



The International Dimension of Erasmus+ in the field of Higher Education
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Key Action 1

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)



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Learning mobility
of individuals
- Higher Education -

OPEN TO THE WORLD

- Credit mobility**
International opening of Erasmus, more mobility of students and staff between EU – non EU in both directions
- Degree mobility**
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters of excellent quality offered by a consortium of EU/non EU Universities to attract the very best students worldwide
- Student loan guarantee**
To boost degree mobility within Europe

➔ **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)**

Highly integrated international master programmes

- selected and supported by the European Commission
- developed & delivered by a consortium of EU & if relevant also non-EU universities
- that include a mandatory study period in at least two different Programme Countries
- that lead to the award of fully recognised joint or multiple degrees

➔ **Financial Support will be awarded for:**

- the **management** of the consortium and the implementation of the EMJMD for (at least) 3 consecutive intakes
- supporting the costs of **invited scholars/guest lecturers** contributing to the delivery and the excellence of the JMD
- high level students **scholarships** awarded to the best master students worldwide

➔ **Student Scholarship holders will:**

- receive a **full scholarship** covering their tuition, travel and living costs
- be covered by **health and accident insurance**
- study (/perform research, /undergo a placement) in at least **two different** Programme Countries of the EMJMD consortium
- be awarded a fully recognised **joint or multiple degree** (comprising a Joint Diploma Supplement) after having successfully completed their master
- join the Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association

Ahead of us

- **04.03.2015 – 12:00 CET: deadline for 2nd EMJMD call for proposals**
 - 2015 Q1/Q2: award of scholarships/fellowships to on-going Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs)/Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)
- 2015 end Q2: selection decision for newly selected EMJMDs
 - indicatively 18 EMJMD projects; approximately 34 650 000 EUR
- Academic year 2015-2016:
 - new EMJMDs implement their preparatory year activities
 - EMJMD projects start between 1 August and 31 October 2015
 - on-going Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus courses carry out their 2015 edition
- Academic year 2016-2017: 1st intake for new EMJMDs

EMJMD overall objectives

- Foster **innovation, excellence** and **internationalisation** in HEI
- Increase **quality** and **attractiveness** of the EHEA
- Improve the level of **competences** and **skills** of Master graduates, especially their **relevance for the labour market**, through an increased involvement of employers

EMJMD main features

- High-level **integrated** international study programme (60/90/120 ECTS) of any academic discipline
- Very **high selectivity** of the EMJMDs: only excellent joint master programmes will be selected and funded
- Implemented by international consortia of **fully recognised HEIs**, and – where relevant – other educational and/or **non-educational organisations**
- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide with a priority on non-EU students (*a minimum of 75 % earmarked for students from Partner Countries*)
- Support to **invited scholars (/guest lecturers)** contributing to the EMJMD teaching/training/research activities
- **Joint degrees** encouraged but not mandatory (*double/multiple degrees still eligible*)

EMJMD key elements

- One grant agreement covering **three student intakes**
- Involvement of minimum **4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake**
- **High student scholarships amounts**, comprising:
 - students' participation costs
(including the tuition fees, full insurance coverage and any other mandatory costs)
 - student travel and installation cost
 - subsistence allowance for the entire duration of the EMJMD study programme
- Importance of link to the **socio economic environment**, the **employability** of graduates and the **sustainability** prospects of the EMJMD
- Focus on the excellence of the selected EMJMD through a **strengthened selection** and **monitoring procedure**

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.)
- Applicant must be a **HEI established in a Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium
- Minimum consortium composition: at least **3 HEIs** as full partners from at least **3 different Programme Countries**
 - Programme Country HEIs must have a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)
- Associated partners (optional): contribute indirectly to the implementation of specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, complementary courses or possibilities for secondment or placement. For contractual management issues **not considered** as part of the EMJMD consortium

EMJMD Award Criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- ***Relevance of the project*** ***(max 30 points)***
- ***Quality of the project design and implementation*** ***(max 25 points)***
- ***Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements*** ***(max 20 points)***
- ***Impact and dissemination*** ***(max 25 points)***

- ❖ Applicants may apply for additional scholarships ***(up to 4 per EMJMD intake)*** for students from one or more targeted regions of the world

Additional award criterion:

- ***Relevance of the project in the targeted region*** ***(max 5 points per region)***

Selection procedure

Step 1:

- *75% (22,5 points)* of the maximum allocated points for award criterion
 - ✓ Relevance of the project

Step 2:

- *60%* of the maximum allocated points for each of the remaining award criteria

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least:

- *70 points overall*

To be considered for funding for additional scholarships for targeted region(s), the proposal must have passed Step 1 and must score:

- at least *2,5 points (out of 5 points)* per region under the additional award criterion



EMJMD implementation

- **EMJMD Consortium Agreement:** institutional commitment of all organisations participating in the EMJMD. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD.
- **Duration of the project:** 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum)
- **EU Grant** will vary indicatively between **2 and 3 million EUR:**
 - **Lump sum for consortium management (including invited scholars/guest lecturers)**
 - 170 000 EUR => 20 000 EUR for the preparatory year (+) 50 000 EUR per intake of the EMJMD
 - **Fixed number of student scholarships for the 3 intakes (between 13-20 per intake)**
 - maximum 25 000 EUR per academic year and per scholarship
 - actual amount of the individual scholarships will vary in accordance with
 - a) the EMJMD length (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
 - b) the student country/region of residence
 - c) the EMJMD participation costs



Taking part as an individual

EMJMD student scholarships:

- are competitive with other international postgraduate scholarship schemes
- include:
 - *a travel allowance* → (1 000 - 3 000 EUR per academic year)
 - *an installation allowance* → (1 000 EUR - Partner Country students only)
 - *a fixed monthly allowance for all scholarship holders* → (1 000 EUR - not studying in country of residence)
 - *coverage of the students' participation costs /tuition fees* (9 000 EUR / year - Partner Country student)
(4 500 EUR / year - Programme Country student)

EMJMD scholarship applicants:

- must have a first higher education degree or equivalent
- may not have received an Erasmus Mundus Master Course scholarship in the past
- can submit a scholarship application to maximum three (3) EMJMD programmes
- must sign a student agreement with the EMJMD consortium

Thinking of applying? Useful links:

■ ***EMJMD call for proposals***

- http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/key-action-1-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 your PICs
 3. Fill in the eForm
 4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
 5. Submit the eForm on-line

■ ***Current Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus courses***

- http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/emjmd-catalogue_en

■ ***“Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus” (free of charge e-brochure)***

- <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/joint-international-master-programmes-pbEC0313346/>



Further questions on EMJMD?

- *Write an email to the EMJMD team at EACEA in Brussels:*

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Thank you very much for your attention!!!



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