

What about visas?

Once students have received official confirmation of their admittance to an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course, **they must obtain a visa to study in Europe**. For information related to visa requirements, they are advised to liaise with the EC delegations in EU partner countries as well as Consulates and Embassies of the EU member states in the concerned countries as soon as they receive the official confirmation of being selected.

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses provide students with advice and supporting documents which often facilitate the process. However, students are encouraged to request their visa as early as possible.

NB: Visa facilitation agreements between the EU and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia entered into force on 1 January 2008. This should facilitate the issuance of short-term visas for students of these countries at a reduced fee of 35 € for each application.

Other scholarship opportunities

EU member states and associated European countries have their own bilateral scholarship programmes for students from the Western Balkan countries. Please do not hesitate to enquire directly in the countries of your interest.

Where can you study?

You can study in any of the countries of the European Union, Croatia, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway, depending on the partnership selected.

A partnership must consist of 5 European universities, each having subscribed to the Erasmus charter, from at least 3 European Union countries plus one or more universities from at least 3 different countries of the Western Balkan region.

Deadline for individual applications

Students, researchers and academic staff can apply directly to the selected partnerships for individual mobility grants from May 2008 onwards. Information on selected partnerships can be downloaded from:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

Who can benefit?	Duration of stay (full time study)	Type of mobility	Type of scholarship available?
Students and academic staff registered in one of the universities that are a member of the selected partnership Who are: Nationals of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia as well as Kosovo	6–10 months > 6–22 months > 6–34 months > 6–10 months > 1– 3 months >	Undergraduate Master Doctorate Post-doctorate research Academic staff	The scholarship covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">travel (from 250€ to 2 500€ depending on the distance)insurance costs (75€ per month for health, travel, accident)tuition fees (no fees in the hosting university if mobility is inferior to 10 months, in other cases, maximum 3 000€ per academic year)monthly subsistence allowance (from 1 000 to 1 800€ depending on status: undergraduate, master, doctorate or post-doctorate and 2 500€ for teaching staff)
Nationals of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia as well as Kosovo registered in a higher education institution of these countries not included in the partnership or having obtained a university degree or equivalent in an institution of these countries	6–22 months > 6–34 months > 6–10 months >	Master Doctorate Post-doctorate	The scholarship covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">travel (from 250€ to 2 500€ depending on the distance)insurance costs (75€ per month)tuition fees (maximum 3 000€ per academic year, 5 000€ for specialised post-doctorate studies)monthly subsistence allowance (from 1 000€ to 1 800€ depending on status, master: doctorate or post-doctorate)

The scheme operates in all academic disciplines although priority may be given to *agricultural sciences, architecture and regional planning, business studies,*

engineering and technology, languages and philological sciences, law, mathematics and informatics, medical sciences, natural sciences, social sciences.



Studying in Europe

EU Scholarships for Western Balkan Students



Hundreds of scholarships for students from the countries of the Western Balkans, for the academic year 2008/2009 and onwards are now available.

The **ERASMUS MUNDUS** programme offers up to 150 students from the Western Balkan countries, support for **postgraduate studies** (EU master courses) at universities in EU countries. *Erasmus Mundus Master Courses* are high-quality study programmes at master level in almost all academic disciplines.

Moreover, the **ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW** programme offers financial support in the form of some 600 **mobility grants** for students, researchers and academic staff.

Where can you study?

A consortium of higher education institutions from EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the candidate countries (Croatia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) participate in the Erasmus Mundus Masters Programme. Students must carry out a period of study in at least two of the countries represented by this consortium.



ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME

Type of scholarship	Who can benefit?	Duration of stay (full time study)	Amount of scholarship
At postgraduate level	<p>Highly qualified individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ having obtained a first degree awarded by a higher education institution ▪ who have been admitted to an Erasmus Mundus Master Course 	Minimum 1 year	21 000 €
	<p>Nationals from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albania ▪ Bosnia and Herzegovina ▪ Croatia ▪ The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ▪ Montenegro ▪ Serbia, as well as Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99 ▪ Turkey (as of academic year 2009/2010) 	<p>Maximum 2 years</p> <p>>1 and <2 years</p>	<p>42 000 €</p> <p>% between 21 000 et 42 000 €</p> <p>The scholarship covers travel, living expenses and tuition as well as ivvnsurance cover for sickness and accidents</p>
For teaching and research assignments	<p>Academics or professionals who are nationals from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albania ▪ Bosnia & Herzegovina ▪ Montenegro ▪ Serbia as well as Kosovo 	3 months	Maximum 13 000 €

How to apply for a scholarship?

Students must **apply directly** to the Erasmus Mundus Masters consortia offering the course of their choice (Check the list of available Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses on the Europa website). Although applicants can apply to any of the Masters Courses selected under the Erasmus Mundus programme, the number of applications must be limited to a maximum of three Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses.

The consortium informs interested students about specific admission conditions (e. g. study results, language skills, etc.) and about application deadlines.

Each course has specific application and admission conditions as well as application forms and deadlines.

The consortium offering the Course decides which students to admit and which students to award a scholarship to on the basis of merit and transparent selection mechanisms.

Deadline of individual submission

Students and scholars must submit their applications **by the deadline fixed by the Erasmus Mundus Masters consortium, usually December or January of each year.**

Further details on the programme are available on the Erasmus Mundus website: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

