

Erasmus + Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

Student selection, Scholarship management & Implementation

Coordinators' Conference

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Student selection

> Joint, fair, transparent, based on excellence

Through a **project website**, where all information on selection and application procedures is provided to applicants

Leading to a selection list, enrolled students to be encoded as a basis for your budget calculation



Erasmus Mundus Catalogue

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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters are delivered by multiple higher education institutions and run across various countries. They are distinguished by their academic excellence and by their high level of integration. Students at master's level from all over the world can apply.

In addition, scholarships are available for the best students. Read more to find out if an <u>EMJM</u> is right for you.

The Erasmus Mundus Catalogue is updated yearly and lists the Master's programmes that are currently supported by the European Union and that may offer Erasmus Mundus scholarships.

Most consortia require applications to be submitted between October and January for courses starting the following academic year. Interested students should click on the url of the master and contact the consortium directly forinformation on courses, application procedures and scholarships availability.

Brexit

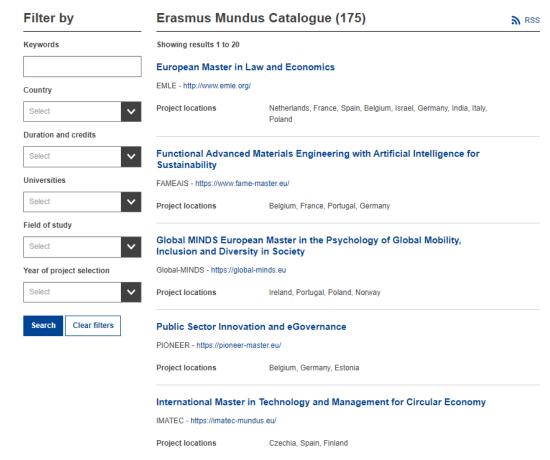
Data protection

Impact of COVID-19 on Erasmus Mundus Masters

FAQ

Scams and Frauds

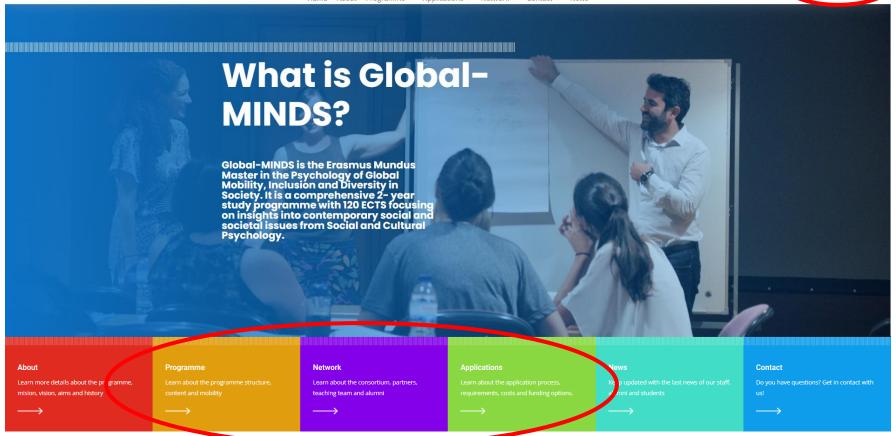
Complaints







Website



4 Cohorts 4
Partner
Universities

100 Students & Alumni



EU visual identity



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Art. 17.2 of your Grant Agreement

<u>European flag emblem and multilingual disclaimer (europa.eu)</u>

Guide on <u>How to communicate your project</u>



EU visual identity – Do's...







EU visual identity — ...and Don'ts



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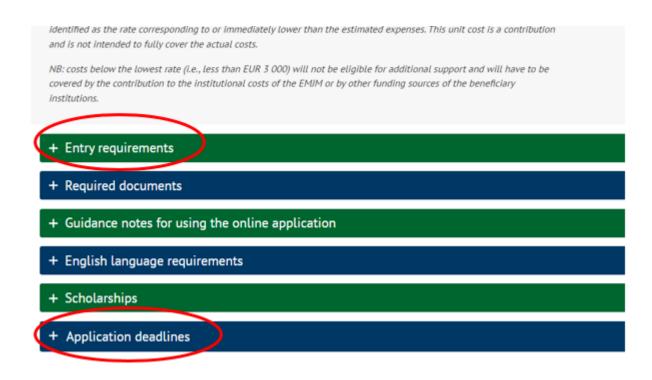
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Admission portal and admission requirements

FREE OF CHARGE (!)



Include an Appeal procedure





EMJM Scholarships allocation

NAME	SCORE	NATIONALITY	RANK
John	87	ES	1
Paula	86	US	2
Emma	85	ES	3
Ludo	82	IT	4
Geert	81.5	BE	5
Ali	80	TN	6
Sebastian	79	SI	7
Sarah	72	IN	8
Claudia	71	IT	9
X	69	BE	NA
Y	54	ES	NA
Z	31	ES	NA

- One selection list, one rank.
 Excellence!
- 10%-rule for scholarship holders of the same nationality (all editions combined except targeted regions)
- CONSORTIUM decides where the cut-off is for scholarships, for non-scholarship holders and reserve list

Student selection: Steps to remember

- 1. Student selection uploaded in the Mobility Tool annually by 30 April at the latest (MILESTONES!)
- 2. Notification of results to all applicants
- 3. Assist selected students in:
 - Practical arrangements
 - ➤ Visa procedures
 - ➤Insurance (GA annex 5)

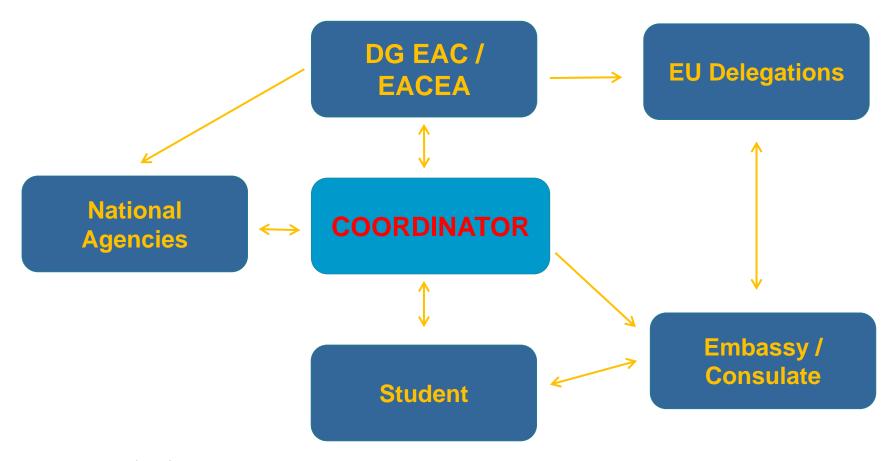


Student agreement (GA Annex 5)

- > After enrolment sign the Student Agreement
- ➤ It will contain the academic, administrative and financial aspects of the joint programme
- > Arrangements for a complaint procedure
- Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association



Visa requirements and actors



VISA directive of 11/05/2016 Entry of third-country nationals for research, studies and training https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/801/oj



Programme requirements (a)

As written in the **Programme Guide**;

> Degree requirement (joint or multiple, or a combination)

Exchange of staff and visiting scholars





Programme requirements (b)

> Insurance requirement for all students (GA - Annex 5, p.78)

Beneficiaries need to:

- Ensure that all students benefit from an insurance scheme, covering (...)
- Cover the costs

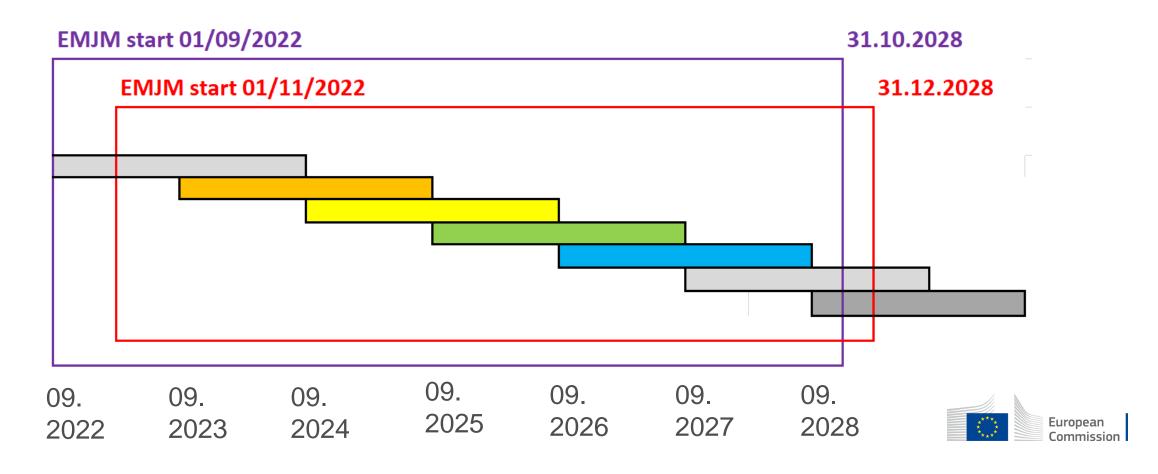
If you cannot or do not want to conclude the insurance on behalf of students, you should at least verify whether the students did and reimburse the related cost.

NOTE that you are free to set the tuition fees for non-scholarship holders



Programme requirements (c)

"Organise at least four editions of the Master programme", each lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90, or 120 ECTS credits). Example 120 ECTS:



Mobility requirements

- Compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students:
 2 study periods in 2 countries (min. 1 EU MS or country associated to Programme), each min. 30 ECTS; both different from the country of residence of the student at enrolment stage.
- Compulsory mobility periods cannot be replaced by virtual mobility (but other periods can).
- ➤ All study periods must take place in **full partner** HEIs, or under their direct supervision.



Examples

Track 1:

- BE (30 ECTS)
- EG (30 ECTS)
- IT (remotely, 60 ECTS)

Eligible track, unless student is resident in Belgium or Egypt

Track 2:

- FR (30 ECTS)
- IT (30 ECTS)
- US (associated partner, under supervision of BE, 60 ECTS)

Eligible track for all students!



Award of scholarships - requirements

- The scholarship is awarded for **full-time enrolment**, and will cover the entire duration of the Master programme (i.e. 12, 18, 24 months) (but institutional costs that occur during the eligibility period for non-scholarship holders can be claimed for students who will graduate outside the eligibility period)
- ➤ A reduced duration of the scholarship possible if recognition of prior learning (of min. 1 year)
- ➤ The country of residence is defined at enrolment stage ('stable residence in the months before enrolment')
- ➤ Max 10% of (regular) scholarships to students of the same nationality



Good practices & recommendations (not rules)

- Keeping your student application call open for around 3 months
- Continuity in the recruitment process and in the award of scholarships (partner / programme country students)
- > Payments through bank accounts



Good practices & recommendations

Scholarship reallocations after drop-out:

- No 'justification' needed for no-show, late arrivals, replacements etc.
- Monitor your project budget closely (do not engage to more costs than foreseen, the max. grant will not be raised and EACEA will not calculate this before the end of your project!)

Consider that you will only receive 90% pre-financing



Good practices & recommendations

Consortium Agreement:

- ➤ Useful examples are available on the former <u>EACEA beneficiary space</u> for inspiration, but there are no templates
- > They can include aspects such as:
 - General project management issues
 - Mobility arrangements
 - > Financial arrangements
 - > QA, dissemination, sustainability
 - Any further arrangements
- ➤ You are required to have a signed Consortium Agreement by the start of your first edition, but its contents will not be commented/verified



Budget (Annex 2 of the Grant Agreement)

UNIT COSTS:

✓ Scholarships: € 1400 / month up to (60 + 30)*24

✓ Institutional: € 750 / month up to (100 + 30)*24

✓ Special Needs: (up to) € 60.000 / total period up to 2

NEW: For partial months, a pro-rata unit cost of 1/30 will be reimbursed for each day

Foresee corrective payments at the end when necessary and inform your students in the STUDENT AGREEMENT (!)

Pro-rata payment of unit costs: example

Student arrival: 12/09/2023, Student drops out 25/12/2023

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A: count the <u>FULL MONTHS</u> = 3 (12/09 to 11/12)
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B: count the <u>remaining days</u> and divide by $30 \Rightarrow 14/30 = 0,4666$

C: the system adds up A and B: 3,4666

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Scholarships: € 1400 / month * 3,47 = € 5180 (not 5600)
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Institutional: \in 750 / month * 3,47 = \in 2602,5 (*not 3000*)



Targeted regions of the world – Heading 6

"Geographical targets and indicative budget share".

Example for 27 NDICI scholarships:

• Region 7, (Sub-Sanaran Africa) 51/0 - 6-7 fun scholarsings (from uniferent countries	•	Region 9, (Sub-Saharan Africa)) 31% -	8-9 full scholarships	(from different countries)
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- Region 10, (Latin America) 24% 6-7 full scholarships (max 30% (2) from Brazil and Mexico);
- Region 5, (Asia) 23% 6-7 full scholarships; ('priority to least developed countries')
- Region 6, (Central Asia) 9% 2-3 full scholarships;
- Region 3 (Neighbourhood South), 8% 2-3 full scholarships;
- Region 7 (Middle East), 3% 0 or 1 full scholarships;
- Region 8 (Pacific) *or* Region 11 (Caribbean), 0 or 1 full scholarships. each 1% -



EMJM Scholarship allocation – targeted regions

NAME	SCORE	NATIONALITY	RANK	TARGETED REGION	SCHOLARSHIP?
John	88	BRA	1	YES	YES
Emma	88	BRA	2	YES	YES
Ludo	87	BRA	3	NO	YES
Lucia	87	BRA	4	NO	YES
Sarah	86	BRA	5	NO	YES
Nadine	85	BRA	6	NO	YES
Joao	85	BRA	7	NO	YES
Li	85	CHIN	8	YES/NO	YES
Claudia	84	ES	9	NO	YES
Geert	83	BE	10	NO	NO
Shania	82	UK	11	NO	NO
Anne	78	TN	12	YES	YES
X	67	RO		NO	NO
Υ	55	BE		NO	NO
Z	23	BRA		YES	NO

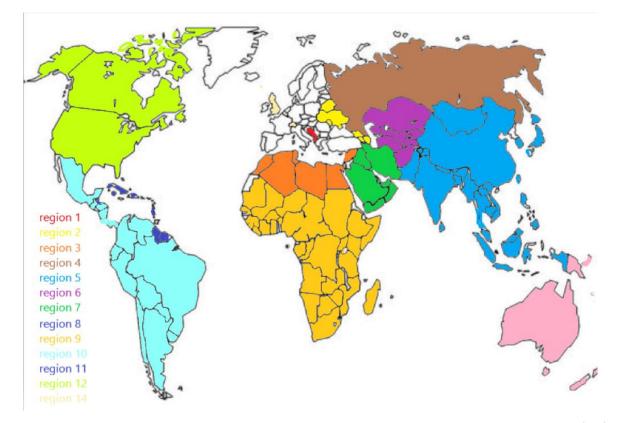
- Excellence
- 10% rule (max. 6 if you have 60)
- Nationality is the basis for partner/programme country and targeted regions - allocation
- Regional % (slide 22)



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Check carefully the list of countries per region in the Programme Guide, p.32-34

Western Balkans (Region 1)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo ²¹ , Montenegro
Neighbourhood East (Region 2)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law
South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3) ²²	Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine ²³ , Syria, Tunisia
Russian Federation (Region 4)	Territory of Russia as recognised by international law
Region 5 Asia ²⁴	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam High income countries: Brunei, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macao, Singapore and Taiwan
Region 6 Central Asia ²⁵	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Region 7 Middle East	Iran, Iraq, Yemen High income countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
Region 8 Pacific ²⁶	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu High income countries: Australia, New Zealand
Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa ^{27 28}	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Region 10 Latin America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela
Region 11 Caribbean ²⁹	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago
Region 12 US and Canada	United States of America, Canada
Region 13	Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State
Region 14	Faroe Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom





Costs justification & documentation

UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS (G.A. ANNEX 2A)

- ✓ No real costs, but 'triggering events' (FR article 183)
- Declared through the mobility tool
- ✓ Keep documentation to demonstrate that you <u>implemented</u> activities and <u>adhered to the minimum requirements</u> (*identifiable*, *verifiable*)

(E.G.: student applications (nationality & residence), selection lists, student enrolment records, student payments, presence lists, documented costs for special needs, travel invoices, etc.)



Communication with EACEA

- Project contacts: through PORTAL MESSAGING FACILITIES please!
- Bilateral meetings with your project officer (to be) planned in the coming days / weeks
- <u>EACEA-EM-CONSORTIA@ec.europa.eu</u>; <u>PROJECT.OFFICER@ec.europa.eu</u>;



Thank you



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