

# ERASMUS MUNDUS



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# Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposals 2012

Education, Audiovisual and Culture  
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# Action 1 - Joint Programmes

# What is an EM Joint Programme?

1. An integrated programme at masters (60 to 120 ECTS) or doctoral (3 to 4 years) level;
2. Jointly designed, delivered and managed by a consortium of HEIs representing at least 3 different EU/EEA states and, optionally, non EUR HEIs;
3. It includes a mandatory mobility component;
4. It is fully recognised and leads to the award of a double, multiple or joint degree;
5. It aims at attracting the best students, doctoral candidates and scholars, worldwide
6. It offers full study scholarships to EU and non-EU nationals (students, doct.candid., scholars)

# Action 1 - facts & figures so far

- 131 Masters courses (EMMCs) with scholarships in 2011
- 34 Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)
- 556 different HEIs as full partners in these 165 programmes
- 12 034 student scholarships 2004-2011
- 2750 scholar scholarships 2004-2010
- 346 doctoral fellowships 2010-2011

# EM Call 2011 - Action 1

- Action 1 Call targets
  - EMMCs: some 15 new Masters & up to 23 renewals
  - EMJDs: some 10 new Doctorates
- PDF version of application form & Instruction document now on line
- E-forms to be used for final applications
- No summary sheets required (as in 2009-2011)
- Application Deadline: **30 April MIDDAY !** (Central European Time)

# An EM Joint Programme must (1):

1. be **coordinated** by an eligible EU HEI applicant;
2. have min. **3 different EUR countries represented** as partners (EU / EEA) - additional partners may be from EUR or third countries;
3. be an **integrated programme** in all its aspects;
4. be **fully developed** at application stage and ready to run for 5 consecutive editions as summer 2013
5. be based on **consortium agreement** signed by the governing bodies of the partner HEIs (signed before signature of the first specific grant agreement);
6. include a **mandatory mobility component** in at least 2 EUR countries;

# An EM Joint Programme must (2):

7. be **fully recognised** (by summer 2013 at the latest);
8. lead to the award of a **double, multiple or joint degree** (the latter will be favoured)
9. provide for the use of national **European languages**
10. attract and recruit **top class students** / doctoral candidates / scholars worldwide
11. provide **high quality services** to enrolled candidates (visa / residence permit support, mandatory insurance, support to family and special needs)
12. sign **agreements with students / doctoral candidates** on rights and obligations of each party



# EM Joint Programmes:

## Contractual and Financial conditions (1)

If selected for funding

1. **Framework Partnership Agreement** covering 5 consecutive editions (5 to 8 years, in accordance with the length of the joint programme)
2. 5 yearly **Specific Grant Agreements** covering the **financial support** for each of the 5 editions:
  - Management of the joint programme: flat rate amount (30,000 € for EMMCs, 50,000 € for EMJDs) per edition
  - Fixed number of **Individual scholarships / fellowships** (exact number fixed yearly - autumn year “n-1” - in accordance with the “seniority” of the joint programme)
- Two types of scholarships / fellowships
  - Category A: third country individuals, not resident, and have not carried out their main activity in Europe for more than 12 months over the last 5 years
  - Category B: any individual who does not fulfil category A requirement

# EM Joint Programmes:

## Contractual and Financial conditions (2)

Different types of scholarships / fellowships

- For **students or doctoral candidates**
  - **Category A:** third country individuals, not resident, and have not carried out their main activity in Europe for more than 12 months over the last 5 years
  - **Category B:** any individual who does not fulfil category A requirements
- For **scholars** in Joint Programmes at masters level
  - **Non European:** scholars enrolled in any non European HEI
  - **European:** scholars enrolled in partner EUR HEIs, under the condition that the consortium includes student mobility to non EUR partners

# EM Action 1 Joint Programmes:

## Preparation cycle (starting from application year “n-1”)

July n-1:  
Approval of  
the Joint  
Programme  
by EACEA

1. Summer year n-1:  
Finalisation of joint  
programme content &  
organisation for acad.  
year n/n+1

2. Autumn year n-1:  
Publication of EM  
scholarships for acad.  
year “n / n+1”

5. Spring/Summer n:  
Selected candidates  
information and  
preparation

**Annual Preparation cycle  
will have to be repeated 5  
times during the EM  
funding period**

4. 28 February n:  
Submission of EM  
scholarship candidates  
proposal to EACEA

3. Winter year n-1/n:  
Consortium selection of  
EM scholarship  
candidates

# Joint Programmes at masters level (EMMCs) : Specific features (1)

- All partners must be able to **act as host institution** and deliver part of the curriculum
  - min. 20 ECTS (for one year EMMCs) or 30 ECTS (for longer EMMCs) for European HEIs
  - min. 15 ECTS for third country HEIs
- The EMMC must last between 1 (60 ECTS) and 2 academic years (120 ECTS)
  - final examination results to be known at the latest in October of the year in which the EMMC finishes

# Joint Programmes at masters level (EMMCs) : Specific features (2)

- The consortium is free to define its **participation costs** (/tuition fees) amounts but:
  - amounts must cover all common mandatory costs and be transparent / clear to student applicants
  - there can be two different amounts for EUR and non-EUR students
  - The scholarship includes a max. contribution these costs:  
**EUR 8000 / year (Cat. A) - EUR 4000 / year (Cat. B)**
  - Fee waivers for amounts in excess of this max. contribution are considered as good practice.
- **Non-EUR Scholar scholarships** are offered to all consortia (number varies in accordance with size and composition)
- **EUR Scholar scholarships** are offered only if the programme includes student mobility outside Europe

# EMMC financial contribution

Contribution to EMMC running costs		€ 30 000 / course edition		
Individual Scholarships		Category A	Category B	Scholars
I	Contribution to travel and any other types of personal costs	€ 4 000 / per year	€ 3 000 - <u>only</u> if mobility to non-EUR partner	
II	Contribution to participation costs (incl. insurance)	Max € 4 000 / semester	Max € 2 000 / semester	
III	Monthly allowance	€ 1 000 / month	€ 500 / month	
IV	Living allowance (incl. travel costs)			€ 1 200 / week for a min of 2 wks and max. of 3 mths per scholar
	TOTAL	€ 24 000 / per year	€ 10 000 per year ( + € 3 000 if travel)	€ 14 400 for a 3-month stay (max / scholar)

# EMMC award criteria

- A1: Academic quality - course content (30%)
- A2: Course integration (25%)
- A3: Course mngmt, visibility and sustainability (20%)
- A4: Students' services and facilities (15%)
- A5: Quality assurance and evaluation (10%)

➡ **Published on the website** with specific questions to help applicants formulate their answers

# EMMC award criteria

- **A1: Academic quality – course content (30%)**
  - Objectives in relation to the needs analysis in the field
  - Added value compared with existing masters at national, European and international levels
  - Structure and content, mandatory mobility relevance
  - Learning outcomes relevance in view of the students' future academic opportunities and employability
  - Consortium composition and expertise of key acad. staff
  - Interaction with professional sector



# EMMC award criteria

## A2: Course integration (25%)

- Justify the extent to which the EMMC is organised in a truly integrated way
- Recognition of the EMMC in participating countries and degree award arrangements
- Joint student application, selection and admission procedure
- Joint examination methods and mechanisms (ECTS, Diploma supplement)
- Students' participation costs

# EMMC award criteria

## **A3: Course management, visibility and sustainability (20%)**

- Cooperation mechanisms within the consortium
- Partners' financial contribution to the EMMC, and EMMC financial management
- Consortium development and sustainability plan
- Course promotion measures

# EMMC award criteria

## **A4: Students' services and facilities (15%)**

- Nature of the information/support provided to students prior to enrolment
- Student agreement
- Services to host students/scholars, students' insurance, and support to visa/administrative formalities
- Language policy
- Measures to facilitate networking among (EM) students

# EMMC award criteria

## **A 5 : Quality assurance and evaluation (10%)**

- Internal evaluation strategy and mechanisms
- External quality assurance

# Joint Programmes at Doctoral Level (EMJDS) :

## Main Features (1)

- Based on the EMMCs model and on the experience of Marie Curie fellowship
  - Marie Curie is focused on grantees individual research
  - EMJDs puts more emphasis on **structured inter-university cooperation** models and on the implementation of integrated joint doctoral programme
- Double objective
  - Shape doctoral studies in the EHEA (promoting innovative models of joint governance between the HEIs, research and professional sectors
  - Support researchers from EUR and non-EUR countries in a framework of excellence

# Joint Programmes at Doctoral Level (EMJDS) :

## Main Features (2)

- Organisations other than HEIs can be formal partners of the consortium if they
  - provide teaching, training or research opportunities and/or
  - recruit, employ, host doctoral candidates
- EMJDs of **3 or 4 years duration BUT fellowships for max 3 years**
- For each EMJD edition
  - Start individual research project at the latest in March of the acad. year concerned
  - Candidates final results (/thesis defence) at the latest in October of the fourth year
- Training / research for a minimum total of 6 months in at least two of the consortium EUR countries.

# Joint Programmes at Doctoral Level (EMJDS) :

## Main Features (3)

- Clear definition and justification (needs analysis / added value) of the **thematic area(s)** covered by the EMJD
- Recruitment of doctoral candidates under **employment contracts** (unless prohibited by national regulation)
- Follow the principles of the **European Charter for Researchers** and the **Code of Conduct for the recruitment of Researchers**
- Free determination of **participation costs** but
  - must be transparent and clear to potential candidates
  - 2 different fixed amounts for laboratory and non laboratory based research

# Joint Programmes at Doctoral Level (EMJDS) : Main Features (4)

- Employment contracts is the EMJD recruitment method that **guarantees adequate and equitable social security provisions:**

- Sickness and parental benefits
- Health and accident insurance
- Pension rights and unemployment benefits

and is in accordance with existing national legislation and with national or sectoral collective bargaining agreements

- An EMJD is supposed to be laboratory-based if the research projects carried out by the doctoral candidates **require the**

**usage of expensive equipment/material, the execution of external fieldwork or involve particularly high costs that would exceed the 300 EUR/month** included in the fellowship amount for « non-laboratory-based » research projects



# EMJD fellowships

Contribution to EMJD running costs		€ 50 000 / EMJD edition (/cohort)	
3 years Doctoral Fellowship		Category A	Category B
I	Travel, installation and other personal costs	€ 7 500	€ 3 000 (if mobility to a third-Country partner)
II	EMJD participation costs	•€ 300 per month (€ 10 800 for 36 months) for non-laboratory-based EMJDs or • € 600 per month (€ 21 600 for 36 months) for laboratory-based EMJDs	
III	Fixed living allowance (36 months in total)	•€ 2 800 per month (i.e. € 100 800 for 36 months) for an employment contract •€ 1 400 per month (i.e. € 50 400 for 36 months) for a stipend	
Maximum fellowship amount		Between EUR 61 200 and EUR 129 900 (depending on category, lab., or type of recruitment)	

# EMJD award criteria

- Academic and research quality (25%)
- Partnership experience and composition (25%)
- European integration and functioning of the programme (20%)
- Provisions for candidates awarded an EMJD fellowship (15%)
- Management, sustainability and quality assurance (15%)
- ✓ Award criteria published on web with questions to help applicants formulate their answer

# EMJD award criteria

## B1: Academic and Research quality (25%)

- Objectives in relation to the needs analysis in the field
- Added value and distinctiveness compared with existing masters at national, European and international levels
- Originality, innovative aspects and scientific quality of the joint programme,
- Inclusion of inter-sectorial and inter-organisational collaboration
- Consortium composition and expertise of key acad. staff
- Nature and quality of the expected outcomes

# EMJD award criteria

## **B2: Partnership experience and composition (25%)**

- Relevance of the consortium composition and expertise of key academic and research staff
- Complementarity and diversity of the consortium members
- Partnership track record in terms of networking and cooperation
- Role and appropriateness, where applicable, of the professional/non-academic (/economic/scientific/cultural) sector in terms of activities and responsibilities

# EMJD award criteria

## **B3: European integration and functioning of the programme (20%)**

- Structure and integration of the EMJD programme organisation
- Relevance and organisation of the mandatory mobility periods
- Existence of common standards of the consortium for the application, selection, admission and review of doctoral candidates
- Calculation of the participation costs
- Quality of joint supervision and monitoring of the candidate
- Kind and nature of the degree(s) awarded and perspectives for a joint degree

# EMJD award criteria

## **B4: Provisions for EMJD candidates and fellowship holders (15%)**

- Information and promotion strategy to reach out potentially interested candidates
- Services provided to Doctoral candidates
- Consortium's language policy
- Arrangements for the award of the fellowships and the distribution of the fellowship holders within the consortium
- Measures regarding the career prospects of the candidate
- Nature and comprehensiveness of the Doctoral Candidate Agreement

# EMJD award criteria

## **B 5 : Programme Management and Quality Assurance (15%)**

- Quality of organisational arrangements and cooperation mechanisms
- Development and sustainability plan to ensure continuity after the Community funding
- Complementary funding possibilities
- Internal evaluation and external quality assessment

# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 1) Excellence

- In the Joint Programme's contents
  - Added value / Needs justification
  - Coherence (in structure and content)
  - Outcomes (learning / professional / research)
- In the Consortium composition
  - Expertise / Relevance / Capacity / Commitment
- In the Services and Facilities offered
  - International dimension of the participants
- In the Joint Programme's management
  - Transparency and shared responsibilities



# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 2) Integration / Jointness

- A joint programme coherent in its content and structure
- Fully shared by all participants in its objectives and management
  - Selection, enrolment, monitoring, evaluation of students / doct. cand.
  - Degree awarding
  - Promotion, visibility, QA, sustainability strategies

# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 3) Commitment

- From the highest authorities of the partner HEIs
  - to fully contribute to the **implementation** and **sustainability** of the joint programme
    - Consortium Agreement
- Towards and from the participants
  - Clear and comprehensive information
  - Definition of both parties rights and obligations
    - Learning agreements / employment Contracts

# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 4) Sustainability

- EM grant must be envisaged as “seed funding” (up to 9 years)
- From (/prior to) the start of the programme
  - Secure “own” funding / support
  - Involve stakeholders (public / private; in and outside EUR)
- Continuous evaluation of relevance, excellence, innovation, attractiveness of the joint programme

# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 5) Employability

- Coherence between objectives and expected learning/professional outcomes
- Implication of non educational actors in the programmes evaluation
- Learning by doing (internships, fieldwork, project based activities),
- Employment oriented skills and competences
- Brain drain / gain / circulation (Non-EUR dimension)

# EM Joint Programmes - Key Words

## 6) Transparency

- Within the consortium and towards its participants, transparency regarding:
  - the joint programme's content and delivery conditions,
  - the application, selection, enrolment, evaluation, degree awarding, etc. procedures
  - both parties' obligations, rights and expectations

# EM Joint Programmes :

## How to stand out from the Crowd ?

- Solid integrated **consortium**
- Solid / coherent learning/research **programme**
- Strong **links with society** needs (in and out EU)
- Strong academic/research quality and **innovation potential**
- Consult information available on **good practices** (see EM Joint Programmes useful links)
- Get advice from **experienced colleagues** and **EM National Structures**

# EM Joint Programmes Useful Links

- EMQA - Erasmus Mundus Quality Assessment
  - <http://www.emqa.eu>
- JOIMAN - Joint Degree Management and Administration Network
  - <https://www.joiman.eu/Pages/Project.aspx>
- ENQA - European Association for Quality Assurance
  - <http://www.enqa.eu/>
- ECA - European Consortium for Accreditation
  - [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/results\\_compendia/selected\\_projects\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_en.php)

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