

Erasmus+ for higher education in Costa Rica

What is Erasmus+ ?

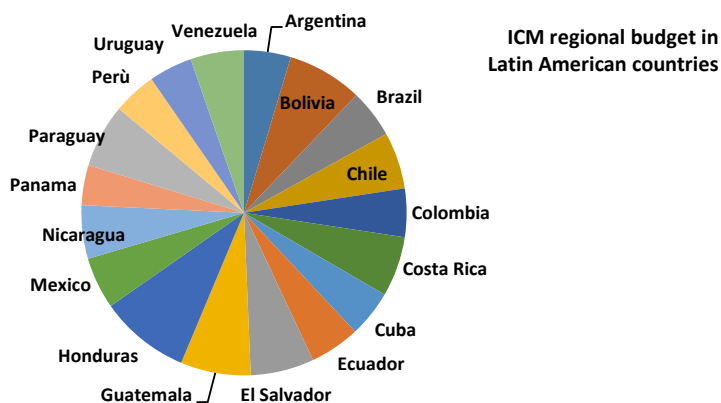
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. The 33 programme countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus five other European countries. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. Three years into the programme, we can see how popular these initiatives are with countries from the region.

International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. A grant for staff mobility is also possible for 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make up bilateral partnerships with universities from Latin American countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Proposals received involving Costa Rica | 16 | 19 | 26 |
| Projects selected involving Costa Rica | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Students and staff moving to Europe | 12 | 12 | 19 |
| Students and staff moving to Costa Rica | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Percentage of regional budget (see chart) | 1,11 | 1,25 | 2,03 |



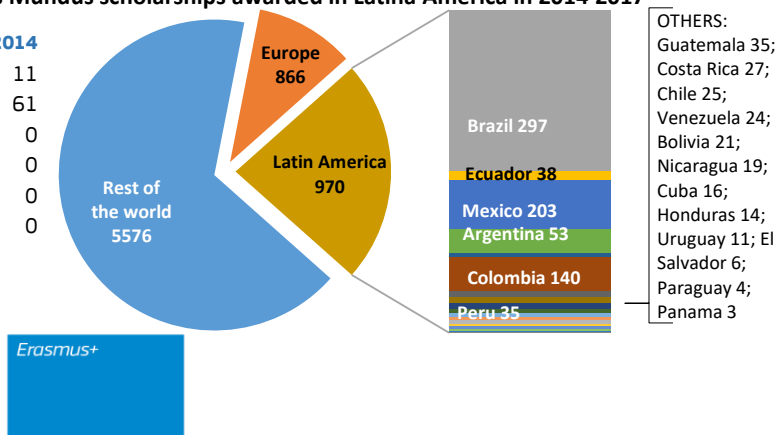
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of capacity, but do not award the actual joint degree.

Costa Rica in EMJMD projects

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Total EMJMDs selected | 39 | 27 | 15 | 11 |
| Total proposals received | 122 | 92 | 76 | 61 |
| Proposals received involving Costa Rica | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| EMJMDs selected involving Costa Rica | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Full partners from Costa Rica in EMJMDs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates from Costa Rica in EMJMDs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Erasmus Mundus scholarships awarded in Latin America in 2014-2017



Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links). The statistics show scholarships awarded from 2014 onwards under Erasmus+ as well as those awarded under the previous programme. Under the previous programme Erasmus Mundus, fellowships were also awarded for doctoral programmes (last award 2017).

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| EM Masters scholarships Costa Rica | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>from global budget</i> | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>From additional regional budget</i> | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Scholarships worldwide</i> | 1556 | 1347 | 1308 | 1379 | 1966 | 1923 | 1917 | 2141 | 1795 | 2031 | 1825 | 1377 | 808 | 140 |
| EM programmes offering scholarships | 100 | 87 | 120 | 149 | 138 | 133 | 125 | 118 | 105 | 120 | 91 | 67 | 37 | 19 |
| EM Doctoral fellowships (2010-17) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fellowships for nationals of Costa Rica | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Fellowships worldwide | 55 | 116 | 153 | 250 | 364 | 298 | 216 | 130 | | | | | | |
| Programmes offering fellowships | 8 | 18 | 29 | 42 | 42 | 34 | 24 | 13 | | | | | | |

Capacity-building for Higher Education

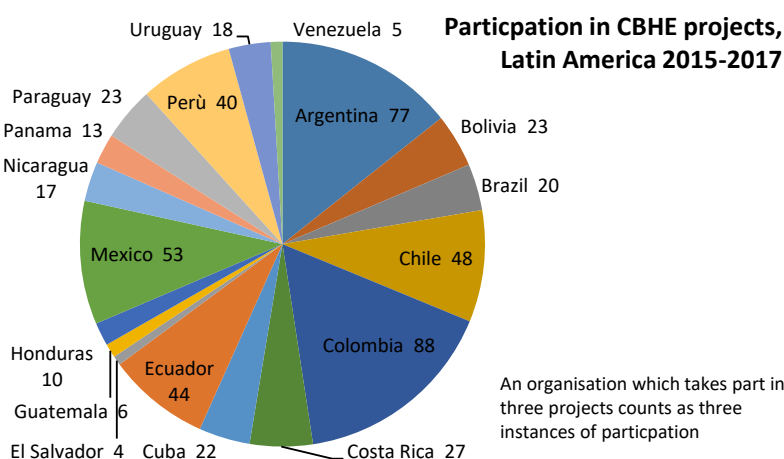
Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 10% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Latin American countries.

Costa Rica in CBHE projects

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Proposals received in call overall | 833 | 736 | 515 |
| Projects selected in call overall | 149 | 147 | 138 |
| Proposals received involving Costa Rica | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| Projects selected involving Costa Rica | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Projects coordinated by Costa Rica | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Instances of participation from Costa Rica in selected projects | 4 | 10 | 7 |

in selected projects

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.



Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at higher education level. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

Costa Rica in Jean Monnet

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Proposals received in call overall | 1177 | 1034 | 879 | 493 |
| Projects selected in call | 238 | 270 | 260 | 212 |
| Applications from Costa Rica | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Selected projects from Costa Rica | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Networks involving partners from Costa Rica | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

More information:

Erasmus+ website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ projects & results: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

Erasmus+ funding opportunities: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en