

Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) Student selection, Scholarship management & Implementation

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Student Selection

> Joint, fair, transparent, based on excellence

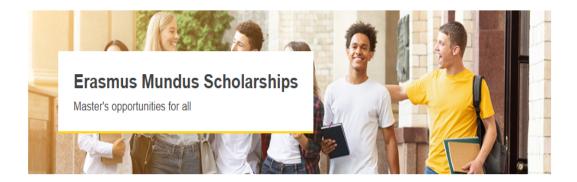
➤ Through a **project website**, where all information on selection and application procedures is provided to applicants

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



EMJM Catalogue

https://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) is a prestigious, integrated, international study programme, jointly delivered by an international consortium of higher education institutions. Students at Master's level from all over the world can apply.

Read more to find out if an EMJMD is for you and check our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

The EMJMD Catalogue lists the Master's programmes that are offering Erasmus Mundus-funded scholarships for the academic year 2021-2022.

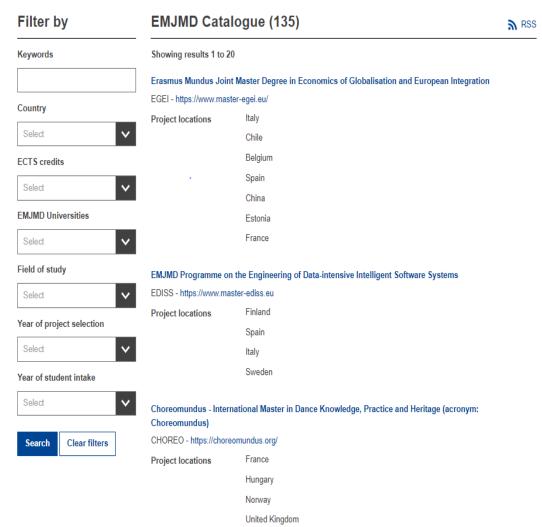
Most consortia require applications to be submitted between October and January for courses starting the following academic year. Students and potential scholars/guest lecturers should contact the relevant consortium directly for more information on courses and application procedures.

Data protection

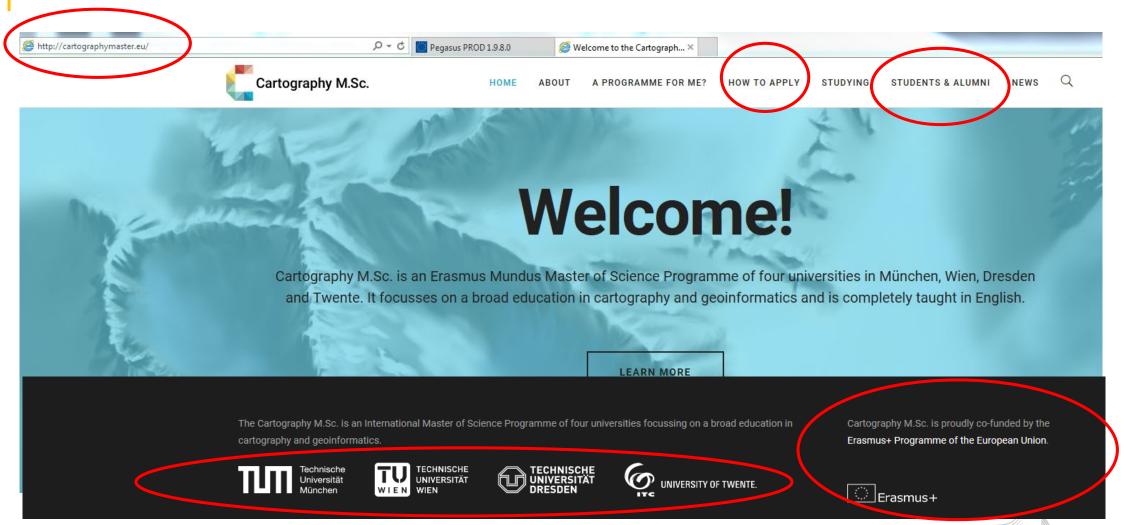
Impact of COVID-19 on Erasmus Mundus Masters

Scams and Frauds

Complaints



Website





EU Visual Identity



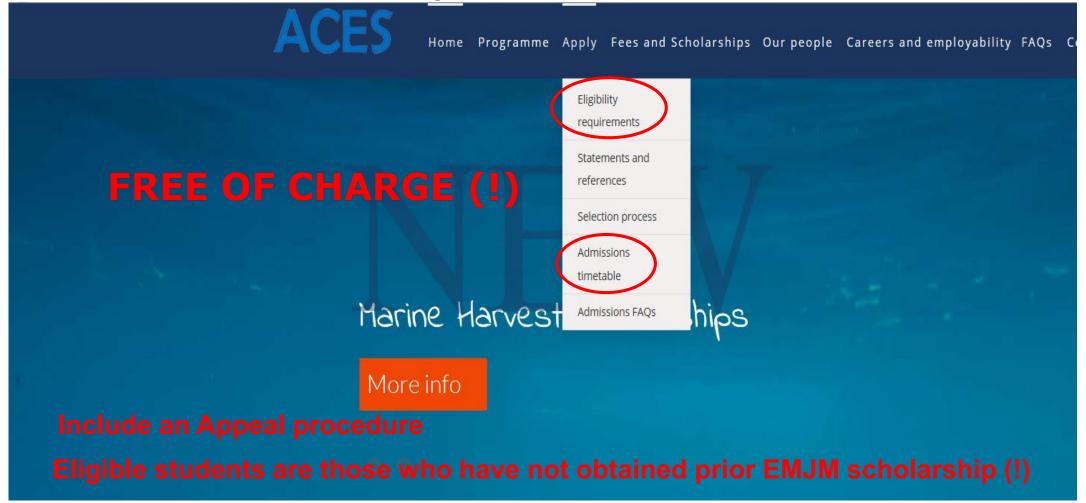
Art. 17.2 of your Grant Agreement

<u>Visual Identity - Programming period 2021-2027 (europa.eu)</u>

New Guidelines at https://op.europa.eu/s/vLFm



Website Admission portal





EMJM Scholarship 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
Χ	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 intakes 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)

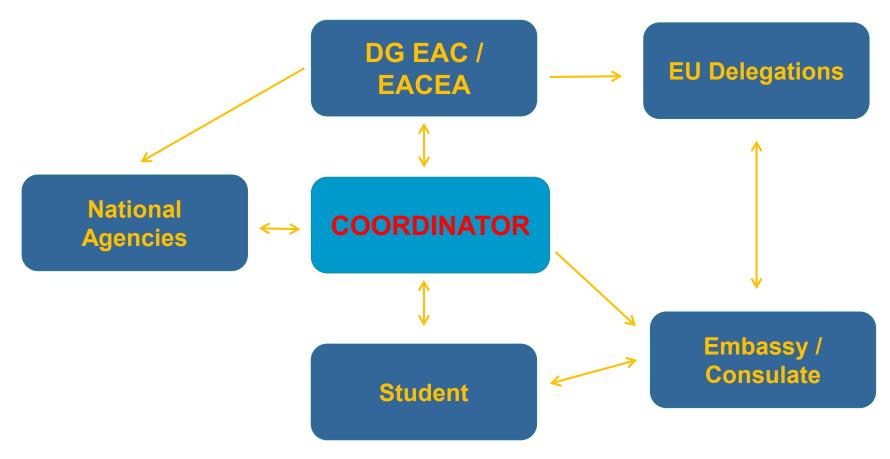


Student agreement (GA Annex 5)

- 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

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



Programme requirements

- > Insurance requirement for all students (GA Annex 5)
- > Degree requirement (joint or multiple, or a combination)
- > Implementation of staff mobility / invited scholars
- ➤ At least four editions of the Master programme, each lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90, or 120 ECTS credits).



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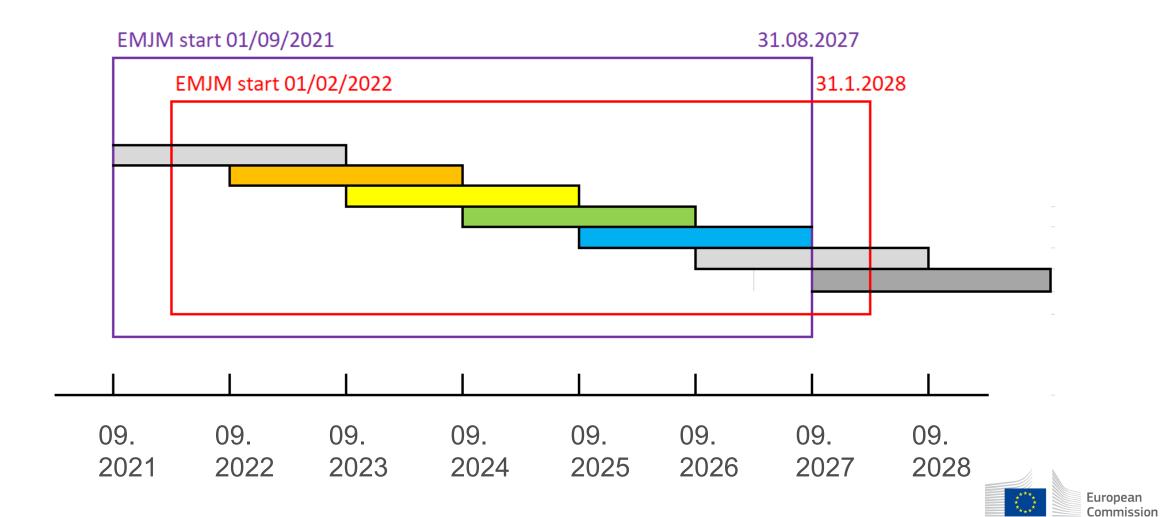
- > Insurance requirement for all students (GA Annex 5, p.78)
- Beneficiaries need to:
 - Ensure that all students benefit from an insurance scheme, covering (...)
 - Cover the costs

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



EMJM TIMELINE: 120 ECTS, 72 months



Mobility requirements a.

- 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.



Mobility requirements b.

- 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



Examples

Track 1:

- BE (30 ECTS)
- EG (30 ECTS)
- IT (<u>remotely</u>, 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!



Good practices / recommendations (not rules) a.

- Less requirements, more autonomy and responsibility for consortia
- ➤ Good practices / recommendations:
 - Payments through bank accounts
 - Keeping your student application call open for around 3 months
 - Continuity in the recruitment process and in the award of scholarships
 - The contents of your <u>consortium agreement</u>
 - Scholarship reallocations after drop-out: in so far as eligible (e.g. 10% rule, full scholarships)



Good practices / recommendations (not rules) b.

Scholarship reallocations after drop-out:

- ➤ Take into account the 10%-rule (A dropped-out student counts!) for scholarship holders NO HEADING 6
- No 'justification' needed for no-show, late arrivals 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 (not rules) c.

Consortium Agreement:

- Useful examples are available on the former <u>EACEA beneficiary space</u> for inspiration
- > 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 + 24)*24

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

Pro-rata payment of unit costs: example

Student arrival: 12/09/2022, Student drops out 25/12/2022

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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 => 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)



Costs justification & documentation

UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS (G.A. ANNEX 2A)

- ✓ No real costs, but 'triggering events' (FR article 183)
- Encoded: 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!
- PROJECT.OFFICER@ec.europa.eu;
- BILATERAL MEETING (to be) PLANNED IN THE COMING DAYS / WEEKS
- EACEA-EM-CONSORTIA@ec.europa.eu



Thank you



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