



## Erasmus+ Programme

### Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

#### What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the EU-funded programme to support individual exchanges and institutional cooperation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The programme has a strong international dimension, which opens up many of these opportunities to individuals and stakeholders from countries worldwide. All projects are based on partnerships: the international dimension usually requires a partnership between institutions from 33 countries (EU Member States plus six countries associated to the programme) on the one hand and those from non-associated third countries on the other.

#### What is Erasmus Mundus ?

The Erasmus Mundus action comprises **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)** and **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**. They are autonomous funding schemes with independent calls for proposals. EMJMs support joint master programmes during its implementation whereas EMDMs support the design of future joint master programmes.

#### What is an EMJM project?

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) is a **high-level integrated transnational study programme** at master level, delivered by an international partnership of higher education institutions (HEIs) from different countries and, where relevant, other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interest in the concerned study areas/professional domains. Its students and graduate develop a skills set tailored to a particular profession or area of research. Note that it is possible for an EMJM to include partner institutions from non-associated third countries, but not obligatory.

#### What does an EMJM project do?

EMJMs are master **programmes of excellence** aiming at enhancing the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education in the world and attract talent to Europe, through a combination of:

- institutional academic cooperation to showcase European excellence in higher education, and
- individual mobility for all students taking part in the action, with high-level EU-funded scholarships for the best students applying.

EMJMs contribute to the integration and internationalisation of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). The specificity of EMJMs lies in the **high degree of jointness/integration** among the participating institutions and the excellence of their academic content leading to either a joint degree or multiple degrees.

#### Structure of an EMJM project

- An EMJM is a **jointly designed and fully integrated curriculum** subscribing to the *Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the European Higher Education Area*.
- It is delivered by a **partnership of minimum three full partner HEIs from three different countries**, of which at least two must be from the 33 Member States and associated countries.

- **Duration** of an EMJM project: **six academic years** covering **at least four editions** of the master programme, each lasting one to two academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits).
- The EMJM curriculum must include at least **two study periods in two countries** (different from the country of residence of students) of which at least one must be a Member State/ associated country.
- **Composition** of the **EU Grant** for an EMJM project:
  - Contribution to the **institutional costs** for the implementation of the EMJM: unit cost per enrolled student of 750 Euros/month of study with a maximum contribution of 1 800 000 Euros per grant.
  - **Full Scholarships** for max. 50 students per EMJM project: unit cost per enrolled student of 1400 Euros/month of study (max. 24 months) with a maximum amount of 1 680 000 Euros per grant.
  - In addition, consortia may apply for **additional scholarships for targeted regions** worldwide.
  - Contribution to cover **special needs** of the students: max. 120 000 Euro per project.
- **Type of degree** awarded: either **a joint degree** (recommended) **or multiple degrees**.

## Who can apply and take part in EMJM? How?

### Taking part as an organisation:

- EMJMs are open to any public or private organisation located anywhere in the world:
    - higher education institutions (HEIs)
    - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
  - Any eligible HEI can submit an application
  - Associated partners (optional): contribute indirectly to the implementation of specific tasks/activities. For contractual management issues, they are not considered as part of the partners of the EMJM partnership.
- **Funding opportunities for 2021-2027 and information on how to apply are announced on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>**

### Taking part as a student:

- EMJMs are open to students from all over the world.
  - Among the recruited students, the highest-ranked applicants benefit from an EU-funded scholarship depending on the number of scholarships available. Scholarships funded from other sources may also be available.
  - The scholarship is awarded for a minimum of 12 months and up to 24 months depending on the master programme duration (60/90/120 ECTS credits).
  - The scholarship covers travel, visa, installation and subsistence costs and is calculated on the basis of a monthly unit cost of 1400 Euros/month which corresponds to a maximum scholarship amount of 33 600 Euros (24 months).
  - Additional financial support is available for students with individual needs depending on the level of disability/support needed with a maximum contribution of 60 000 Euros.
- **Applications have to be submitted directly to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programmes which can be found in the EMJM catalogue: [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en)**

## More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

**Information on how to apply to annual calls for proposals** is on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal:

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Look at [some examples](#) of EMJMs funded since 2021.

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