



ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME

The following information is about the Erasmus Mundus programme initiated by the European Commission within the field of higher education that funds student and teaching staff mobility activities between European universities¹ and universities from targeted third-countries. Erasmus Mundus is a worldwide cooperation and mobility programme that aims to enhance equality in higher education and promote intercultural understanding. The total programme budget for the period 2009-2013 is approximately 1 billion Euros.

The Erasmus Mundus Programme supports academic excellence and the attractiveness of Europe's higher education worldwide, and fosters cooperation with targeted third countries with the objective of contributing to their development.

The programme offers:

- Joint masters and doctoral programmes between European and non-European universities;
- Mobility flows of students and academics between European and non-European higher education institutions (HEI);
- Promotion of excellence and attractiveness of European higher education systems worldwide.

The European Commission informs potential applicants about funding opportunities through a programme guide and regular calls for proposals published on the Erasmus Mundus Website at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.htm. HEI, research centres and other organisations active in the field of higher education should submit proposals in accordance with the programme guide and calls. Students and academics should apply directly to the selected Erasmus Mundus universities.

Support is provided through three actions:

Action 1. Joint masters and doctoral programmes including a scholarship scheme. Joint programmes of outstanding academic quality are designed and implemented by a consortium of European universities from at least 3 different countries. Consortia may also include universities from other parts of the world. Scholarships/fellowships are open to higher education students and academics from all over the world. Programmes include obligatory study and research periods, in at least two universities, and award recognised double, multiple or joint degrees.

Action 1 provides:

- Support for high-quality joint masters courses and doctoral programmes offered by a consortium of European, and possibly Third Country, higher education institutions. Other types of organizations concerned by the content and outcomes of the joint programme can participate in the consortium.
- Scholarships/fellowships for Third Country and European students/doctoral candidates to follow these Erasmus Mundus joint masters' courses and doctoral programmes.
- Short-term scholarships for Third Country and European academics to carry out research or teaching assignments as part of the joint masters programmes.

The following can participate:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and research centres from European and non-European countries;
- Masters students, doctoral candidates and academics from European and non-European countries.

Action 2. Partnerships with non-European Union higher education institutions (HEI) including scholarships (former External Cooperation Window). Partnerships are the basis for enhancing academic cooperation and exchanges of students and academics, contributing to the socio-economic development of non-EU countries targeted by EU external cooperation policy. Consortia must include a minimum of 5 HEI from at

¹ European countries referred to include member states of the EU and the European Economic Area, and countries which have concluded agreements for their participation in the programme.

least 3 European countries and a number of HEI from targeted non-European regions. Special attention is given to disadvantaged groups and populations in a vulnerable situation.

Action 2 provides:

- Support for the establishment of cooperation partnerships between European higher education institutions and higher education institutions from targeted Third Countries with the objective of organising and implementing structured individual mobility arrangements between the European and Third Country partners.
- Scholarships of various lengths - depending on the priorities defined for the Third Country concerned, the level of studies or the particular arrangements agreed within the partnership - for European² and Third-Country individuals (students, scholars, researchers, professionals).

The following can participate:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and research centres from European and non-European countries;
- European and non-European higher education students and academics (from bachelor to post-doctoral).

Action 3. Promotion of European higher education. Projects enhance the attractiveness, profile, image and visibility of European higher education worldwide. Activities concern the international dimension of all aspects of higher education, such as promotion, accessibility, quality assurance, credit recognition, mutual recognition of qualifications, curriculum development and mobility. Activities can be implemented by mixed networks of organisations active in the field of higher education composed of at least 3 participating organisations from European countries and 2 from Third Countries.

Action 3 projects should contribute to:

- the promotion and awareness raising of the European higher education sector as well as the relevant cooperation programmes and funding schemes;
- the dissemination of the programme's results and examples of good practice;
- the exploitation of these results at institutional and individual level.

The following can participate:

- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and research centres from European and non-European countries;
- Any other organisations active in the field of higher education from European and non-European countries.

For more information please visit [Erasmus Mundus website](#). Information and advice is also available from [Erasmus Mundus National Structures](#) in EU countries and [EU Delegations](#) in non-EU countries.

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²The possibility to award scholarship to European individuals depends on the financial instrument used to fund the cooperation activities with the Third Country concerned. Applicants are invited to refer to the annual Call for Proposals for detailed information applicable to Action 2 cooperation activities with individual Third Countries.