

Eligibility to the programme and to EMJMD scholarships

What are the lists of Programme and Partner countries?

The list of countries is provided on the European Agency website: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-a/eligible-countries>

Why do I need to provide a proof of residence?

The distance between your place of origin and the FUSION-EP coordinating institution (Aix-Marseille Université) determines the contribution to travel costs of students who are awarded an EMJMD Scholarship. The proof of residence is thus required to ascertain the place of origin. See also:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq/10113>

What is a valid proof of residence?

It is a scanned copy of an official document that certifies your residence and clearly states your actual place of stay. The document can either be:

- a certificate of residence in line with the provisions of the municipality where the student is registered;
- a certificate confirming the place of employment or study/training, issued by the employer or the institution where the student studies/finished his/her studies.

It must be an officially notarized copy in English or an official English translation of the original document and must have been issued within 12 months before the application deadline.

I am in a 4-year bachelor course. Can I apply for the second master year only?

We are aware that some universities teach a 4-year bachelor course but we do not take students for a single year. With our 2-year master course we offer our students a unique opportunity to study in two different European countries in an international environment, with several get-together events along the two years which contribute to build a strong sense of belonging to the FUSION-EP community of students and alumni.

Can I spend part of the EMJMD Programme in my country of residence? If so, will I continue receiving the scholarship during this period?

You can spend parts of your studies in your country of residence. However, since the EMJMD Programme aims at supporting studies abroad, the monthly scholarship is interrupted in the following cases:

- when a student spends periods of time in her/his country of residence (study / research / internship / thesis preparation);
- when a student from a Partner country spends more than three months in any Partner country other than her/his own country of residence.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq/10139>

How do I apply if I am from a Partner country but I am living in Europe (or in a Programme Country)?

Check if the 12-month residence rule applies to you:

- if you are a national from a Partner country and have carried out your main activity (studies, training or work) for more than a total of 12 months over the last 5 years in one or several Programme country(ies), you should apply as a Programme country candidate.

- if you are a national from a Partner country and the 12-month residence rule does not apply to you, you should apply as a Partner country candidate.

The wording "total of 12 months" refers to all possible cases: a single period in one Programme country, several periods in one Programme country or the sum of different periods in different Programme countries.

The 5-year reference period is calculated backwards from the EMJMD scholarship application deadline. This 12-month rule does not apply to Partner country candidates who hold refugee status in a Programme country.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq/10112>

I have two nationalities. Under which should I apply to an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD)?

You have to choose under which nationality you want to apply. Note that EMJMDs may offer a higher number of scholarships to Partner country students and that the scholarship amounts for Programme and Partner country students may differ.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/faq/10154>

How many EMJMD can I apply to?

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) are international master programmes delivered by a group of universities from different countries with specific expertise and interest in the study programme. These programmes are based on excellence, and therefore have specific requirements which often respond to specialised profiles. While there is no formal restriction in the number of applications a student might submit, we generally recommend to potential applicants to choose carefully the master courses on the basis of the preconditions/selection criteria described on the websites of the respective EMJMDs.

Do I need to submit a separate application to be considered for EMJMD scholarships?

No.

The same application will be used to decide if you are accepted to the Programme and if you are awarded an EMJMD scholarship, depending on your ranking (Main List and Reserve List) We strongly suggest you indicate in the application form whether you would accept to register as a self-funded student if not accepted as a scholarship holder.

If awarded an EMJMD scholarship, can I postpone my intake to the next year ?

No, the grant is awarded for a specific campaign and can not be postponed.

I have not been selected for an EMJMD Scholarship. Are there other solutions to finance my studies?

A few self-funded students may be accepted (in addition to the ones who are awarded an EMJMD Scholarship). Several options may help to fund the programme fees and other living expenses.

For instance, if you come from a Programme Country, you may apply to the Erasmus+ Master Degree Loan:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/individuals/students/erasmus-plus-master-degree-loans_en

Otherwise, you can check for the public grants or private foundations from your own country.

Is the physics GRE test the only acceptable test or is the general GRE test also taken into account in the assessment of my application?

Although it is not mandatory, the physics GRE test will help your application. The general GRE test is not taken into account.

Do I have to apply individually to each partner institution?

You need to apply only once. Here is [our application website](#). Its home page and this website will display the opening and closing dates of the next application campaign in due time.

Can I decide where I would like to study or is it mandated for them through the programme?

The applicants are requested to state their first and second choice for the first year's site, and their first choice for the second year's site. These choices are taken into account but we have also organisational constraints.

I will be taking one of the required courses in my last semester, after the application deadline. Will this affect my application?

We are aware that the application deadline is early and that most students apply before they finish their bachelor degree. As long as they can provide evidence that they are enrolled in the degree (or in your case, the course) and acquiring credits, there is no problem. It can help to have transcripts of records but it is not mandatory.

Is the FUSION-EP master programme eligible to the IAEA Marie Curie scholarship?

Yes, our master programme is indeed eligible to the IAEA Marie Sklodowska Curie fellowship scheme.

I have done my bachelor through a non-regular self study programme. Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible, every applicant must be graduated by a University accredited by the government of their country and provide a copy of their bachelor diploma. Otherwise, they must provide as much information on the institution where they completed their programme, on their curriculum and the course form (e.g. recorded or live lectures, number of participating students etc.) and assessment methods (papers, oral tests along the year, final assessment etc.).

English Proficiency

Is a general IELTS valid or is only the academic IELTS considered

The recommended IELTS test is the academic one. The general IELTS test will be taken into account but is not as valuable for the selection committee.

I will receive my TOEFL or IELTS certificate only after the deadline of application, what should I do?

Please upload a text document in the optional documents section explaining the reason for which the English score is missing in your application. If you are selected, this score will be requested after the deadline of application.

If I have been enrolled in an English teaching programme before, do I still have to submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate?

No. In that case, a certificate from the institution where you have taken the English teaching programme or any other proof of English teaching programme will be sufficient.

Is there any minimum score required for the TOEFL or IELTS tests?

All courses are taught in English so that English proficiency is required. This is assumed for students who are native English speakers, or who can prove an experience (academic, professional) of more than 6 months in countries where English is the official language.

Otherwise, official certificates are expected: a CEFRL B2 level, or a similar test, such as Cambridge English First or TOEFL tests.

English proficiency may also be evaluated during an online interview.