



# ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS



## COME AND STUDY IN EUROPE!

<p><b>WHAT IS ERASMUS MUNDUS?</b></p>	<p>The Erasmus Mundus programme aims to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic co-operation between Europe and the rest of the world.</p>
<p><b>WHAT DOES ERASMUS MUNDUS OFFER STUDENTS?</b></p>	<p>Erasmus Mundus offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Scholarships</b> to students and researchers of exceptional quality to follow an Erasmus Mundus <b>Masters Course</b> or <b>Joint Doctorate</b> at <b>two or more European universities</b></li> <li>* Nearly <b>150 masters and doctoral courses</b> to choose from</li> <li>* <b>Scholarships</b> to promote the <b>exchange of students</b> between European and non-European universities - study periods can vary between 3 months and 3 years</li> <li>* A scheme <b>open to students throughout the world</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW CAN STUDENTS FROM SRI LANKA BENEFIT FROM ERASMUS MUNDUS?</b></p> 	<p>Since the start of the programme in 2004, <b>more than 50 Sri Lankan students</b> have been selected for Erasmus Mundus scholarships.</p> <p>From 2009 to 2013, students from Sri Lanka can apply for Erasmus Mundus joint courses and scholarships either by applying directly to the course co-ordinator (Action 1) or through an exchange if their home university is a partner in one of the consortia selected under Action 2.</p>
<p><b>HOW DO I APPLY?</b></p> <p><b>ACTION 1</b></p> <p><b>ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTERS COURSES AND JOINT DOCTORATES</b></p>	<p>First, go to the Erasmus Mundus website:</p> <p><a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/scholarships_students_academics_en.php">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/scholarships_students_academics_en.php</a></p> <p>Click on the link to:</p> <p><a href="#">Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMCs)</a> or</p> <p><a href="#">Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)</a></p> <p>You can view all available courses or search for courses in a specific discipline.</p> <p>Once you have made your selection, go to the website of your chosen course. The course website will give you the details you require about tuition, fees, application procedures, etc.</p> <p>Please remember to send your application directly to the co-ordinator of your selected course.</p>
<p><b>HOW DO I APPLY?</b></p> <p><b>ACTION 2</b></p> <p><b>ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOBILITY</b></p>	<p>Students of European and Sri Lankan partner universities that belong to consortia selected under Action 2 can apply directly within the consortium. These consortia may also accept applications from students of non-partner universities.</p> <p>For information on scholarships for Sri Lankan students, go to:</p> <p><a href="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</a></p> <p>and click on the link for Action 2. There is a list of countries covered by each project.</p>
<p><b>HOW MUCH IS THE SCHOLARSHIP?</b></p>	<p>The size of the scholarship may vary according to the level of your studies, their duration (3 months to 3 years) and your nationality. For Sri Lankan students, the amounts are:</p> <p>Up to 24 000 Euro per year for Masters Courses (<b>Action 1</b>)</p> <p>60 000 Euro to 130 000 Euro for three-year Joint Doctorates (<b>Action 1</b>)</p>
<p><b>MY STORY</b></p>	<p><b>NANDANA MIHIDUKULASOORIYA, STUDIED IN SWEDEN AND SPAIN</b></p>  <p>"Erasmus Mundus was a unique opportunity for me to receive a world-class education from two of the most prestigious and highly ranked universities in Europe. I was able to learn from and interact with the world's most distinguished scholars in my academic domain. Studying, collaborating and competing with a set of the best European and international students selected from a strongly competitive scheme boosted my professional competence, making me ready for the current global work environment. In addition, it was a thrilling experience to get acquainted with European cultures whilst travelling to many famous European cities with a rich history, tradition and art."</p>




## BEYOND ERASMUS MUNDUS: EUROPEAN RESEARCH GRANTS

<p><b>MARIE CURIE FELLOWSHIPS</b> AND <b>EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC) GRANTS</b></p>	<p><b>Marie Curie Fellowships</b> are available to researchers from across the world in all scientific and technological fields, with a view to promoting excellence in European research.</p> <p><b>ERC Starting Grants</b> allow the most promising young investigators from around the world to make the transition from working under a supervisor to an independent research leader at an early stage in their research career. Grants may last up to five years and provide a total of up to 2 million Euro.</p> <p><b>ERC Advanced Grants</b> encourage and support innovative research projects initiated and carried out by leading investigators from around the world. They allow excellent and established research leaders in science, engineering and scholarship to pursue frontier research of their choice. Grants may last up to five years and provide a total of up to 3.5 million Euro.</p>
<p><b>MORE INFORMATION</b></p>	<p><b>MARIE CURIE</b> <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions">http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions</a></p> <p><b>ERC</b> <a href="http://erc.europa.eu">http://erc.europa.eu</a></p>

## SOME PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

<p><b>WHERE WILL I LIVE?</b></p>	<p>Universities will help you with housing facilities, coaching, assistance with visas, etc.</p>
<p><b>WHAT LANGUAGES DO I NEED TO SPEAK?</b></p>	<p>85% of Erasmus Mundus courses are taught in English, but whatever the language of instruction it is important to make sure you have the right level of linguistic ability. Indeed, one of the great advantages of Erasmus Mundus is the chance to enrol in tailor-made language courses, add to your skills and improve your employability.</p>
<p><b>HOW IS ERASMUS MUNDUS MANAGED?</b></p>	<p>The European Commission manages the budget and sets the priorities, targets and criteria of the Erasmus Mundus programme. The implementation of the programme is the responsibility of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).</p>

## IMPORTANT LINKS

<p><b>ERASMUS MUNDUS WEBSITE</b></p> 	<p><a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus</a></p>
<p><b>NEWS, EVENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ERASMUS MUNDUS</b></p>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus">http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus</a></p>
<p><b>EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION IN SRI LANKA</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.dellka.ec.europa.eu">http://www.dellka.ec.europa.eu</a></p>
<p><b>EMA - ERASMUS MUNDUS STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b></p> 	<p>The EMA website offers a wealth of information about the programme from a student perspective:</p> <p><a href="http://www.em-a.eu">http://www.em-a.eu</a></p>
<p><b>STUDY IN EUROPE WEBSITE</b></p> 	<p>The Study in Europe website provides up-to-date information on 32 European countries, their universities and what it takes to live and study there:</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe">http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe</a></p>
<p><b>HELP – THE PROGRAMME GUIDE</b></p>	<p>Detailed information on Erasmus Mundus and specific application conditions can be found in the Programme Guide:</p> <p><a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/programme/programme_guide_en.php">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/programme/programme_guide_en.php</a></p>