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Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs

Call for proposals 2016

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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) General overview

How to participate as an Organisation - Individual funding possibilities

EMJMD call for proposals 2016

EMJMD – Information sources
Erasmus Mundus (2004 – 2013)

- > 67,000 scholarships
- 80% students
- 20% scholars and staff
- 696 projects
- 2243 higher education organisations
- 820 Higher education organisations from programme countries
- 1423 Higher education organisations from partner countries
10 years of ERASMUS MUNDUS achievements

- Jointness
- Contribution to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
- Employability and sustainability
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

...in brief:

• Highly integrated joint Master study programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
• Delivered by an international HEI consortium from Programme Countries and (if relevant) Partner Countries
• No restriction in disciplines
• Three (3) consecutive student intakes - covered by one Grant Agreement
• Duration of each intake 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits)
• Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
• Minimum required involvement of invited scholars/guest lecturers in each intake
• Award of fully recognised and accredited joint / multiple(double) Erasmus Mundus Master degrees
...in brief:

- Increased budget for the 7-year-period
  - around 1 billion €
  - allowing to support ~350 EMJMDs and
  - ~30,000 scholarship holders - 75% for students from Partner Countries

Selection results 2015 – EMJMDs by academic discipline

- Applications: 76
  - LS: 13
  - HU: 30
  - HS: 33

- Selected Projects: 15 => 20% success rate
  - LS: 2
  - HU: 5
  - HS: 8

LS = Life Sciences
HU = Humanities
HS = Hard Sciences
EMJMD - main objectives

- Quality improvements, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs

- Increase quality and attractiveness of the EHEA – supporting EU External Action in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide

- Improve competences, skills, employability of Master graduates

- Improve relevance for the labour market through an increased involvement of employers
Attractiveness and Excellence: very high selectivity of EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes selected and funded

"Jointness": Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees

Although not mandatory Joint Degrees are strongly encouraged [multiple(/double) degrees still eligible]

Bridging academic and job-market needs (trans-disciplinary approach), entrepreneurship / employability of graduates
EMJMD - main characteristics (2)

- Full scholarships of maximum 25,000 EUR / academic year for the best students worldwide
- **Priority** on Partner Country students (minimum of 75 %)
- Engagement of **at least 4** different invited scholars/guest lecturers for **at least 8 weeks in total per intake**
- Worldwide **visibility** with the Erasmus Mundus brand name
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC
Opportunities for HEIs

- High degree of visibility in a programme of Excellence
- Multiannual grant agreement and personalised management support by EACEA
- Attractive EU co-funding scheme
- Select top students worldwide
- EMJMDs are open to **public** or **private** organisations in **Programme** or **Partner** Countries
  - HEIs
  - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)

- **Applicant** must be **HEI** established in **Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.

- **Minimum EMJMD consortium composition**: 3 HEIs as partners (including the coordinator) from at least 3 different **Programme Countries**
Taking part as an Organisation (2)

- **HEIs** established in a **Programme Country:**
  Accreditation at national level of **each** degree-awarding Master programme on the basis of which the EMJMD programme is composed – **required at application stage**

- **Cooperation** with HEIs and other eligible participating organisations from **Partner Countries** (benefits: specific expertise, visibility to students and employers, promotion, etc.)

- **Associated partners (optional):** specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.
Opportunities for students

- Top academic expertise and specialisation options
- Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree
- Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope
- Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association
Students apply directly to the EMJMD consortium. All on-going EMJMDs offering scholarships are included in the EMJMD catalogue available under the following link:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en

EMJMD scholarship holders:
- must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
- must **not have received** an Erasmus Mundus Master Course and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate scholarship/fellowship in the past
- can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
- must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium
The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ 3 million €

**HEIs**: Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)
- 50,000 € per student intake (= 150,000 € in total) + 20,000 € for optional preparatory year

**Students**: max 25,000 € per academic year and per scholarship

- Actual amount varies according to:
  - EMJMD's length of studies (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits)
  - Student's country of residence
  - EMJMD level of participation costs
# EMJMD student scholarship grants

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<td>Contribution to participation costs</td>
<td>up to 9,000 € per year</td>
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<td>2,000 € per year if residence is less than 4,000 km from EMJMD coordinator</td>
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<td>Living allowance (max 24 months)</td>
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WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?
Weight and text of the award criteria have been revised for improved focus and coherence.

Award of additional scholarships for targeted regions of the world has been simplified: the award criterion needs to be addressed only once by the applicants for any of the regions.

Heading 4 additional scholarships for 9 different targeted regions (14 different geographical windows) financed by EU external funding instruments.

- Targeted regions for which additional scholarships can be applied for have been enlarged to the African-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) countries.

African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbouring countries, Gulf countries.
Financial envelope for EMJMDs in 2016 has been **significantly increased** allowing the selection of approximately **27 projects** and will continue increasing until 2020.

**Increased and guaranteed** number of **EMJMD scholarships**:

**Heading 1:** (15 scholarships / intake) (3 intakes → ~ 45)

additional **Heading 4:** (4 scholarships / intake) (3 intakes → ~ 12)

EMJMDs applicants will be able to choose if they want to **opt out from the preparatory year** and start **immediately after the selection** with the first intake.
EMJMD Award criteria (1)

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

- Peer review by independent external experts – 3 experts assess each proposal in a two-step evaluation procedure
  - **First step**: 75% (30 points) of the maximum allocated points for "Relevance"
  - **Second step**: only those proposals that have passed the first step will be assessed against the remaining award criteria
- To be considered for funding proposals must score at least 70 points overall
Only projects that have passed the first step of the selection process ("Relevance") will be assessed against the additional criterion which will cover all targeted regions, for which additional scholarships have been applied for.

To be considered for funding the proposal must score at least 2,5 points under this criterion.

Assessment of the additional award criterion will not influence the overall ranking as resulted from the evaluation of the four (4) award criteria.
EMJMD call for proposals 2016

- Deadline: 18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 57 M€ + ~ 19 M€ for "targeted regions"
- Nr. of projects: ~27 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
  - ~15 (around 45 per Grant Agreement)
  - plus
    - ~4 (around 12 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2016
## EMJMD 2016 – selection roadmap

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<td>Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
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Programme Country institutions in EMJMD applications 2015 (Coordinators & Partners)
Selected EMJMDs 2015: Programme Country Institutions

COORDINATOR  PARTNERS  ASSOCIATED PARTNERS
Lessons learned from EMMC (2004-2013)

- Invest in **internship programmes**
- **Participation of non-academic organisations** in curriculum development and performance evaluation
- Develop **complementary competences** for EM students
- **Business and marketing plans** for financial sustainability
- Outreach activities to **raise visibility** and **recognition** of awarded **joint degrees** among academia and business community
Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2016, application procedure, etc.)

- [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

EMJMD consortia selected in 2014 and 2015

Good practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes


The "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)" project: Joint Programmes from A to Z - A reference guide for practitioners

- https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz

"Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus" (free of charge e-brochure)


European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes

Information sources (3)

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals "Come to study or teach in Europe" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions "Work together with European higher education institutions" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese
Thank you for your attention!

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