

**EDUCATION and
RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES
in the EU for THIRD
COUNTRY NATIONALS**

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The purpose of this presentation is to give an overview of grants, scholarships and traineeships offered by European institutions to students, professors, scholars and education institutions from countries outside the European Union.

The presentation is prepared for orientation purposes and does not aim to be exhaustive.

All detailed information about deadlines, financial conditions and eligibility criteria for different programmes can be found in documents and websites indicated.



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7th Framework Programme

Cooperation - Collaborative research

Ideas - Frontier research

People - Marie Curie Actions

Capacities - Research Capacity

+

JRC (non nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

EURATOM



MARIE CURIE ACTIONS

- **Main objective:** to strengthen the human potential in research and technology in Europe and to make Europe a more attractive place for researchers to work.
- The '**People**' programme will be implemented through a set of Marie Curie Actions addressing **researchers at all stages of their professional lives.**
- A key feature is the '**mobility**' requirement, and all fellows funded under the programme will be expected to undertake mobility from one country to another.
- The total budget is **4,750 million Euro.**



MARIE CURIE ACTIONS for THIRD COUNTRIES' RESEARCHERS

| NAME of the Actions | FIELDS | FINANCIAL SUPPORT |
|---|---|-------------------|
| International Incoming Fellowship (IIF) | Scientific and technological areas | 12-24 months |
| Initial Training Networks (ITN) | Any research field in humanities or science | Up to 4 years |
| Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP) <i>Third countries' participation under certain rules</i> | Scientific and technological areas | 3 to 4 years |
| CO-FUNDing of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND) | All fields of research and research training | 2 to 4 years |
| International Research Staff Exchange Scheme | Scientific and technological areas | 2 to 4 years |



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ERASMUS MUNDUS II (2009-2013)

- A co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education.
- It promotes the EU as a centre of excellence in learning around the world.
- It supports European top-quality **Masters Courses & Doctoral level** and enhances the visibility and **attractiveness of European higher education** in third countries.
- It provides EU-funded **scholarships for third country nationals** participating, as well as **scholarships for EU-nationals** studying at **Partner universities throughout the world.**



ERASMUS MUNDUS II: ACTIONS

- **Action 1: Joint Programmes (Masters and Doctoral) & scholarships**
 - High quality joint/double degrees set up by at least 3 higher education institutions (HEI) from 3 member states
 - 1 to 2 years duration, study in at least 2 HEI

Mobility

- Linked to Erasmus Mundus courses
- **Full grants** for incoming third-country **students** (21,000 € per year for 1 or 2 years)
- Grants for incoming third-country **scholars** (up to 13,000 € for 3 months)



ERASMUS MUNDUS II: ACTIONS

- **Action 2: Support to Partnerships & Mobility scheme**
 - Cooperation with third-country HE Institutions
 - Grants for outgoing EU **students** (up to 3,100 € for 3 months)
 - Grants for outgoing EU **scholars** (up to 13,000 € for 3 months)
- **Action 3: Promotion of European Higher Education**
 - Variety of projects, studies, seminars, publications, education fairs, alumni association, etc...

Further detailed information:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm



EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW

Within the Erasmus Mundus programme, the **External Cooperation Window (ECW)** is a co-operation and mobility scheme in the area of **higher education cooperation**, launched by Europe Aid cooperation Office and implemented by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.



EM ECW: FUNDING

- The European Commission contributes to financing **partnerships** of European and Third-Country higher education institutions (and associations and networks of universities) with a **grant** which covers:
 - the costs of **the organisation of mobility** of students and academic staff, and,
 - the costs of **the implementation of individual mobility flows** of students and academic staff.



EM ECW: PARTICIPANTS

5 different types of individual mobility flows:

1. undergraduate
2. master
3. doctorate
4. post-doctorate
5. academic staff



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JEAN MONNET

- Launched in 1990, currently part of the Lifelong Learning Programme of DG EAC.
- Promotes teaching, research and reflection on **European integration** at higher education institutions throughout the world.
- **Who can apply:** higher education institutions world-wide.
- Detailed information about the Programme:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc88_en.htm



JEAN MONNET

□ Jean Monnet Chairs

- Teaching posts with specialisation in EU integration
- Requirement:
 - Teaching minimum of 120h per academic year on European integration
 - Scholar in the rank of professor/senior lecturer
- Funding:
 - Grant Agreement for 5 years (EU funding for the first 3 years)
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 45,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



JEAN MONNET

□ Ad personam Jean Monnet Chair

- Teaching and research **posts** with specialisation in European integration studies
- Requirements:
 - Distinguished professors with experience of international teaching and publication record or
 - Professors, former high-level practitioners in the field of European integration
- Funding:
 - Grant Agreement for 5 years (EU funding for first 3 years)
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 45,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



JEAN MONNET

□ Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Groups (MRG)

- Partnerships of at least 3 JM Chairs from at least 3 different institutions in 3 different countries
- Associations of researchers as possible partners
- MRG must lead to academic networks and a major academic publication
- Funding:
 - Grant Agreement for 2 years
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 100,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



JEAN MONNET

□ Jean Monnet Centers of Excellence

- Institutes specialising in **European integration studies**
- Eligibility: institutes which have been granted a **Jean Monnet Chair**
- Funding:
 - Grant Agreement for 5 years (EU funding for the first 3 years)
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 75,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



JEAN MONNET

□ Jean Monnet Module

- Courses in the field of European integration, min. 30h
- Course forms:
 - General or introductory courses
 - Highly specialised courses on European Union
 - Summer courses
- Preference to courses for students not in contact with EU studies
- Funding:
 - Grant Agreement for 5 years (EU funding for first 3 years)
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 21,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



JEAN MONNET

□ Support for information and research activities

- Promotion of discussion, reflection and knowledge about the European integration (conferences, seminars, roundtables, summer schools)
- Support for projects organised by higher education institutions or associations of professors
- Funding:
 - EU co-financing ceiling for the total period of 1 year: 50,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%
 - Grants to cover travel and subsistence costs of participants to conferences, seminars, annual meetings, costs of publications etc..



JEAN MONNET

□ Support for Associations of Professors and Researchers

- **Requirements:**
 - Interdisciplinary character
 - Open to all interested professors in European integration
 - Representative of the academic community in EU integration studies
- **Funding:**
 - Mostly for organisation of annual meetings, creation of internet sites, publication of newsletters
 - Grant Agreement for 5 years (EU funding for first 3 years)
 - EU co-financing ceiling: 24,000 €
 - EU maximum co-financing level: 75%



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EU-US ATLANTIS Programme 2006-2013

- Cooperation first launched in 1995
- Current basis: EU-US Cooperation Agreement in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training 2006-2013
- **Atlantis** = **A**ctions for **T**ransatlantic **L**inks and **A**cademic **N**etworks for **T**raining and **I**ntegrated **S**tudies
- Funded jointly by European Commission and U.S. Department of Education Fund for Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE)
- Total EU budget: 3.8 million € every year (with matching US funds)
- Detailed information about the Programme:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html



EU-US ATLANTIS Programme 2006-2013

□ Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects

- Support to implement **double/joint degree programmes**
- Consortia to include at least 1 US institution and 2 EU institutions
- 3 types of funding:
 - a) flat rate for administration of the project:
 - 2 EU institutions and 1 US institutions:
 - For US institution: 60,000\$
 - For EU institutions: 60,000 €
 - 2 EU institutions and 2 US institutions:
 - For US institutions: 80,000\$
 - For EU institutions: 60,000 €



EU-US ATLANTIS Programme 2006-2013

- b) transatlantic mobility grants for EU and US students
 - For US students: 288,000\$
 - For EU students: 288,000 €
- c) transatlantic mobility grants for EU and US faculty members
 - For 1 US/2 EU institutions: 60,000 \$ / 60,000 €
 - For 2 US/2 EU institutions: 80,000 \$ / 80,000 €
- Overall funding for a 4-year Project cannot exceed 408,000/428,000 € and 408,000/448,000\$ (depending on the number of institutions in the consortium)



EU-US ATLANTIS Programme 2006-2013

□ Excellence in Mobility Projects

- Funding for **international curriculum development** projects that involve short-term transatlantic mobility
- Consortia of minimum 2 EU and 2 US institutions
- Overall funding on the EU side for a 4-year project: 180,000 €, on the US side: 180,000\$
- Possible grants for 2 US institutions:
 - 30,000\$ administrative flat rate, 120,000\$ student mobility grants, 30,000\$ faculty mobility grants
- Possible grants for 2 EU institutions:
 - 30,000 € administrative flat rate, 120,000 € student mobility grants, 30,000 € faculty mobility grants



EU-US ATLANTIS Programme 2006-2013

□ Policy Oriented Measures

- Support to multilateral EU-US **projects enhancing cooperation** through studies, seminars, working groups
- Consortia of minimum 2 US institutions and 2 EU institutions
- Funding
 - Up to 75% of the project cost
 - For 2 years
 - Maximum of 70,000 €



Fulbright-Schuman Action

- The EU-US Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training supports the **EU section of the Fulbright Grant Scheme**
- Support for one semester or full academic year, for teaching or research on EU affairs at institutions in the EU and the US
- Allocation of 65,000 € and 130,000\$ a year
- Administered by the **Commission of Education Exchange between the US, Belgium and Luxembourg**
- Selection of candidates in consultation with the European Commission
- More information: www.fulbright.be/Schuman/Fulbright_Schuman.htm



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INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES INSTRUMENT EDUCATION COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ICI ECP)

- Multi-country **call for proposals** launched by the European Commission together with the governments of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea.
- The objective is to **support international curriculum development projects** that involve short term mobility between the EU and the partner ICI countries not necessarily related to award of a joint or dual/double degree.



ICI ECP

- Consortia of at least 3 institutions from the EU and 2 institutions from the given partner country.
- Selected consortia will set up a **framework** for student mobility whereby EU students will typically spend one semester in the partner country institution and vice versa, with full recognition of the study period abroad by the home institution. **Support includes mobility grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff.**



ICI ECP

- Budget from the EU side for the co-financing of projects: 2,5 million €.
- Funding will be provided for 4-5 EU-Australia projects, 2-3 EU-Japan projects, 1 EU-New Zealand project, and 1-2 EU-Korea projects.
- Maximum amount of funding on the EU side: 425,000 € for a 3-year Joint Mobility project, involving 4 or more EU partner institutions.
- Further detailed information:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu_others/call08_en.html



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EU-Canada Programme

- Current basis: the EU-Canada Programme for Co-operation in Higher Education, Training and Youth 2006-2013
- On the EU side: European Commission and on the Canadian side: Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC)
- Programme consists of 3 actions:
 1. Higher education and training
 - Support to EU-Canada consortia of higher education institutions and training institutions for joint **“Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships”**
 - Support for student mobility
 2. Youth
 3. Complementary action
- Maximum duration of a project: 36 months
- Funding: 138,000 € for EU partners, 200,000 C\$ for Canadian partners

Detailed information: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-canada/index_en.html



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TRAINEESHIPS

□ European Commission

- Open to non-EU nationals
- Traineeship for 5 months, 2 starting periods (March and October) every year
- Requirements:
 - Completion of first cycle of university studies and a corresponding degree, no previous training in an EU institution necessary, knowledge of one of EU working languages
- Grant:
 - Approx. 1,000 € monthly grant, medical insurance, travel reimbursement.

More information about the traineeship:

http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index_en.htm



TRAINEESHIPS

□ European Parliament

- Paid scholarships:
 - 5 months, starting in March and October
 - Robert Schuman scholarship, **general option**
 - Chris Piening Fellowship for candidates dealing with EU-US relations
 - Robert Schuman scholarship, **journalism option**
- Unpaid scholarships:
 - Within: a course at the university, high level vocational training or as a requirement for access to a profession
 - For a period between 1 and 4 months

More information:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/parliament/public/staticDisplay.do?id=147>



TRAINEESHIPS

❑ Committee of the Regions

- Paid, 5-month traineeships, starting mid-February and mid-September
- Requirements:
 - University degree (awarded after 3 years) or 4 years of university studies
 - Knowledge of one of the Community languages (preferably English or French)
 - Less than 30 years of age

Further information:

<http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/PresentationTemplate.aspx?view=folder&id=28516a2d-0fc5-4813-9093-8bc6a932a183&sm=28516a2d-0fc5-4813-9093-8bc6a932a183>

❑ Economic and Social Committee

- Long-term traineeships
 - Starting mid-February and mid-September
 - Maintenance grant and travel reimbursement
- Short-term traineeships
 - Unpaid, for a period from one to three months

Further information: http://www.eesc.europa.eu/organisation/tgj/trainees/index_en.asp



TRAINEESHIPS

European Court of Justice

THE DEAN ACHESON LEGAL STAGE PROGRAM

- Administered by the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg
- 3-month traineeship in ECJ (mid-September to mid-December and mid-February to mid-May)
- Open to students from select U.S. law schools
- Categories:
 - With a Judge of the Court of Justice
 - With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice
 - With a Judge of the Court of First Instance
- Unpaid

More information:

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oitp/DeanAchesonLegalStageProgram.htm>



Other useful websites:

✓ **Study in Europe**

<http://www.study-in-europe.org>

✓ **EU Centres**

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/eu-centres/index_en.htm