

The EU offers Filipinos access to the best of European Higher Education



The European Union has a scholarship programme called ERASMUS MUNDUS.

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erasmus mundus programme

Erasmus Mundus is a scholarship programme of the European Union which financially supports:

- Filipino students, academics and researchers to pursue their higher education at European higher education institutions and universities.
- Filipino higher education institutions and universities to engage in partnerships with their counterparts in the European Union.

What are the aims of the Erasmus Mundus Programme?

1. to familiarise students from around the world with the excellent higher education opportunities that Europe has to offer.
2. to help improve and enhance the career prospects of students.
3. to foster quality and structured partnerships with third country institutions including those in the Philippines and, at the same time, to promote intercultural understanding through academic cooperation and exchanges.

Who is overall responsible for the management of the Programme?

The European Commission manages the budget and sets the priorities, targets, criteria of the Erasmus Mundus Programme. The implementation of the programme is the responsibility of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

The name of the Programme comes from Desiderius Erasmus Rotterdamus, a 15th-century Dutch humanist and theologian who studied in the best monastic schools throughout Europe and was known as one of the most brilliant students of his time. "Mundus" is the Latin word for "world" and thus stands for the programme's global outreach.

Erasmus Mundus also coincides with the Lisbon Strategy, a commitment to making the European Union the most competitive knowledge-based economy in the world and a reference for high quality and excellence in education.





Erasmus Mundus in the Philippines

In the Philippines, a total of 176 students and lecturers benefitted from an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship with the European Union spending about € 4 million or Php 228 million since 2004. The country's best Universities such as the Ateneo de Manila University, the University of the Philippines and the Visayas State University, have concluded partnerships with prominent European Universities.

About 25 new scholarships are awarded every year. The scholarship covers air travel to Europe, tuition fees and a monthly living allowance of between Php 55,00 and Php 138,000.

TESTIMONIALS

"I honor the persons I met, of various personalities and nationalities, my classmates, professors and friends, in the strange land of the Vikings. My varied experiences that awakened various existential realities will forever be etched in my being. I will always be thankful to the program, Erasmus Mundus Course in Applied Ethics at Norwegian University of Science and Technology for without the opportunity, the experiences would just be a dream".



Ian Parcon
Director
Social Involvement Coordinating Office
Ateneo de Davao University

Year of Completion of Erasmus Mundus Programme: June 2008
Master of Arts in Applied Ethics
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
Trondheim, Norway and Linkoping University (LiU), Linkoping, Sweden

"I went to Europe to study in three institutions with diverse expertise, with hopes of getting a European perspective on my chosen profession. After a year of studying, travelling, conversing and living with different personalities with very varied backgrounds, I came back home to the Philippines with a global perspective."



Jill Marie B. Lopez
Senior Manager, Legal & Compliance
Manulife Philippines

Year of Completion of Erasmus Mundus Programme: 2007
Course: European Master in Law & Economics
University of Bologna, Italy
University of Hamburg, Germany
University of Manchester, United Kingdom

Erasmus Mundus supports three Actions:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes at Masters (Action 1A) and Doctorate (Action 1B) levels, including individual scholarships/fellowships scheme, implemented by a consortia of European higher education institutions and universities from other parts of the world.

Who can apply?

- Higher Education Institutions and research centres from European and non-European countries.
- Masters students, doctoral candidates and academics from European and non-European countries.

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships including scholarships

This supports the establishment of cooperation partnerships between European and targeted non-European higher education institutions HEIs from a particular region in the world. Together the partnerships manage mobility flows between the two regions for a range of academic levels – bachelors, masters, doctorate, post-doctorate – and for academic staff.

Who can apply?

- Higher Education Institutions and research centres from European and non-European countries.
- European and non-European higher education students and academics (from bachelor to post-doctoral).

Action 3: Promotion of European Higher Education. This action supports activities related to the international dimension of all aspects of higher education, such as promotion, accessibility, quality assurance, credit recognition, mutual recognition of qualifications, curriculum development and mobility.

Who can apply?

- Higher Education Institutions and research centres from European and non-European countries.
- Any other organisations in the field of higher education from European and non-European countries.





What does the Erasmus Mundus scholarship cover?

For Actions 1 and 2

Management/administration costs (lump sum)

- Scholarship for individual students, doctorates, academic staff, covering travel/installation contribution, tuition fees, insurance, monthly allowance.

The Indicative monthly allowance ranges from € 1000 to € 2500. (Approximately Php 55,000 to Php 138,000)

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

Type of Mobility	Monthly Subsistence Allowance	Duration	Participation Costs	Insurance	Maximum amount (excl travel costs)
UNDERGRADUATE	EMA2-STRAND1 (Target Group 1)				
	€ 1 000 per month	1 academic semester-10 months	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months	€ 75 per month	€ 13 750
	(Target Group 3)				
	€ 1 000 per month	1 academic semester-36 months	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months	€ 75 per month	€ 47 700
MASTERS	EMA2-STRAND 1 (Target Group 1) and EMA2-STRAND				
	€ 1 000 per month	1 academic semester -10 months for Europeans	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months	€ 75 per month	€ 13 750
		1 academic semester –24 months for third country nationals	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months		€ 31 800
	EMA2-STRAND 1(Target Groups 2 and 3)				
	€ 1 000 per month	6 – 24 months	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months	€ 75 per month	€ 31 800
DOCTORATE	EMA2-STRAND 1 (All Target Groups) and EMA2-STRAND2				
	€ 1 500 per month	6 – 36 months	€ 3 000 for mobility of minimum 10 months	€ 75 per month	€ 65 700
POST-DOCTORATE	EMA2-STRAND 1(All Target Groups) and EMA2-STRAND2				
	€ 1 800 per month	6-10 months	No unit costs for research activities € 5 000 per academic year for specialised post doctorate studies (to be described in the application)	€ 75 per month	€ 23 750
STAFF	EMA2-STRAND 1 (Target Group 1 and 2) and EMA2-STRAND2				
	€ 2 500 per month	1-3 months	Not applicable	€ 75 per month	€ 7 725

1 € is approximately 55 Php (April 2012)

For Action 3

Coverage of real costs based on the principle of co-funding (maximum 75%) of the eligible costs.

erasmus mundus websites:

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

In the Philippines, a blog site for Erasmus Mundus was created by one of the Erasmus Mundus students, Abby Yao:



pinoyerasmusmundus.wordpress.com

Ideas, insights and queries may be sent to:
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Beyond Erasmus Mundus: European Research Grants

Marie Curie Fellowships are available to researchers from across the world in all scientific and technological fields, with a view to promoting excellence in European Research.

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

