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 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 35 countries (EU Member States plus eight countries associated[1] 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 graduates 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.*

[1] The third countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme are the following: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, and Türkiye. **Switzerland and the UK also plan to associate to the programme in 2027, bringing the total of associated third countries to eight.**

- 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 35 Member States and associated countries.
- **Duration** of an EMJM project: **74 months** 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 (capped to 100) 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. For proposals requesting additional scholarships for regions 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11, priority will be given to those addressing at least one of the Global Gateway priorities, namely in the fields of digital, climate and energy, transport, and health.
    - 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 beneficiaries.

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

More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: Erasmus+ Programme Guide

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
Look at some examples of EMJMs funded since 2021.

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