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Key Action 1
Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs

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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)
General overview

Funding possibilities - EMJMD call for proposals 2017

Results of the Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

EMJMD – Information sources
EMJMD - structure

- Integrated international Master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
- Developed and delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme Countries & Partner Countries (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits), optional preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum) – covered by one Grant Agreement
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
- Fully recognised and accredited joint / multiple Master degrees
EMJMD - main characteristics (1)

- **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** (double/multiple degrees still eligible)

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

- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide, **priority** on Partner country students (minimum of 75%)
- **Invited scholars/guest lecturers** contribute to the teaching/training/research activities
- **Worldwide visibility**
- **Sustainability** after EU funding
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC
Opportunities for HEI's from programme countries

- 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
Opportunities for HEI's from partner countries

- High degree of international visibility in EU programme of Excellence
- Increased exchange of excellent students and staff from and to HEIs in Partner countries
- Exchange of good practices with other participating HEIs
- Possibility of further educational and research collaborations
Opportunities for students

- Top academic expertise and specialisation options
- Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree
- Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope
- High employability thanks to key skills developed
- Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association
Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 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
New elements in the 2017 EMJMD Call

- Assessment of proposals in one step evaluation procedure
- Simplified assessment of additional award criterion (Heading 4 and EDF scholarships)
- Increased and guaranteed number of EMJMD scholarships (maximum 20 scholarships per intake) and number of EMJMD projects planned to be funded (≈ 35 EMJMDs)
- Consortia can benefit from up to 8 additional scholarships per intake for targeted regions of the world
EMJMDs are open to public or private organisations in Programme or Partner Countries (HEIs or non-academic partners).

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.
EMJMD Award Criteria

- 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)
EMJMD Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – 3 experts assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure.

- 2 thresholds:
  - 75% (30 points) of the maximum allocated points for "Relevance"
  - Proposals must score at least 70 points overall

- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects scoring highest under the criterion "Relevance"
Additional scholarships for 8 targeted regions

- Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/countries of the world (12 geographical windows)

- African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern Neighbouring Countries, Gulf Countries

- Financed through the EU external funding instruments
- For Asia, Central Asia and Latin America specific priorities apply!
Award Criterion for additional scholarships (1)

Indicatively, consortia may receive around 8 additional student scholarships per intake - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract → ~ 24 scholarships)

Only projects that have passed the minimum threshold under the award criterion "Relevance" and obtain a total of at least 70 points will be assessed against the additional criterion for targeted regions.
Relevance of the project in the targeted regions

- The proposal describes the **methods** used to attract **highly talented students** from the targeted region(s).

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

**Assessment of the criterion: "Yes"/"No" – pertinence**
**EMJMD funding rules**

The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ **4 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
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EMJMD students scholarships grants
How to apply
Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2017

- Deadline: 16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 90 M€ + ~ 25 M€ for "targeted regions"
- Nr. of projects: ≈ 35 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
  - ~ 20 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
  - plus
  - ~ 8 (around 24 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2017
## Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016
### Selection roadmap

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<td>Expert assessment</td>
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<td>Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
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How to apply - eForm

More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:

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
   - Description of the project (if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes
5. Submit the eForm on-line
Taking part as an individual

- 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
Erasmus+ selection results 2016 – EMJMDs by academic discipline

Eligible applications: 89

- LS = Life Sciences: 16 (~18%)
- HU = Humanities: 29 (~32.6%)
- HS = Hard Sciences: 44 (~49.4%)

Selected Projects: 27

- LS = Life Sciences: 5 (~18.6%)
- HU = Humanities: 11 (~40.7%)
- HS = Hard Sciences: 11 (~40.7%)
Erasmus+ EMJMD 2016 - Statistics on applications
Participation of Programme Country institutions (Coordinators & Partners)
Selected EMJMDs 2016: Programme Country Institutions
## Selected EMJMDs 2016: Partner Country Institutions

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*NR of PA-ASC = Number of Partner Affiliated Students (PA-ASC)*
Information sources (1)

Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2017, 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, 2015 and 2016

Information sources (2)

✓ Best 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)
Call for experts

- **Database of experts set up by EACEA**
  - with a high level of expertise in the programmes managed by the Agency (Erasmus+, but also Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe and EU Aid Volunteers)
  - having a good knowledge of English and/or French and/or German
  - available for occasional, short-term assignments

- **Expert's tasks may include**
  - evaluating proposals received in response to calls for proposals
  - evaluating and monitoring projects
  - assisting with the implementation of actions managed by the Agency
  - assisting the Agency by providing opinions and advices in specific cases
Call for experts – How to apply?

- **Call for expressions of interest N° EACEA/2013/01**
  - open until 30.09.2020
  - further information on the call & as model contract and code of conduct for experts available on: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert_en)
  - **How to apply?**
Thank you for your attention!

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