



European
Commission



Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees (JMDs)

EACEA – Unit A.3



Education
and Culture

Key Action 1
**Learning mobility
of individuals
- Higher Education -**

OPEN TO THE WORLD

1. Credit mobility

International opening of Erasmus, more mobility of students and staff between EU – non EU in both directions

2. Degree mobility

Joint Master Programmes of excellent quality offered by a consortium of EU/non EU Universities to attract the very best students worldwide

**INTRA-EU/Programme
Countries ONLY**

3. Student loan guarantee

To boost degree mobility within Europe

➔ **Joint Master Degrees (JMDs) are:**
Highly integrated international master programmes

- selected and supported by the European Commission
- developed & delivered by a consortium of EU & if relevant also non-EU universities
- that include a mandatory study period in at least two different Programme Countries
- that lead to the award of fully recognised joint or multiple degrees

➔ **Financial Support will be awarded for:**

- the **management** of the consortium and the implementation of the JMD for (at least) 3 consecutive intakes
- supporting the costs of **invited scholars/guest lecturers** contributing to the delivery and the excellence of the JMD
- high level students **scholarships** awarded to the best master students worldwide

➔ **Student Scholarship holders will:**

- receive a **full scholarship** covering their tuition, travel and living costs
- be covered by **health and accident insurance**
- study (/perform research, /undergo a placement) in at least **two different** Programme Countries of the JMD consortium
- be awarded a fully recognised **joint or multiple degree** (comprising a Joint Diploma Supplement) after having successfully completed their master
- join the Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association

Ahead of us

- **27.03.2014 – 12:00 CET: deadline for 1st JMD call for proposals**
 - **2014 Q1/Q2**: award of scholarships/fellowships to on-going Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs)/Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)
- **2014 end Q2**: selection decision for newly selected JMDs
 - indicatively 9 JMD projects; approximately 17 300 000 EUR
- **Academic year 2014-2015**:
 - new JMDs implement their preparatory year activities
 - JMD projects start between 1 August and 31 October 2014
 - on-going EMMCs/EMJDs carry out their 2014 edition
- **Academic year 2015-2016**: 1st intake for new JMDs

JMD main principles

- Very **high selectivity** of the JMDs: only excellent joint master programmes will be selected and funded
- Implemented by consortia of **fully recognised HEIs**, in the EU and (where relevant) in Partner Countries
- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide with a priority on non-EU students (*a minimum of 75 % will be earmarked for students from Partner Countries*)
- Support to **invited scholars (/guest lecturers)** contributing to the JMD teaching/training/research activities
- **Joint degrees** encouraged but not mandatory (*double/multiple degrees still eligible*)
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by the Executive Agency

JMD new elements

- **Increased budget** for the 7-year period (around 1 billion euros, allowing to support around 25.000 scholarship holders and 350 JMDs)
- **Higher student scholarships amounts**, comprising:
 - students' participation costs (including the tuition fees, full insurance coverage and any other mandatory costs)
 - student travel and installation cost
 - subsistence allowance for the entire duration of the JMD study programme
- Increased focus on the **socio economic environment**, the **employability** of graduates and the **sustainability** prospects of the JMD
- Increased focus on the excellence of the selected JMD through a **strengthened selection** and **monitoring procedure**
- **Reviewed funding cycle** for the JMDs with a "*Quality Review*" process at mid-term, opening the possibility for the funding of **up to 3 additional intakes**

Taking part as an organisation

- JMDs are open to **any public** or **private organisation** located in Programme or Partner Countries
 - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- Applicant must be a **HEI established in a Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the JMD consortium
- Minimum consortium composition: at least **3 HEIs** as full partners from at least **3 different Programme Countries**
- Associated partners (*optional*): contribute indirectly to the implementation of specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, complementary courses or possibilities for secondment or placement. For contractual management issues **not considered** as part of the JMD consortium

JMD Award Criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- ***Relevance of the project*** ***(max 30 points)***
- ***Quality of the project design and implementation*** ***(max 30 points)***
- ***Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements*** ***(max 20 points)***
- ***Impact and dissemination*** ***(max 20 points)***

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least:

- **70 points overall and**
- **First step: 75% (22,5 points) of the maximum allocated points for "relevance"**
- **Second step: 60% of the maximum allocated points for each of the remaining award criteria**

JMD implementation

- **JMD Consortium Agreement:** institutional commitment of all organisations participating in the JMD consortium. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the JMD.
- **Duration of the project:** 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum)
- **EU Grant** will vary indicatively between **2 and 3 million EUR:**
 - **Lump sum for consortium management (including invited scholars/guest lecturers; at least 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake)**
 - 170 000 EUR => 20 000 EUR for the preparatory year (+) 50 000 EUR per intake of the JMD
 - **Fixed number of student scholarships for the 3 intakes (between 13-20 per intake)**
 - maximum 25 000 EUR per academic year and per scholarship
 - actual amount of the individual scholarships will vary in accordance with
 - a) the JMD length (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
 - b) the student country/region of residence
 - c) the JMD participation costs

Taking part as an individual

JMD student scholarships:

- are competitive with other international postgraduate scholarship schemes
- include:
 - *a travel allowance* → (1 000 - 3 000 EUR per academic year)
 - *an installation allowance* → (1 000 EUR - Partner Country students only)
 - *a fixed monthly allowance for all scholarship holders* → (1 000 EUR)
 - *coverage of the students' participation costs /tuition fees* (9 000 EUR / year - Partner Country student)
(4 500 EUR / year - Programme Country student)

JMD scholarship applicants:

- must have a first higher education degree or equivalent
- may not have received an Erasmus Mundus Master Course scholarship in the past
- can submit a scholarship application to maximum three JMD programmes
- must sign a student agreement with the JMD consortium

JMD Quality Review & JMD Catalogue

- **Quality Review** of the JMD programmes at the beginning of the 3rd intake
Assessment of whether:
 - the JMD has met the expectations raised in the initial funding period in terms of excellence, performance and relevance
 - management/financial practices within and between the consortium partners have proved to be effective and in accordance with the Programme rules
 - the JMD has clear prospects for sustainability and can maintain standards of excellence in delivering the course even with reduced Erasmus+ financial support
- Considered under the **JMD Catalogue:**
 - further funding for up to 3 additional student intakes
 - 'shared funding' principle: each JMD scholarship backed by equivalent financial resources

Thinking of applying? Useful links:

■ *JMD*

○ http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/new-call_en.php

■ 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
5. Submit the eForm on-line

■ *Current Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses*

○ http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_action_1_master_courses_en.php

■ *Best practices in joint programmes*

○ http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php



Thank you for your attention

