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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

(EMJMDs)



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Key Action 1

**Learning mobility of individuals
- Higher Education -**

MOBILITY - OPEN TO THE WORLD

Degree mobility

**Joint Master Programmes of excellent quality
offered by a consortium of Universities
to attract the very best students worldwide**



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➔ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees are:

Highly integrated international master programmes

- **Supported** & Selected and by the European Commission/EACEA
- Developed & delivered by a **consortium** of Programme country & if relevant also Partner country universities
- That include a mandatory study period in at least **two different** Programme Countries (EU 28 + EEA + MK + TK)
- 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 3 consecutive intakes
- Supporting the **costs of invited scholars/guest lecturers** contributing to the delivery and the excellence of the EMJMD
- High level **students scholarships** awarded to the best master students worldwide



➔ **Student Scholarship holders will:**

- Receive a **full scholarship** covering their **tuition fees, 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+ Student and Alumni Association**



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E+: EMJMD main Aims

- Foster **QUALITY** improvements, **INNOVATION**, **EXCELLENCE**, **INTERNATIONALISATION** in HEIs;
- Increase **QUALITY & ATTRACTIVENESS** of the EHEA – supporting EU **EXTERNAL Policy** in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master Students worldwide;
- Improve the level of **COMPETENCES** and **SKILLS** of Master Graduates, in particular their relevance for the **LABOUR MARKET**, through an increased involvement of employers (employability)



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EMJMD main principles

- Very **high selectivity** of the EMJMDs: only excellent joint master programmes will be selected and funded
- Implemented by consortia of **fully recognised HEIs**, in the Program and (where relevant) in Partner Countries
- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide with a **priority** on non-EU students (a **minimum of 75 %** will be 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)
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), in coordination with the Commission/DG EAC



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EMJMD new elements

- **Increased budget** for the 7-year-period (around 1 billion euros, allowing to support around **30.000 scholarship holders** and **350 EMJMDs**)
- **Higher 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



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EMJMD new elements

- Increased focus on the **socio economic environment**, the **employability** of graduates and the **sustainability** prospects of the EMJMD
- Increased focus on the **excellence** of the selected EMJMD through a **strengthened** selection and monitoring procedure
(!! Threshold in 2014 selection: **79,5/100**)

Grant – Budget for *Organisation & Individual*

- **EU Grant** will be indicatively around **3 million EUR**
- **EU Grant** is paid to the selected **Applicant = Coordinator = Beneficiary**

1. To the attention of the Organisation - HEI

- *Lump sum for consortium management (including invited scholars/guest lecturers; at least 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake, during a period of min. 8 weeks)*
- **170 000 EUR** => 20 000 EUR for the preparatory year + 50 000 EUR per intake



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Grant – Budget for *Organisation & Individual*

2. To the attention of the Individual = Student

- 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**

Practically student scholarships include:

- a travel allowance: 1 000 to 3 000 EUR per academic year
- an installation allowance: 1 000 EUR - *Partner Country students only*
- a fixed monthly allowance: 1 000 EUR - all students
- participation costs/tuition fees: MAX. 9 000 EUR / year - Partner Country
student 4 500 EUR / year - Programme Country st.



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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 JMD consortium
- **Minimum consortium composition**: at least **3 HEIs** as **full partners** from at least **3 different Programme Countries**
- **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



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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 & the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 pts)
- **Impact and dissemination** (max 25 points)

To be **considered for funding**, proposals must score at least **70 points** overall
&

- **First step: 75%** (22,5 points) of the maximum allocated points for "relevance"
- **Second step: 60%** of the maximum allocated points for each of the remaining award criteria



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Additional Award Criteria for Additional Scholarships

**ADDITIONAL MOBILITY SCHEMES FOR STUDENTS FROM SPECIFIC (SUB-)
REGIONS OF THE WORLD – ADDITIONAL BUDGET (DEDICATED TO EU
EXTERNAL ACTIONS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT)**

"HEADING 4 OF THE EU BUDGET PERSPECTIVES"

The applicants may apply for **additional scholarships** for one or more **regions / sub regions / countries** of the world:

**Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa, Latin America,
Eastern - Southern neighbours, Gulf countries**



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Additional Award Criteria for Additional Scholarships

→ **Indicatively**, the consortia may receive up to **4 additional student scholarships per intake** - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract → indicatively up to 12 scholarships)

→ **ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION**

Only projects that have passed to the first step of the selection will be assessed against the **additional criterion** which will be **addressed per region**.



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Additional Award Criteria for Additional Scholarships

→ **Additional award criteria: Relevance of the project in the targeted region (maximum 5 points / per region)**

. The proposal encourages **cooperation** with HEIs and /or other eligible participating organisation **from Partner Countries** in the **targeted region**. The added value of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.

. The proposal describes the **methods** used to **attract highly talented students** from the identified region and select the best students.

. **TOTAL ADDITIONAL BUDGET: AROUND 25 MIO €.**

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP(S) FOR A TARGETED REGION THE PROPOSAL MUST SCORE AT LEAST 2.5 POINTS (FOR THE REGION CONCERNED) UNDER THIS CRITERION.



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EMJMD implementation

- **JMD Consortium Agreement:** institutional commitments of all organisations participating in the JMD consortium. 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)
- Fixed total budget for the 3 intakes (between 13-20 per intake → 39-60 per grant agreement)



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Applying

■ EMJMD

- https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/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

Best practices in joint programmes

- http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php



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Taking part as an *individual*

→ Students apply directly to the Higher Education Institutions

EMJMD scholarship applicants:

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



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Portfolio

New E+ EMJMD scholarships (2014-2020)

→ 9 projects selected in 2014

Former Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses Programme (2007-2013)

→ Selected consortia (2010-2012) still starts "intakes" during 2015-2017-period

→ Students apply directly to the Higher Education Institutions



Applying

→ **CATALOGUE: List of Courses/Scholarship Opportunities**

- **Selected under the Erasmus + programme in 2014:**
- **Selected under the former programme and still running:**
- **Selected under former EM Programme Action 2:**

ONE SINGLE CATALOGUE – ONE SINGLE WEBSITE

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en



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Ahead of us

- **04.03.2015 – 12:00 CET: deadline for 2nd E+:EMJMD call for proposals**

2015: end Q2/begin.Q3: **selection decision** for newly selected EMJMDs

- indicatively 18 JMD projects; approximately 34.650 000 EUR +
Heading 4 funds
- indicatively 13 scholarships per intake/per project
→ around 39 scholarships per grant agreement
- + Additional scholarships (+/- 4 per intake) for specific regions of the world

(opportunities for Institutions)



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Ahead of us

- 2015 Q1/Q2:

- award of scholarships/fellowships to still **88 on-going Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs)/29 Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)** – old procedure: allocation of scholarships on an annual basis.

- Around 46 millions euros

- + Additional scholarships for specific regions of the world

(opportunities for students
they apply via HEI)

Ahead of us

- **Academic year 2014-2015:**

- Newly (2014) selected EMJMDs implement their **preparatory year** activities
- Still on-going EMMCs/EMJDs carry out their 2014-15 edition

- **Academic year 2015-2016**

- First (2014) E+ EMJMD call selected projects start first intake
- Still on-going EMMCs/EMJDs carry out their 2015-16 edition
- 2015 selected EMJMDs implement their **preparatory year** activities

- **Academic year 2016-2017**

- **1st intake for new E+ EMJMDs (2nd Call / projects selected in 2015)**



Thank you for your attention