

Erasmus+ for higher education in Nicaragua

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. In 2019, 34 Programme Countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus six other European countries*. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. These factsheets look at the extent of an individual country's involvement in this international dimension of Erasmus+ since the programme started in 2014.

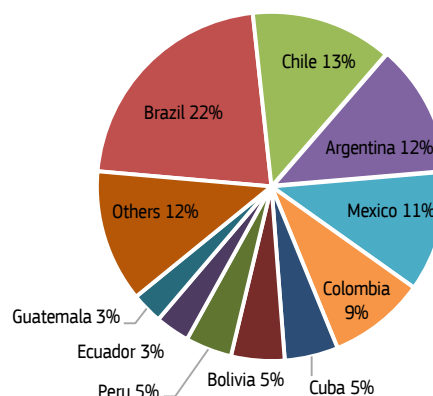
International credit mobility (ICM)

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. Starting in 2018, traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of 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.

ICM Regional Budget
Latin America 2015-2019

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Nicaragua	70	11	21	17	9	12
Projects selected involving Nicaragua	32	11	9	7	3	2
Students and staff moving to Europe	90	18	31	25	7	9
Students and staff moving to Nicaragua	56	12	16	18	6	4
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	1,6	1,1	2,8	2,3	0,8	1,0



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.

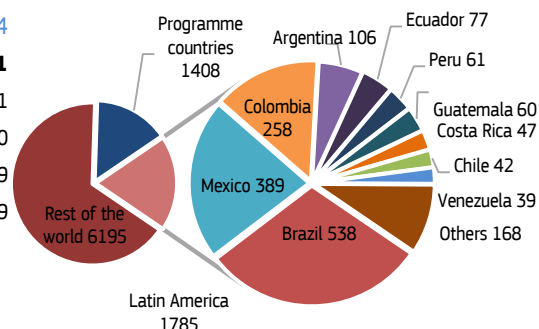
Nicaragua in EMJMD projects

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	204	51	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	613	107	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving Nicaragua	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
EMJMDs selected involving Nicaragua	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Full partners from Nicaragua in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Nicaragua in EMJMDs	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

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).

EMJMD Scholarships 2014-2019

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Scholarship-winners from Nicaragua	26	4	3	5	3	10	1
from global budget	8	2	1	2	1	1	1
From additional regional budget	18	2	2	3	2	9	0
Scholarships worldwide	9 389	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
EM programmes offering scholarships	103	86	100	87	120	149	



Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which last 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 14% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Latin American countries.

Nicaragua in CBHE projects

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	3 811	840	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	744	163	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Nicaragua	42	8	11	6	8	9
Projects selected involving Nicaragua	10	1	1	0	4	4
Projects coordinated by Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instances of participation from Nicaragua	26	3	2	0	10	11

in selected projects

Capacity building projects for Latin America need a regional dimension, and require partners from more than one Latin American country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.

Participation in CBHE Projects Latin America 2015-2019



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.

Nicaragua in Jean Monnet

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	6 153	1 315	1 255	1 177	1 034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1 500	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Nicaragua	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Selected projects from Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Networks involving partners from Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

* In 2019 these six countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.