

Opportunities for universities and university students/staff under European Union programmes

As part of its commitment to the countries of the Southern Mediterranean, the European Union is increasing its support for universities and students from the region.

Because student and staff exchanges and partnerships are essential for mutual understanding, exchange of ideas and knowledge, democratisation processes, professional development and employability, the European Commission has decided to significantly increase the funding allocated to the two programmes Erasmus Mundus and Tempus, allowing for the creation of more partnerships and increasing the number of scholarships for students and staff coming from North Africa and the Middle East.

1. Opportunities for universities: Erasmus Mundus

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses, Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (Action 1)

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses and Joint Doctorates are operated by **consortia** of higher education institutions (HEIs) from the EU and elsewhere in the world. They provide **high quality integrated courses** and **joint or multiple diplomas** following study or research at two or more HEIs. They offer EU-funded **scholarships or fellowships** to students and scholars. New Masters and Doctorates are selected each year - they offer EU-funded scholarships for students and scholars. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_en.php

Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (Action 2)

Erasmus Mundus **Partnerships** bring together universities from Europe on the one hand, and from a particular region or country on the other. This includes countries from the Southern Mediterranean. You may wish to review some of the websites of the existing partnerships here:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_action_2_en.php

How to take part

Universities from the Southern Mediterranean may be a partner in one of the consortia/partnerships of universities selected in the framework under both Action 1 and Action 2. Projects are selected under annual Calls for Proposals: the next one will be launched in December 2011, with a deadline of 30 April 2012. Erasmus Mundus Calls for Proposals are published on this page: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php – **additional funding allows for more partnerships from these countries.** A partner search facility is available at: <http://erasmusmundus.teamwork.fr/>

You can read more about the programme in the Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/programme/programme_guide_en.php

2. Opportunities for universities: Tempus

The Tempus programme promotes partnerships between higher education institutions in the EU and the Partner Countries surrounding the EU: the Southern Mediterranean, Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia. Tempus Joint Projects aim to modernise higher education courses and institutions and focus on the themes of curriculum development (at any level), enhancing university governance and creating links between higher education and society. Structural Measures projects aim to modernise national higher education policies and systems.

How to take part

A Call for Project Proposals is launched every year. Each project lasts two or three years and can be awarded between 500,000 and 1,500,000 Euro. This year's Call was published on 4 November 2011 and the deadline for applications is 23 February 2012. Funding is available for staff costs, travel, accommodation and equipment in the Partner Country institutions. Additional funding allows for more projects from the Southern Mediterranean: it is expected to support in 2012 approximately 35 new projects in the region.

Tempus Calls for Proposals are published on this page: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php

You can read more about the programme at: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php

3. Opportunities for students and staff: Erasmus Mundus

The Erasmus Mundus programme provides two categories of scholarships to individual students, researchers or scholars for studies and/or research carried out as part of an Erasmus Mundus project.

Full scholarships to follow one of 165 Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses or Joint Doctorates at two or more European universities (Action 1 of the Programme)

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- **Masters students** to study in an EM Masters Course
- **Scholars** to teach or carry out research as part of an EM Masters Course
- **Doctoral candidates** to take part in an EM Joint Doctorate

131 Masters and 34 Doctorates will be selecting the candidates for scholarships for courses starting in the academic year 2012/2013. The list is available on the Erasmus Mundus website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_en.php

How much is the scholarship?

Up to 24 000 euro per year for Masters Courses
60 000 euro to 130 000 euro for three-year Joint Doctorates

When and how?

Apply direct to the consortium of your choice. Most consortia will require applications in the **last quarter of 2011**. Please consult the website of the course for more details.

Full scholarships for study of between 3 months and 3 years at a European university in a range of subjects and levels (Action 2 of the programme).

Erasmus Mundus **Partnerships** bring together universities from Europe on the one hand, and from a particular region or country on the other. You can find within these partnership top European universities offering high-quality courses in a **wide range of academic disciplines** for undergraduates, masters students, PhD candidates post-doctoral research fellows and academic or administrative staff.

The following eight partnerships were selected in summer 2011 offering scholarships for nationals to go and study / research / teach in one of the European partner universities:

| Countries | Partnership | Partnership website |
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| Morocco, | AL IDRISI | http://www.al-idrisi.eu/ |
| Tunisia, | AVERROES 4 | http://www.averroes.fr/averroes/ |
| Algeria | EU - MARE NOSTRUM | |

| Countries | Partnership | Partnership website |
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| Egypt, Lebanon | ELEMENT | www.em-element.eu |
| | WELCOME | |
| | MEDASTAR | www.medastar.eu |
| Syria, Jordan | AVEMPACE | www.avempace.eu |
| | JOSYLEEM | www.josyleem.eu |

How much is the scholarship?

Scholarships cover all participation costs, travel and insurance, plus a monthly allowance of at least 1 000 euro per month.

When and how?

Apply direct to the partnership for which you are eligible. Each partnership lists the programmes on offer. Consult the website of the Erasmus Mundus Partnership that interests you for details of timetables, entry requirements and application procedures.

For more information:

Please consult the website, and in particular our Frequently-Asked Questions:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/faq_en.php

Other study and scholarship opportunities in Europe

Europe offers a vast range of higher education courses, and scholarships from national, regional or other funds may also be available. "Study in Europe" provides useful information for students and links to courses, universities and national agencies: http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/index_en.html