the EMJMD consortium.

EMJMD award criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Relevance** of the project (max 40 points)
- Quality of the **project design and implementation** (max 20 points)
- Quality of the **project team and the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points)
- **Impact and dissemination** (max 20 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least **70 points** overall and:

- First step: obtain 75% (30 points) of the maximum allocated points for "relevance"
- Second step: only those proposals that have passed the first step will go through the second step of the selection and be assessed against the remaining award criteria

Additional scholarships: the applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions / sub regions / countries) of the world: Asia, Central Asia, Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Yemen), South Africa, Latin America, Eastern and Southern neighbourhood countries, Gulf countries and Africa-Caribbean-Pacific. Only projects that have passed the first step of the selection process will be assessed against the additional criterion: *Relevance of the project in the targeted region*, in order to obtain additional scholarships.

Duration of the project: 1 optional preparatory year + 3 annual intakes of students (5 years maximum)

EU Grant will vary indicatively between **2 and 3 million EUR**:

- **Lump sum for consortium management & invited scholars**
170 000 EUR => 20 000 EUR for the optional preparatory year (+) 50 000 EUR per intake of the EMJMD
- **Fixed number of student scholarships for the 3 intakes (indicatively 15 per intake)**
Maximum 25 000 EUR per academic year and per scholarship; the actual amount of the individual scholarships will vary in accordance with the EMJMD length (60, 90 or 120 ECTS), the student country/region of residence and the EMJMD participation costs.

Taking part as an individual

EMJMD student scholarships include:

- a travel allowance (1 000 - 3 000 EUR per academic year)
- an installation allowance (1 000 EUR for students resident in a Partner Country only)
- a fixed monthly allowance for all scholarship holders (1 000 EUR)
- coverage of the students' participation costs /tuition fees
→ up to 9 000 EUR / year for Partner Country students
→ up to 4 500 EUR / year for Programme Country students

Thinking of applying?

For Organisations: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en

Applications to be submitted using an **eForm** with **attachments**

1. Register the partnership's organisations in the Participant Portal and receive a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
2. Create your electronic application form using the PICs
3. Fill in the eForm
4. Attach completed versions of the attachments
5. Submit the eForm on-line

Deadline for Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals: Thursday 18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET.

Information for individual applicants: <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships>