



Erasmus+

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)

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ERASMUS+

Key Action 1

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

Degree mobility

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EM JMDs)

Highly integrated international master programmes



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)



EMJMD main principles

- Attractiveness
- Excellence (academic and operational)
- "Jointness" (Integration of the course design and structure)
- Recognition (joint, multiple master degree diplomas awarded)
- Sustainability
- Bridging academic and job-market needs (trans-disciplinary approach)



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



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 courses



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**



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
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- **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



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)

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



Additional Award Criteria for Additional Scholarships

→ ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION

Relevance of the project in the targeted 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.

➔ **Financial Support :**

- ➔ **students scholarships**
- ➔ **costs of invited scholars/guest lecturers**
- ➔ Consortium **management**



Financial Support :

1. Organisation - HEI

- *Lump sum for consortium management* **170 000 EUR** => 20 000 EUR for the preparatory year + 50 000 EUR per intake

2. 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**



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 student intakes (5 years maximum)
- Fixed total grant /budget for the 3 student intakes



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

Best practices in EM joint programmes

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



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



➡ **Student Scholarship holders will:**

- Receive a **full time study 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 **diploma** (comprising a Joint Diploma Supplement)



Applying

- **CATALOGUE: List of Courses/Scholarship Opportunities**
- **2015 portfolio of 97 EM joint Master Degree courses**
- **Students apply directly to the Higher Education Institutions**

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



Ahead of us

- **04.03.2015 – 12:00 CET: deadline for 2nd 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



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



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

