



# Erasmus+ for higher education in the ACP (Pacific countries\*\*)

## 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.

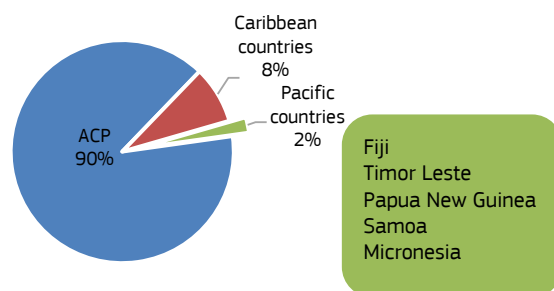
## International credit mobility (ICM)

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 Pacific\*\* countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

ICM Budget Pacific countries\*\*  
2016-2019 (within ACP region)

	Total	2019	2018	2017	2016
Proposals received involving Pacific countries**	67	23	19	12	13
Projects selected involving Pacific countries**	48	23	11	5	9
Students and staff moving to Europe	89	40	27	19	43
Students and staff moving to Pacific countries**	45	21	21	2	22



## 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. None of the Pacific countries\*\* has been directly involved in EMJMD but some scholarships have been awarded to students from the region (see chart and tables overleaf)

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).

#### EM Masters scholarships to Pacific countries\*\*

nationals	Total	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
from global budget	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
From additional regional budget	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Scholarships worldwide	7 259	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
EM programmes offering scholarships	559	115	103	100	87	120	149

Haiti  
Papua New Guinea  
Samoa  
Vanuatu

#### 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 4% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for ACP countries.

Pacific countries** in CBHE projects	Total	2019	2018	2017	2016
Proposals received in call overall	2 456	840	887	833	736
Projects selected in call overall	443	163	147	149	147
Proposals received involving Pacific countries**	4	0	1	0	3
Projects selected involving Pacific countries**	0	0	0	0	0

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.

\* Currently there are no CBHE activities in the countries from the Pacific region.  
Proposals have been received involving these countries: one (2018) involving Timor Leste and three 2016 proposals involving Fiji, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste

#### 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.

\* Currently there are no Jean Monnet activities in the region.

\*\* The definition of Pacific countries used in this regional factsheet refers to Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federation of Micronesia, Narau, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

\* In 2019 these five countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

#### More information:

**Erasmus+ website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](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](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

**Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)