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ERASMUS MUNDUS

OPENING THE DOOR TO A EUROPEAN EDUCATION



Erasmus Mundus is the European Union's new flagship scholarship programme. It provides opportunities for students to study in Europe.

Why Erasmus Mundus?

Erasmus Mundus (EM) is a scholarship programme launched in 2004 to improve access to higher education in Europe and to foster all-around links between the EU and third countries.

Who can participate?

EM gives graduate students from outside the EU the chance to obtain a master degree in the EU, Malaysian students holding a BA degree are eligible.

How much money is available?

A 9.8 million MYR package of funding has been set aside specifically for students from Malaysia for the period 2005/6-2006/7. This is in addition to the eligibility of Malaysian students to the worldwide

EM programme of €230 million running for the period 2004/2008. It is expected that for the next selection there will be 40 scholarships available for Malaysian students.

How does Erasmus Mundus work?

EM supports the setting-up of ad-hoc master courses by groups of EU-based universities. These master courses are set by groups of three or more institutions from different EU member states. Scholarships are only available for these courses. Students follow the courses in two or more of the universities and receive a joint, double or multiple degrees recognized by all the universities participating in the consortium.

What level are the courses?

All courses are Master level. Undergraduate (Bachelors) and Doctoral level study are not covered by Erasmus Mundus.

How many courses are available?

At present there are 36 courses involving over 100 universities. It is expected that up to 100 master courses will eventually be set up. Masters courses are offered in different fields: Architecture, Art, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Geography, Humanities, Languages, Law, Mathematics, Medical Sciences, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences etc. To consult the Masters

Courses offered please check the web page:

"http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index_en.html"

What is the amount of the student scholarships?

Student scholarships are €21,000 (98,000 MYR) for one year and €42,000 (196,000 MYR) for two years.

What languages are courses taught in?

Many courses are taught in English although this depends on the individual master course.

What are the eligibility criteria?

Eligibility criteria are set by individual master courses; applicants must have successfully accomplished their undergraduate (Bachelors) studies.

How do you apply?

Applications are made directly to the group of universities running a specific master course. The universities themselves will make the selection. Please contact by e-mail the contact person of the master (to be found on the EM website) you want to apply and ask for all the relevant information.

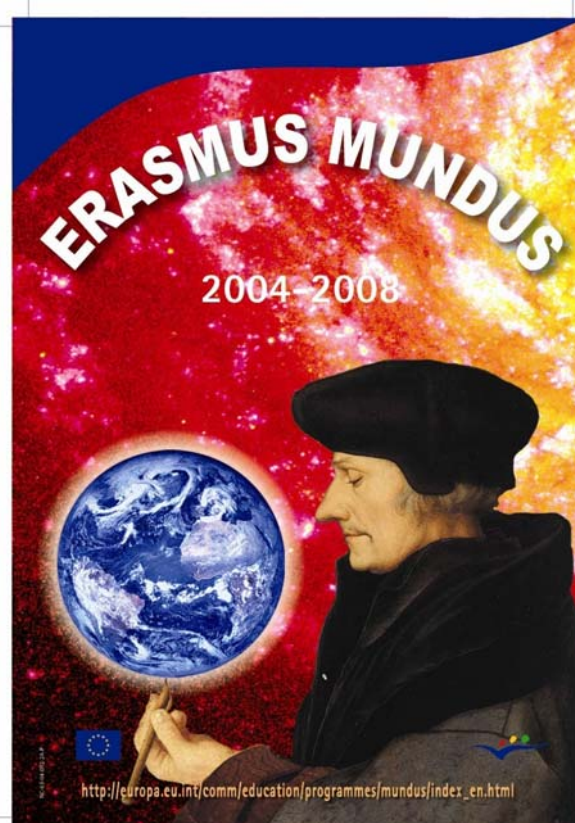
What are the deadlines for applications?

Next period of applications will run approximately from December 2005 to February 2006. However, this depends

on the individual courses; please consult the EM website for details.

What does Erasmus Mundus mean?

Erasmus was a famous Dutch scholar from the 16th Century and Mundus means "world". A mobility programme for students in the EU is called the Erasmus programme and its considerable success prompted the EU to extend it worldwide hence "Erasmus Mundus".



For more information, check the web page of the European Commission Delegation to Malaysia:

<http://www.delmys.cec.eu.int>



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